

Chair Heine called the February 18, 2021 meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. at the LCNRD office. Chair Heine stated to the public present that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. Chair Heine announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Weinandt, and Steffen. Absent: Kramer. Participating via Zoom video conference, Armstrong and Schmidt (Schmidt entered at 1:37pm). 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.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Christensen to approve minutes of the January 21, 2021 board meeting and the January 22, 2021 to February 18, 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, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Weinandt, Steffen and Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Chair Heine welcomed guest, Senator Tim Gragert who updated the board on legislative activities including the Healthy Soils Task Force report.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Heine reviewed discussion of the Committee including the five initiative goals of the Healthy Soils Task Force. LCNRD would like to see continued involvement by Director, Jeff Steffen in the development of the Soil Health Hub when that opportunity arises.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Audit and Budget Preparation Agreements: Sudbeck presented the audit engagement letter and budget development engagement letter with Dana F Cole & Company. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Weinandt to approve the audit engagement letter with an estimated cost of \$13,500 with 55% paid by the NRD and 45% paid by CKRWP and the budget development engagement letter with Dana F. Cole & Company with 50% paid by NRD and 50% paid by CKRWP. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt and Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer. Motion carried (10-0-1)

Manager Report: Sudbeck reported Whitney Gappa has accepted the Bazile Coordinator position and began her duties February 16th. The LCNRD nitrogen certification session will be held in Center, February 23rd and the Local Working Group meeting will be in Hartington, February 24th. Sudbeck’s full report is included in the packet.

Schmidt leaves the meeting.

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, and Flow Meter Requests: Three permits were presented for consideration and each to be voted on separately.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Steffen to approve the Urwiller Family LLC permit as stated below.

1. Urwiller Family LLC replacement well permit LC-288R for a well in the NWNW Section 1, T29N, R5W.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Weinandt, Steffen, and Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Howey to approve the Myron & Carolyn Heine permit as stated below.

2. Myron & Carolyn Heine well permit LC-289R for a replacement well in the NENE Section 11, T33N,

RIW, expanded acres permit X21001 for 106 irrigated acres in SESE Section 2 & E1/2NE Section 11, T33N, RIW, and FMLC-289R flow meter cost share.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Weinandt and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Heine. ABSENT: Kramer and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Weinandt to approve the Wesley Hans permit as stated below.

3. Wesley Hans well permit LC-290 for a well in the NWE Section 27, T32N, R2E.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Weinandt, Steffen, and Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Schmidt. Motion Carried (9-0-2). Copy of February permits is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Certified Acres: Report of acres to be certified was presented. It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Howey to approve certification of 1,901 groundwater irrigated acres on 20 parcels as presented. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Weinandt, Steffen, and Heine. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Johnson. ABSENT: Kramer and Schmidt. Motion Carried (8-0-1-2). The February acres certified are attached to file copy of minutes.

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences - Kramer

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

AGENCY REPORTS

NE Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: No report for NE Nebraska RC&D. Howey’s report on the Wau-Col meeting is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

NARD: Weinandt provided an update on the NARD Legislative Conference and NARD Board Meeting in Lincoln that he, Kramer, and Sudbeck attended.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported the next NRC meeting will be the week of February 22nd in Kearney.

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

Bazile Groundwater Management Area: The report for Milander is included in the director packet. No report from Whitney Gappa.

Nebraska Forest Service: No report from Jorden Smith. Report from Pam Bergstrom is included in the director packet.

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director Weinandt and Project Manager Fiedler reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) activities and presented recommendations from the February 11th meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- Approve minutes of the January 14, 2021 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- Approve expenses from January 15, 2021 to February 11, 2021 as presented.
- Approve the Engineering Review Application for Gary Guyle (Section 15, T33N, R2W, Lot 16 Elkhorn Ridge, Knox County) for 1 Benefit Unit and Cedar Ridge RV Park-Travis Barney (Section 18, T33N, R2W, Knox County) for 18 Benefit Units and Forfeiture of Water Service for A235 & 236.

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Howey to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Weinandt, Steffen and Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2). (CKRWP minutes and financials attached to file copy of minutes)

ADJOURN

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 4:01pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Weinandt, Steffen and Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Senator Tim Gragert
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

*** 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 February 18, 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 Chair 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