

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

April 20, 2023

Chair Weinandt called the April 20, 2023, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:04 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 105 E State Street, in Hartington, NE. 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, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Hoelsing.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. Hochstein asked the board to consider adding a check for payment to Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$150.00 for use of the hall for the board meeting. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Heine to approve minutes of the March 17, 2023, board meeting and the March 17 to April 20, 2023, consent agenda, and check #23852 to Knights of Columbus in the amount of \$150.00. 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, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. ABSTAIN: Condon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-1-0-1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Resignation of Director Leroy Hoelsing: Director Leroy Hoelsing submitted his letter of resignation to the board of directors on April 20, 2023. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Armstrong to accept the resignation of Leroy Hoelsing from his position as director of subdistrict 5 in Dixon County. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried 10-0-1.

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

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

AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

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

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on NARD activities.

Wau-Col Activities. Heine & Sudbeck were unable to attend the meeting, but Sudbeck gave a brief report from the minutes of the meeting.

RC&D Activities: No report.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reviewed NRCS activities and a written report provided.

Bazile GMA Updates: Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator reported on BGMA activities, and a report was included in the director packet. Jeremy Milander, UNL Bazile Extension Educator, provided a report included in the director packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the April 13, 2023; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve minutes of the March 9, 2023, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from March 10, 2023, to April 12, 2023, as presented.
- To allow all customers the option to choose either the 5th or the 15th for water payment to be withdrawn from their bank account, current accounts set up for bank withdrawal will stay with the 5th unless they request the date change.

- To approve the Water Service Connection for Terry Zavadil (Sec 35 T33N R1W in Cedar County) for 1 Benefit Unit and to allow him to transfer an additional Benefit Unit from his other water service connection.
- To approve the \$1,000 Easement Water Service Connection for Dale Jansen (Sec 24 T33N R1W in Cedar County) for 1 BU.
- To approve the Water Service Connections for Riverside Bay LLC (Sec T33N R2W in Knox County) for up to 42 Water Service Connections or 42 Benefit Units.
- To have management enter an agreement with Bartlett & West to update the 2021 PER with current price estimates for the 5 water source options, at the per hour rate not to exceed \$5,000.
- To approve the consensus of the committee to work with Bartlett & West and LRE on an hourly basis, as needed for assistance with information and education needs.

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, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE:

Schmidt reported on and presented recommendations of the water resources committee, it was moved by Kramer, seconded by Kollars to approve the Water Resources Committee report and the recommendation stated below.

1. Irrigated acre permits listed below:
 - a. Valieda Burns replacement well permit LC-403R for a well in the NENW Section 19, T29N, R1W and flow meter cost share FMLC-403R.
 - b. H & V Mueller LLC expanded acres permit X- 23015 for 200 acres in the E1/2NW, NWNW, E1/2SW, and SWSE Section 3, T29N, R4E.
 - c. Joseph Wuebben expanded acres permit X-23016 for 19 acres in the SESE Section 6, T32N, R2E.
 - d. Ronald Mattes Life Estate expanded acres permit X-23017 for 15 acres in the NWSW Section 14, T28N, R4E.
 - e. Fredrick & Diane Pick Trustees expanded acres permit X-23018 for 17 acres in the NWNW Section 34, T31N, R1E with the following conditions:
 - i. Allow nitrate testing from existing wells to be carried out by the LCNRD on a yearly basis.
 - ii. The use of chemigation, multiple application periods and not to exceed recommended rates of nitrogen application is strongly encouraged.
 - iii. Additional conservation may be required if nitrate levels show an increasing trend.
 - f. Christopher & Michaela Jessen expanded acres permit X-23019 for 133 acres in the SW Section 10, T32N, R4W.
2. Approve a grace period extension until the May 19 meeting for expired permits during the 180 day stay, so they can either get the well drilled or apply for a new permit.

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

Chair Weinandt welcomed Sue Lackey, UNL-CSD who gave a LCNRD ground water update and a presentation on ground water management.

Chair Weinandt welcomed the public in attendance and accepted questions and comments.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – None

ADJOURN

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP
Myles Lammers, Water Resources Coordinator
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Colton Krusemark, Bazile Resources Technician
Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist
Sue Lackey, UNL-CSD

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 20, 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