

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

June 15, 2023

Chair Weinandt called the June 15, 2023, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. 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: Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong, Christensen, and Heine.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to approve minutes of the May 18, 2023, board meeting and the May 19 to June 15, 2023, consent agenda, and CKRWP check #18253 to Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy in the amount of \$600.00 for 3-year engineering agreement due before the next CKRWP meeting. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Heine. Motion carried (7-0-3).

Armstrong entered the meeting at 7:09 pm.

AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

NRCS Report: Austin Baldwin, Soil Conservationist Bloomfield, reviewed NRCS activities. Jeanne Rosen, Program assistant in the Bloomfield NRCS office, reported on activities for the second quarter. Reports included in director packet.

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

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the June 8, 2023; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve minutes of the May 11, 2023, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from May 12, 2023, to June 8, 2023, as presented.
- To approve the bid from Northeast Nebraska Tire for \$14,383.00 for the excavator trailer.
- To approve the MicroComm updates at the Janssen Booster, Obert, St Helena, and Tank 2 for \$43,050.00.
- To refuse waiving the disconnection/reconnection fee on water service connection A399 and to continue to follow conditions defined in the Rules and Regulations.
- To approve the Engineering Application for Heath Schmidt (Sec 32 T33N R2E Cedar County) for 1 BU.
- To approve LRE designing and updating a storyboard on the website for \$4,000 to \$6,000.
- To approve the Landowner Agreement with Harmelink in the Aten Area.

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Kramer to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Heine. Motion carried (8-0-2).

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on NARD activities. Kramer, Kollars, and Weinandt reported on the Basin Tour in the Central Platte NRD area.

Wau-Col Activities. No report, and the next meeting will be on July 6th.

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

RC&D Activities: No report.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

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

1. Richard & Maryann Feilmeier Trustee well permit LC-431 for a well in the SWSW Section 28, T31N, R2E and will comingle with existing well G-166271.
2. Kenny Becker well permit LC-432R for a replacement well in the NENE Section 27, T30N, R3W and flow meter cost share FMLC-432R.
3. Daniel & Lisa Sudbeck well permit LC-433 for a well in the NESE Section 7, T32N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-23033 for 133 irrigated acres in the SE Section 7, T32N, R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-433.
4. Daniel & Lisa Sudbeck well permit LC-434 for a well in the SWSW Section 35, T32N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-23034 for 133 irrigated acres in the S1/2SW Section 35, T32N, R1W & N1/2NW Section 2, T31N, R1W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Heine. Motion carried (8-0-2).

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Committee reported on and presented recommendations of the budget committee, *it was moved by Kramer, seconded by Kollars to approve the Budget Committee report, draft budget items, proposed special projects and other recommendations stated below:*

1. To take no action on Aowa structure 41-3 to place riprap along the lake is it is functioning as intended.
2. To work with Nebraska Game & Parks to determine need and location as well as financial support to purchase picnic tables, fire rings, and solar lighting for Buckskin Hills, Powder Creek, and/or Chalkrock Wildlife Management Areas using budgeted maintenance funds.
3. To approve reinstating the NSWCP cost share percentage to 65% for tree planting cost for 2022 and future funding years.
4. To approve adding telemetry to monitoring wells in the observation network.
5. To approve selling the old 4-wheel trailer to the highest bid.
6. To approve the planning committee recommendation as approved at the May 18th meeting with the exception of the 5% increase for health insurance premiums as there were no recommended increases from the NARD Insurance Committee for FY2024.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Heine. Motion carried (8-0-2).

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Kollars to approve Resolution 2023-1 for the 1% Lid Limit Allowance for FY2024 Budget as stated below.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District in the County of Cedar, Knox, and Dixon with 75% of the board present voting aye, the district approved the additional 1% increase allowable on base restrictions for the Fiscal Year 2024 Budget of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 at the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Board Meeting held on June 15, 2023.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Heine. Motion carried (8-0-2).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager’s Report: Sudbeck reported on recent NRD and CKRWP activities and the report is included in the director’s packet. The Subdistrict 5 director vacancy is still open, and no applications have been received.

Static Water Levels: Lammers presented a report on the static water levels in the LCNRD.

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Krusemark, Trenhaile, and Ravenkamp were provided in the director’s packet. Lammers reported on recent activities.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Christensen and Heine

ADJOURN

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Armstrong to adjourn the meeting at 9:12 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Heine. Motion carried (8-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Armstrong
Dave Condon
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
Reed Trenhaile, I & E Technician
Austin Baldwin, NRCS Soil Conservationist Bloomfield
Jeanne Rosen, Program Assistant Bloomfield
Logan Johnson, NRCS Soil Conservationist Bloomfield

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 June 15, 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