

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

February 17, 2022

Chair Heine called the February 17, 2022, meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 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: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, and Schmidt. Absent: Hoelsing, Howey, Steffen, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda review. *It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Johnson to approve minutes of the January 20, 2022, board meeting and the January 21, 2022, to February 17, 2022, 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, Johnson, Kramer, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Howey, Steffen, and Weinandt. Motion carried (7-0-4).*

AGENCY ACTIVITIES

NE Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: No reports.

Director Steffen enters the meeting at 1:35PM.

NARD Activity: Kramer, Condon, Schmidt, and Steffen reported on the January 2022 NARD Legislative Conference.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported on recent NRC activities.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist reviewed current NRCS activities.

Nebraska Forest Service: Report from Pam Bergstrom was provided to the directors in the packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Chair Heine moved this item on the agenda awaiting director Weinandt.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) Interlocal Agreement Amendment #7: Sudbeck presented the ENWRA Interlocal Agreement Amendment #7, following review. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to approve the ENWRA Interlocal Agreement Amendment #7 and directed manager to enter such contract. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Weinandt. ABSENT: Hoelsing and Howey. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).*

Director Weinandt enters the meeting at 2:07PM.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) activities and presented recommendations from the February 10, 2022, meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- *To approve Minutes of the January 13, 2022, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve expenses from January 14, 2022, to February 10, 2022, as presented.*
- *To approve to allow existing customers with a history of high usage to purchase additional benefit units and maintain suspended action for new service connections in the area that includes South Yankton through July of 2022 at a minimum unless extended by the Committee.*

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

NSWCP practices Windbreak Renovation and Tree Plantings cost share rates: Sudbeck reported the Nebraska Forest Service (NFS) received a RCPP grant through NRCS to promote tree plantings, windbreak renovations, and timber stand improvement practices. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to include a 50% cost share percentage option in addition to the 65% existing rate to be used when applicants are pursuing additional funding through the Nebraska Forest Service for eligible tree planting activities as part of windbreak establishment and windbreak renovation. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing and Howey. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reviewed items from the Managers Report.

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, Flow Meters: Fourteen permits were presented for consideration. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Condon to postpone action on the Britt Becker permits (LC-346, V-22003, and P-22001) and to approve the permits as stated below:

1. Dennis Gillilan well permit LC-339 for a well in the NWSW Section 27, T30N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-22010 for 136 irrigated acres in N1/2SW & S1/2NW Section 27, T30N, R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-339.
2. Robert & Susan Lenzen well permit LC-340 for a well in the NENE Section 25, T32N, R2E, expanded acres permit X-22011 for 51 irrigated acres in NENE Section 25, T32N, R2W & NWNW Section 32, T32N, R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-340.
3. Melvin Barger Trustee well permit LC-341 for a well in the SESW Section 35, T32N, R4W, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22012 for 133 irrigated acres in SW Section 35, T32N, R4W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-341.
4. Fred & Diane Pick Trustee well permits LC-342 & LC-343 for wells in the SWNW Section 34, T31N, R1E & SWNW Section 34, T31N, R1E, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22013 for 118 irrigated acres in NW Section 34, T31N, R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-342.
5. Mary Lou Kathol well permit LC-344 for a well in the SESW Section 11, T31N, R1E, expanded acres permit X-22014 for 75 irrigated acres in SWNE, NWSE & SW Section 11, T31N, R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC- 344.
6. Marlene Pick well permit LC-345 for a well in the SWSW Section 8, T29N, R2E, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22015 for 250 irrigated acres in the S1/2 Section 8, T29N, R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-345.

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

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, Jacobsen, Ravenkamp, and A. Fiedler were provided.

Bazile Groundwater Management Area (BGMA): Whitney Gappa, Bazile Coordinator reported on current BGMA activities. Jeremy Milander, Bazile Extension Educator and Mitiku Mamo, Extension Crop & Water Educator provided an update on research from the BGMA Demonstration Sites.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – None

ADJOURN

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 4:28 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing and Howey. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Armstrong
Dave Condon
Bill Christensen
Carolyn Heine
Chris Johnson
Marcel Kramer
Russ Schmidt
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
Myles Lammers, Water Resources Coord.
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coord.
Rebekah Jessen, District Conservationist
Whitney Gappa, Bazile Coord.
Jeremy Milander, Bazile UNL Extension Educator

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 17, 2022 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