

Chair Heine called the April 15, 2021 meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:31 p.m. in the conference room 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, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong, Condon, Howey, and Steffen. 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 Weinandt, seconded by Kramer to approve minutes of the March 18, 2021 board meeting and the March 19, 2021 to April 15, 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: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Howey, Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).

Armstrong joined via zoom at 1:33 p.m. and Condon joined meeting in person at 1:41 p.m.

AGENCY REPORTS

Matt Moser, USGS Hydrologist presented data from the LCNRD and Santee Sioux Nation sponsored USGS nitrate monitoring gage on the Bazile Creek near Center. A brief synopsis of Moser’s report is included in the director’s packet.

Chair Heine moved the NRCS report to follow the USGS update.

NRCS: Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist reviewed current NRCS Activities. Jessen’s report is included in the director’s packet. Office Technician Hochstein presented reports from Program Assistants Olsen and Rosen on their attendance at the Ag-ceptional Woman’s conference.

NE Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Chair Heine delivered Director Howey’s RC&D report in his absence. Copy of RC&D report attached to file copy of the minutes. No report for Wau-Col.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): No report

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on the recent NARD meeting.

Bazile Groundwater Management Area: The reports from Jeremy Milander, Bazile Extension Educator and Whitney Gappa, Bazile Coordinator are included in the director packet.

Nebraska Forest Service: No report from Jordan Smith. Pam Bergstrom’s report is in the director packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Project Manager Fiedler reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) activities and presented recommendations from the April 8, 2021 meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- Approve Minutes of the March 11, 2021 Cedar Knox Rural Water Meeting.
- Approve expenses from March 12, 2021 to April 8, 2021 as presented and approve invoices from Menford Electric for \$370.12 and Grainger for \$137.70 for system repairs and improvements totaling \$507.82.
- Approve to award the 2021 Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship to Garrett Lange of Wynot.
- Approve and sign the Water User Contract for 5 years with the Village of Fordyce.

- Approve the Engineering Review Applications for Nicholas and Shasta Hans (Sec 23 T32N R2E Cedar County) for 1 Benefit Unit and Cedar Ridge RV Park – Travis Barney (Sec18 T33N R2W Knox County) for 14 Benefit Units, 14 Residential Lots each with their own Water Service Connection/Meter.

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

Sudbeck and Fiedler presented a Power Point on addressing TTHMS and source water change requirements and timeline. Power Point is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reviewed items from the Managers Report. Sudbeck's report is included in the director's packet.

FY2021 NACD Technical Assistance Grant MOA: Sudbeck reported the fourth round of National Association Conservation District funding has been awarded to LCNRD to continue with the Soil Conservation Position that primarily works in the Bloomfield and Hartington NRCS offices assisting with NRCS workload and NRD program related activities. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Christensen to have management sign the Memorandum of Agreement between the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District for continued funding toward Ariel Fiedler's position. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Howey and Steffen. Motion Carried (9-0-2).

2020 Tree Plantings: It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Johnson to provide seedlings for replacement where planting failure was not related to site preparation or site management post planting from the 2020 tree planting season. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Condon. ABSENT: Howey and Steffen. Motion Carried (8-0-1-2)

Bazile Annual Report Compliance: Sudbeck and Buettner shared Annual Report compliance statistics and detailed the next steps to work towards 100% compliance in the BGMA for 2020 reporting.

G&P Partnership and RCPP Application: Cassidy Wessel, Biologist joined the meeting at 3:35 p.m. reporting on a grant proposal several partners have been working to develop to address resource concerns in NE Nebraska.

Consideration of 2021 Patefield-Green Scholarship Awards: Schumacher reported the top two ranking applicants based on director review. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Johnson to award the Patefield-Green Scholarship Awards to Garrett Lange and Haley Klug and approve checks to be sent out to schools. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt and Weinandt. NAY: None. Absent: Howey and Steffen. Motion Carried (9-0-2). The ranking sheets are attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Certified Acres: Report of acres to be certified was presented by Schumacher. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Hoelsing to approve certification of 1,189 groundwater irrigated acres on 14 parcels as presented. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Howey and Steffen. Motion Carried (9-0-2). A copy of the April certified irrigated acres is included in the director's packet.

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, and Flow Meter Requests:

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to approve the permits as stated below.

1. Bow Valley Elevator well permit LC-295 for a well in the SWSW Section 15, T31N, R3E.
2. Chuck Burbach well permit LC-296R for a replacement well in the NWNE Section 16, T32N, R2E, and FMLC-296R flow meter cost share.
3. Mary Jane Hoelsing well permit LC-297 for a well in the SENW Section 28, T32N, R4E, expanded acres permit X-21011 for 102 irrigated acres in NW Section 28, T32N, R4E, and FMLC-297 flow meter cost share.
4. MM Land LLC well permit LC-298 for a well in the NENE Section 13, T29N, R4W, expanded acres permit X-21012 for 133 irrigated acres in NE Section 13, T29N, R4W, and FMLC-298 flow meter cost share.
5. Dean Heine well permit LC-299 for a well in the NWNE Section 24, T32N, R1E, expanded acres permit X-21013 for 35 irrigated acres in All Section 24, T32N, R1E, and FMLC-299 flow meter cost share.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Howey and Steffen. Motion carried (9-0-2). Copy of April permits is included in the director's packet.

Staff reports: Reports for Schumacher, Hochstein, Lammers, Buettner and Ravenkamp are included in the director's packet.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Howey and Steffen.

Correspondence review included the Annual Report from the Nebraska Water Center.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 4:30pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Weinandt, NAY: None. ABSENT: Howey and Steffen. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr. ***
Kristi Hochstein, Office Tech
Rebecca Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Coord. ***
Chase Buettner, Resource Tech. ***
Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist
Matt Moser, USGS Hydrologist ***
Brenda Densmore, USGS Hydrologist ***
Cassidy Wessel, G&P Biologist

*** Indicates attendance via Zoom video conferencing.

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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 April 15, 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