

Chair Steffen called the October 15, 2020 meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:09 p.m. at the LCNRD office. Chair Steffen stated to the public present that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. Chair Steffen announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room. Chair Steffen conducted roll call of members. Present: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, and Steffen. Absent: Schmidt, Weinandt. Participating via Zoom video conference were directors Armstrong and Condon.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Hoelsing to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2020 board meeting and the September 18 to October 15, 2020 consent agenda. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt and Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (7-0-2-2). (Director Schmidt enters the meeting at 7:16pm).

FY 2020 AUDIT

Donita Pokorny, Dana F Cole & Company, reviewed the completed audit report via Zoom video conferencing. Pokorny answered questions posed by the directors. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to accept the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Fiscal Year 2020 audit as prepared by Dana F Cole and Company. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

AGENCY REPORTS

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on the recent Nebraska Association of Resources District meeting and business session he and Manager Sudbeck attended. Kramer updated board on purchase of NARD office building and remodeling of facility located at 8100 S. 15th Street in Lincoln. Other items discussed were tree sales, grain bag recycling, National Envirothon and upcoming conferences.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and Healthy Soils Task Force: Steffen reported October 21 ranking committee will review the 7 projects submitted for Water Sustainability Fund consideration.

RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey reported the NE Nebraska RC&D has several board vacancies that need to be filled (copy of report attached to file copy of minutes). Wau Col Regional Water System held their meeting October 1 and discussed water rates and equipment needs with their next meeting scheduled for January 7.

NRCS Activity: Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist reported on activities of the county offices (Jessen's report is attached to the file copy of the minutes).

Bazile Groundwater Management Area Reports from Connor Baldwin and Jeremy Milander are included in the directors' packet.

Nebraska Forest Service: Jordan Smith, District Forester reported on a project near Verdigre involving 2200 acres of land and on a tree planting near Concord.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager Sudbeck reported the land lease for the ENWRA weather station north of Fordyce will expire this year. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Hoelsing to approve the 10 year lease agreement with Danny and Mary Schaefer at \$100 per year. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer,

Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

Proposed tree program rates for the 2021 tree season were reviewed. Minor changes in cost is anticipated from suppliers and contractors. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Johnson to approve the following trees rates for the 2021 Tree Season. \$1.00 per seedling tree, \$0.90 per tree for planting with a minimum stop charge of \$250. Weed Barrier 500 foot roll \$200, weed mats with 5 staples \$3.00 each and staples \$0.15 each. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (8-0-1-2). Director Hoelsing suggested the NRD consider offering potted trees for handplanting purposes. Board consensus was to add a selection of potted trees and native plants to the tree program for the 2021 planting season.

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, and Flow Meter Requests: Four permits were presented for consideration. After discussion it was moved by Howey, seconded by Heine to approved permits as stated below.

1. Jack Cooper well permit LC-263LR for a well in CenSW of Section 30, T30N, R4E and FMLC 263LR flow meter cost share
2. Kenneth Becker well permit LC-265 for a well in the SWNW of Section 23, T31N, R1E
3. Bow Creek Valley Farms well permit LC266 for a well in the SWNW of Section 3, T31N, R1W, and FMLC-261 flow meter cost share
4. Doug Nelson well permit LC-267 for a well in the NWSE Section 20, T30N, R4E, expanded acres permit X20015 for 133 irrigated acres in the SE Section 20, T30N, R4E and FMLC-267 flow meter cost share
5. Wesley Hans well permit LC-268 for a well in the NWNE Section 27, T32N, R2E, expanded acres Permit X20016 for 68 acres in NENW and NWNE Section 27, T32N, R2E and FMLC-268 flow meter cost share
6. Francis Gubbels well permit LC-269 for a well in the SENE of Section 23, T31N, R2E, expanded acres permit X20017 for 70 acres in N1/2NE & N1/2SWNE Section 23, T31N, R2E and FMLC 269 flow meter cost share
7. Francis Gubbels well permit LC-270 for a well in the NESW of Section 25, T31N, R2E, expanded acres permit X20018 for 95 acres in the S1/2NW & NESW Section 25, T31N, R2E..

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (8-0-1-2). Copy of October permits attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Certified Acres: Schumacher presented the irrigated acres report submitted for certification. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Kramer to approve certification of 1,903 groundwater irrigated acres on 17 parcels as presented. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Schmidt. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (7-0-1-1-2). Copy of October acres certified attached to file copy of minutes.

Manager Sudbeck reported on proposed changes to the rules and regulations for conducting hearings and rules and regulations for enforcement. These rules were reviewed by legal counsel and changes were noted. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve moving ahead with the noticing and hearing process for the rules for conduct of informational public hearings, conduct of evidentiary hearings, and rules and regulations for enforcement as presented. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Hoelsing. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (7-0-1-1-2).

Manager Subdeck's report is attached to file copy of minutes. Staff reports for Schumacher, Hochstein, Lammers, Buettner and Ravenkamp are attached to the file copy of the minutes. Ravenkamp presented logo samples for the Bow Creek Watershed and directors provided input on their preference.

Posters received for the NACD poster contest were judged by the directors and voting completed for the top 3 places in two categories in the contest.

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fiedler reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) activities and presented recommendations from the October 8th meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- Approve minutes of the September 17, 2020 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- Approve expenses from September 18, 2020 to October 8, 2020 as presented.
- Approve the 2-year contract with Aqua Pure for rent of the Chlorine Dioxide Injector at the Intake.
- Approve the engineering review application for Tim Steiner (Sec 11, T33N, R1W, Cedar Co) for 1 BU subject to recommendation of Ted McIntyre for Bartlett and West approval of the connection.

It was moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Howey to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (8-0-1-2). (copy of CKRWP minutes and financials attached to file copy of minutes).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Director Weinandt was excused from the meeting.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 9:07 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. Not Voting. Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

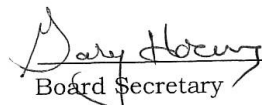
Curtis Armstrong ***
Dave Condon ***
Bill Christensen
Carolyn Heine
Leroy Hoelsing
Gary Howey
Chris Johnson
Marcel Kramer
Russ Schmidt
Jeff Steffen

*** Indicates attendance via Zoom video conferencing

GUESTS PRESENT

Donita Pokorny, Dana F Cole ***
Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager ***
Jordan Smith, District Forester ***
Rebekah Jessen, NRCS DC ***
Rebecca Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Coord. ***
Chase Buettner, Resource Tech. ***
Myles Lammers, Water Resource Tech ***
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr.

I, the undersigned Secretary for the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on October 15, 2020 and that all of the subject included in the foregoing proceeding were contained in the agenda for at least twenty four hours prior to said meeting; the minutes of the Chairman and Board of Directors of said district were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subject to be discussed at said meeting.



Board Secretary