

Chair Steffen called the January 21, 2021 meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:34 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, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. Absent: None. Participating via Zoom video conference were Armstrong and Condon. By order of Governor Ricketts directors can fully participate in meetings held through April 30, 2021 when joining using video or teleconferencing due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

Oaths of Office

Oath of office was administered to elected directors Armstrong, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, and Schmidt prior to the meeting.

Election of Officers

Chair Election: Heine was nominated for Chair from the floor. *It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Hoelsing that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Heine as Chair of the Board. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Heine. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-0-1-0)*

Vice Chair Election: Weinandt was nominated for Vice Chair from the floor. *It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Schmidt that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Weinandt for Vice Chair of the Board. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Weinandt. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-0-1-0)*

Secretary/Treasurer Election: Schmidt was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer from the floor. *It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Johnson that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Schmidt as Secretary/Treasurer of the board. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Schmidt. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-0-1-0).*

Committee Appointments: Chair Heine appointed Kramer as the LCNRD Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Representative and Weinandt as Alternate NARD Representative. Howey was appointed to continue representing LCNRD on the Wau-Col Rural Water Project and the Northeast Nebraska RC&D council, and Weinandt on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Committee. Directors appointed to the Water Resources Committee are Steffen, Johnson, Schmidt, Condon, and Heine. Appointments to the Operation and Maintenance Committee are Hoelsing, Christensen, Condon, and Heine. Planning Committee appointments are Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Heine. The Budget and Financial Committee appointments are Armstrong, Condon, Johnson, Schmidt, and Heine.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Weinandt to approve minutes of the December 17, 2020 board meeting and the December 18, 2020 to January 21, 2021 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: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).*

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director Weinandt and Project Manager Fiedler reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) activities and presented recommendations from the January 14th meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- Approve minutes of the December 10, 2020 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- Approve expenses from December 11, 2020 to January 14, 2021 as presented.
- Approve the Engineering Review Application for Carol Larson (Sec 8 T33N R1E, Lot 4 Nelson Bros Subdivision Cedar County) for 1 Benefit Unit and Joan Stewart (Sec 14 T33N R3W Knox County) for 3 Benefit Units and the reduction of Benefit Units for A035 from 4 Benefit Units to 1 Benefit Unit.

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Steffen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0). (CKRWP minutes and financials attached to file copy of minutes)

AGENCY REPORTS

Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and Healthy Soils Task Force: Jeff Steffen and Mike McDonald, Healthy Soils Task Force, Vice Chair, provided a presentation on the Healthy Soils Task Force Final report and findings.

RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey had no reports.

NARD: Kramer reported on current and upcoming activities for NARD. Kramer was appointed as the LCNRD delegate for the NARD Legislative Conference in Lincoln, Weinandt named the alternate delegate.

Water Resources Committee: Chair Condon updated the directors on continuing discussions pertaining to proposed modifications to Ground Water Quality Rules and Regulations.

NRCS: Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist reviewed current NRCS activities. Jessen's report is included in the director packet.)

Bazile Groundwater Management Area reports for Baldwin and Milander are included in the director packet. Baldwin has accepted a different position and the search is underway for a replacement for the Bazile Coordinator.

Nebraska Forest Service: Jordan Smith reported on activities he has going on in the area. Report from Pam Bergstrom is included in the director packet.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

The 2021 docket for Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) was reviewed including proposed changes for cost share rates on mulch rolls and mats. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Hoelsing to adopt the 2021 NSWCP docket as presented with changes to Mulch (rolls) to \$.080 LF and Mulch (mats) to \$3.00 each. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt and Steffen. NAY: None. Absent: Armstrong. Motion Carried (10-0-1).*

Sudbeck reported meetings on nitrogen certification for producers in the Bazile area will be held at The Barn at God's Country on February 23, 2021. Payment is required prior to the February meeting. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve payment of \$300.00 to The Barn at God's Country. Roll Call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1)*

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

1. Kenny Koch expanded acres permit X-20028 for 33 irrigated acres in SENE Section 4, T29N, R1E.
2. Tim Nissen well permit LC-283 for a well in NWSE Section 36, T32N, R2E, expanded acres permit X-20029 for 53 irrigated acres in W1/2SE Section 36, T32N, R2E, and FMLC-283 flow meter cost share.
3. Joseph Abbenhaus well permit LC-284 for a well in NWNW Section 6, T29N, R3W, expanded acres

permit X20030 for 140 irrigated acres in NW Section 6, T29N, R3W, and FMLC-284 flow meter cost share.

4. Peace III LLC well permit LC-285 for a well in NESW Section 12, T31N, R2E, well permit LC-286 for a well in NWSE Section 12, T31N, R2E, well permit LC-287 for a well in SESE Section 12, T31N, R2E, expanded acres permit X20031 for 190 irrigated acres in S1/2 Section 12 & N1/2 NW, NWNE Section 13, T31N, R2E, and FMLC-285 flow meter cost share.

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1). Copy of January permits is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Certified Acres: None

Staff reports for Schumacher, Hochstein, Lammers, Buettner and Ravenkamp are attached to the file copy of the minutes.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences - All directors present.

Correspondence review – Items of interest are included in the directors’ packet.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Steffen to adjourn the meeting at 3:45 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

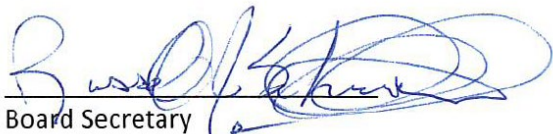
GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager ***
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr. ***
Kristi Hochstein, Office Tech.
Myles Lammers, Water Resource Tech. ***
Rebecca Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Coord. ***
Chase Buettner, Resource Tech. ***
Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist
Jordan Smith, Area Forester
Mike McDonald, Healthy Soils Task Force, Vice Chair ***

*** Indicates attendance via Zoom video conferencing.

Indicates voting via Zoom video conferencing

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 January 21, 2021 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