

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

August 18, 2022

Chair Heine called the August 18, 2022, meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:01 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: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong and Hoelsing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda review. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kramer to approve minutes of the July 21, 2022, board meeting and the July 22, 2022, to August 18, 2022, consent agenda. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Armstrong enters the meeting at 7:06 pm.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Planning committee recommended monetary support to the Village of Allen for the public supply well grout seal assistance request. After further discussion It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Howey to not provide monetary support to the Village of Allen for the public supply well grout seal assistance request but to offer technical support if needed. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Johnson to approve the 2022 Long-Range Implementation Plan. Roll call vote: AYE Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

It was move by Steffen, seconded by Schmidt to approve the submission of applications for the Bow Creek Watershed Project to the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) and the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) 319 for funding. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Armstrong to postpone action on well permits, expanded acres permits, and flow meter cost share for Fred and Diane Pick (X-22048) and David Arens (LC-385, X_22049 & FMCL-385) pending receipt of additional information from UNL Conservation and Survey Division. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

With full consensus of the members present it was agreed to provide a letter of support for the Sandhills Interactive Natural Resources Educational Complex (SINRAC).

AGENCY ACTIVITIES

NE Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey reported on Wau-Col Rural Water activity. No report for NE Nebraska RC&D.

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

NARD Activity: Kramer was appointed as the 2022 NARD Annual Conference voting delegate no alternative was appointed.

NRCS Report: Brandon Rosberg, NRCS Field Technician, reviewed current NRCS activities.

Nebraska Forest Service: Report from Pam Bergstrom was provided in the director's packet.

Bazile GMA Updates: Jeremy Milander, Bazile Extension Educator reviewed the Nebraska Environment Trust (NET) Demonstration Plots proposal and NET Northeast Nebraska Mitigating Nitrate Through On-Farm Research grants. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to support submission of applications for the Demonstration Plots project and Northeast Mitigating Nitrate Through On-Farm Research for funding from the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator reported and BGMA activities.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reviewed items from the Manager's Report attached to file copy of the minutes.

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, Trenhaile, Krusemark, A. Fiedler, Ravenkamp were provided in the director packet.

Certified Irrigated Acres Certification: None

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities. Weinandt presented recommendations from the July 14, 2022; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve Minutes of the July 14, 2022, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from July 15, 2022, to August 11, 2022, as presented.
- To approve the Omni Tech contact for one year pending an annual rate increase of \$300 for a total of \$1,500 per year.
- To approve the American Recovery Plan Act (ARPA) contract carried out by the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) for 7 million.
- To approve moving forward to meet the terms of the contract for up to \$21,730,00 from the State Revolving Fund.
- To approve the Engineering Agreements with Bartlett and West.
- To approve the Engineering Application for Tom and LaDonna Kuchta (Sec 9 T33N R1E, Cedar County) for 1 BU, Travis Barny (Sec 18 T33N R2W Lot 8 in Cedar Ridge Estates, Knox County) for 1 BU, Travis Barny (Sec 18 T33N R2W Lot 5 in Cedar Ridge Estates, Knox County) for 1 BU, and Betty Jean and Fred Hoffman (Sec 16 T33N R2W Lot 1 in Walker Valley View, Knox County) for 1 BU, to approve the additional Benefit Unit Request for water service connections for A718 increase of 2 additional BU and A150 increase of 1 additional BU and revert prior months demand charges.

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Condon to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. 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 Weinandt, seconded by Steffen to approve LCNRD management signing of contracts pertaining to all Source Change and System Upgrades. 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 Johnson, seconded by Howey to designate Scott Fiedler as the project manager on the ARPA contract for the Source Change and System Upgrades project. 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 Weinandt, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Engineering Agreement with LRE for the revised amount of \$218,000. 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 Schmidt, seconded by Steffen to approve the Land Purchase Agreement for 40 acres with payments over 4 years including current interest rate at the time of closing and changing the date of payment date to September 30. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Leroy Hoelsing.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Myles Lammers, Water Resources Coord.
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coord.
Reed Trenhaile, Information & Ed Technician
Colton Krusemark, Bazile Area Technician
Brandon Rosberg, NRCS Field Technician
Lisa Lauver, BGMA Coordinator
Jeremy Milander, UNL Bazile 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 August 18, 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