

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

March 17, 2023

Chair Weinandt called the March 17, 2023, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. The originally posted meeting date was postponed from March 16, 2023, due to inclement weather, to the posted snow date of March 17, 2023. Chair Weinandt stated to the public present that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. Chair Weinandt 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, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: None.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. Hochstein asked the board to consider adding a check for payment to NYP Corporation in the amount of \$14,375.00 for weed barrier and staples. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Kramer to approve minutes of the February 16, 2023, board meeting and the February 17 to March 16, 2023, consent agenda, and check #23796 to NYP Corporation in the amount of \$14,375.00. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES REPORTS

Chair Weinandt welcomed Matt Moser, USGS Physical Scientist who provided an update on the Bazile Nitrate stream gage and requested continued financial support for the nitrate gage for 2023. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kollars to approve an agreement with USGS for a continuous nitrate gage on Bazile Creek for the 2023 ice out season, cost for LCNRD is \$13,500 with the Santee Sioux Tribe paying \$6,000 towards that amount. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: Hoelsing. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-1-0).

Chair Weinandt moved Nebraska Forest Service Activities up on the agenda.

Chris Wood, Forest Management/Rural Forester gave a review of the Nebraska Forest Restoration Partnership (NFRP) and other forestry activities.

Water Resources Committee: Weinandt reported on and presented recommendations of the water resources committee, it was moved by Heine, seconded by Johnson to approve the Water Resources Committee report and the recommendation stated below.

1. Elliot Farms Inc expanded acres permit X-23014 for 6 acres in the NENENE Section 12, T30N, R1W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None Motion carried (11-0-0).

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on NARD activities.

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

Wau-Col Activities. Heine no report.

RC&D Activities: No report.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reviewed the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement and current NRCS activities, a report was provided in the director packet. Diane Wieseler, Program assistant in the Hartington NRCS office was absent, a report was provided in the director packet.

Bazile GMA Updates: Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator and Jeremy Milander, UNL Bazile Extension Educator, provided reports that were included in the director packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the March 9, 2023; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve minutes of the February 9, 2023, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from February 10, 2023, to March 9, 2023, as presented.
- To award the 2023 Galen Jueden Scholarship to Gerri Feilmeier's recommendation, Grace Kleinschmit.
- To recommend the Lewis and Clark NRD board to review and approve the contract with Downey Drilling.

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Heine to approve the contract with Downey Drilling for CKRWP. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent NRD and CKRWP activities.

Selection of the 2023 Patefield-Green Scholarships: The packet containing scholarship applications was sent to directors prior to the meeting and their rank scores were returned to the office. Trenhaile presented the scores and the recommendation based on the scores for the two recipients, each of \$1000 scholarship, Lane Heimes and Megan Tramp. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Steffen to award Lane Heimes of Hartington-Newcastle Public Schools and Megan Tramp of Crofton Community School to each receive a \$1000 Patefield Green scholarship. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None.

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, Krusemark, Trenhaile, and A. Fiedler, were provided in the director's packet. Ravenkamp reported on Bow Creek activities.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – None

Chair Weinandt provided time for board member Christensen to review his experiences with groundwater in the district.

Kollars left the meeting at 3:56 pm.

Chair Weinandt welcomed the public in attendance and provided time for comments.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 4:00 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Armstrong
Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Carolyn Heine
Leroy Hoelsing
Chris Johnson
Dan Kollars
Marcel Kramer
Russ Schmidt
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Myles Lammer, Water Resources Coordinator
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Coordinator
Reed Trenhaile, I&E Technician
Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist
Matt Moser, USGS Physical Scientist
Chris Wood, Forest Management/Rural Forester

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, 2023 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

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