

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

March 17, 2022

Chair Heine called the March 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, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Hoelsing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda review. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Christensen to approve minutes of the February 17, 2022, board meeting and the February 18, 2022, to March 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, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Chair Heine welcomed Thad Kuntz with Longitude 103, who presented on their NRD App for tracking resources, digitizing annual reports, and tracking and transmitting acre certification.

AGENCY ACTIVITIES

Chair Heine welcomed Matt Moser, USGS Physical Scientist, who provided an update on the Bazile Nitrate stream gage.

Planning Committee: Johnson reviewed materials discussed at the planning committee meeting.

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Steffen to approve an agreement with USGS for a continuous nitrate gage on Bazile Creek for the 2022 ice out season, cost for LCNRD is \$13,000. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to enter an agreement with Longitude 103 for the NRD App to track resources, digitize annual reports, track acre certification, and other resources with a one-time data transfer fee of \$14,000 with up to \$10,000 to be paid by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, a one-time fee to digitize water quality annual reports and transfer related data at a cost not to exceed \$7,500, and a recurring annual fee for the NRD App of \$14,000. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen and Weinandt. NAY; None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on NARD recent activities.

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

NE Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: No RC&D report. Howey reported on Wau-Col Rural Water activities from the March 3, 2022 meeting.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist reviewed current NRCS activities. Holly Gregg reported on the Program Assistants activities for the last quarter.

Bazile GWMA Updates: Reports from Whitney Gappa, Bazile Coordinator and Jeremy Milander, Bazile Extension Educator were provided in the packet.

Nebraska Forest Service: Chris Wood introduced himself to the board and reported on recent Forest Service activities. A written report from Pam Bergstrom was provided to the directors in the packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: The committee recommended establishing a checking account dedicated to the CKRWP expansion project and to establish a line of credit. At this time a resolution to establish a

checking account is considered and the line of credit will be postponed until clarification on interest rates is received.

Weinandt moved and Steffen seconded the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors has determined it to be in the best interest of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District to extend a banking resolution with an FDIC Lending Institution, be it

RESOLVED, that the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District grants the authority to establish a checking account for making payments related to the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project planned expansion expenses to the manager of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

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

- To approve Minutes of the February 10, 2022, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting as corrected.
- To approve expenses from February 11, 2022, to March 10, 2022, as presented.
- To approve the Engineering Review Applications for Gary Guyle (Sec 15 T33N R2W Elkhorn Ridge Lot 16, Knox County) for 1 BU, Andrew & Erin Dennis (Sec 6 T32N R1W, Cedar County) for 1 BU, Ben & Erin Schroeder (Sec 35 T32N R1E, Cedar County) for 1 BU, the new water service connection for Greg Bailey (Sec 9 T33N R1W, Cedar County) for 1 BU, A685 increase of 1 additional BU, B063 increase of 1 additional BU.
- To award the 2022 Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship to Carson Sudbeck of Hartington Newcastle Public School.
- To approve the Real Estate Purchase Agreement to purchase 40 acres for \$620,000 with payments over no more than 4 (four) years including applicable federal interest rate.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reviewed items from the Managers Report, attached to the file copy of the minutes. Sudbeck reported that Whitney Gappa has accepted a position with the Tri-Basin NRD and the hiring process has been initiated to fill the Bazile Coordinator vacancy.

2022 Patefield-Green Scholarship: The packet containing scholarship applications was sent to directors prior to the meeting and their rank scores were returned to the office. Hochstein checked over scores and recommended Emily Wookman and Ethan Becker be the two recipients, each of \$1000 scholarship. It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Weinandt to award Emily Wookman and Ethan Becker each a \$1000 Patefield Green scholarship. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, Flow Meters: Fourteen permits were presented for consideration. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Condon to approve permit application number 1 as stated below.

1. Mark and Cynthia Hans expanded acres permit X-22016 for 66 irrigated acres in NENW & NWNE Section 12, T32N, R1E.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Heine. ABSENT: Hoelsing. (9-0-1-1).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Armstrong to postpone action on permit applications LC-346, V-22003, and P-22001 pending further information from landowner, Britt Becker and to approve permits numbers 2 through 6 as stated below:

2. Jerald & Janine Stewart expanded acres permit X-22017 for 284 irrigated acres in E1/2SW & SE Section 12, T31N, R3E and W1/2SW Section 7, T31N, R4E.
3. Karl Koch expanded irrigated acres permit X-22018 for 66 irrigated acres in S1/2NE Section 33, T31N, R3E.
4. Dennis Arens Jr. well permit LC-347 for a well in the NWSW Section 11, T32N, R1E.
5. Lonnie and Jolene Greckel well permit LC-348 for a well in the SWNW Section 8, T31N, R3W, expanded acres permit X-22019 for 136 irrigated acres in NW Section 8, T31N, R3W, and flow meter cost share FMLC- 348.
6. Elliot Farms well permit LC-349 for a well in the NENE Section 14, T30N, R1W, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22019 for 19 irrigated acres in the NWNW Section 13, T30N, R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-349.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt; NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion Carried (10-0-1). (File copy attached to the minutes)

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Hoelsing, January meeting due to illness.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 4:15pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Armstrong
Dave Condon
Bill Christensen
Carolyn Heine
Gary Howey
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
Holly Gregg, Program Assistant
Rebekah Jessen, District Conservationist
Chris Wood, Rural Forester
Thad Kuntz, Longitude 103
Matt Moser, USGS Physical Scientist *

*Via Teams

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 March 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