

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

December 21, 2023

Chair Weinandt called the December 21, 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. Chair Weinandt stated that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. Chair Weinandt announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong and Steffen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Condon to approve minutes of the November 16, 2023, board meeting and the November 17 to December 21, 2023, 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: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-2).*

Director Armstrong entered the meeting at 1:55 pm.

INTERGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN (IMP) BIENNIAL REVIEW

Tyler Martin, Madeline Johnson, and Jeff Long from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR) gave a power point presentation on the biennial review of the IMP between NeDNR and LCNRD.

DIRECTOR AND AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

NRCS Report: Report from Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities. The Program Assistant's quarterly report was provided by Diane Wieseler and included in the director packet.

Bazile GMA Reports: Report from Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator, was provided in director packet.

Natural Resources Commission activities (NRC): No report.

NARD Activity: Kramer stated that an NARD voting delegate and alternate need to be appointed for the 2024 NRD Legislative Conference. Chair Weinandt appointed Dave Condon as the voting delegate and Dan Kollars as the alternate delegate.

Director Kramer left the meeting at 2:30 PM.

Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Heine no report. Next meeting will be on January 4th in Belden.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the December 14, 2023; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve minutes of the November 9, 2023, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from November 10 to December 14, 2023.
- To approve to the Rural Water Engineering Application for Terry Zavadil (Sec 35 T33N R1W, Cedar County) for 1 BU, Travis Barney (Cedar Ridge Estates Lots 1,2 and 11) for 1 BU each, and the forfeiture of water service for the City of Crofton on water service connection A045.

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Johnson 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, Schmidt, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-2).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

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

Certification of Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the irrigated acres report for certification. It was moved by Condon, seconded by Heine to approve certification of 597 groundwater irrigated acres on 8 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-2).

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Lammers reviewed permits and it was moved by Kollars, seconded by Armstrong to approve the permit applications as stated below:

1. Chief Farms LLC replacement well permit LC-452R for a well in the NWSE section 26, T30N, R1E and flow meter cost share FMLC 452R.
2. Chief Farms LLC well permit LC-453NF for a well in the SE Section 26, T30N, R1E.
3. Barabara Kelly well permit LC-454 for a well in the NWNW Section 26, T29N, R5W and comingle it with well G-158208.
4. Frank Hochstein expanded acres permit X-23045 for 34 irrigated acres in the SENE & SWNW Section 17, T30N, R1W.
5. Kelly Kaiser well permit LC-455 for a well in the SENW Section 29, T32N, R1E.
6. Larry, Loren & Desiree Paulsen well permit LC-456 for a well in the NWNE section 8, T29N, R2E, expanded acres permit X-23046 for 120 irrigated acres in the NE Section 8, T29N, R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-456.
7. Brian & Rose Steffen well permit LC-457 for a well in the NENE Section 27, T30N, R1E, expanded acres permit X-23047 for 133 irrigated acres in the NE Section 27, T30N, R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-457.
8. Benjamin Galvin well permit LC-458 for a well in the SESE Section 28, T30N, R3E, expanded acres permit X-23048 for 66 irrigated acres in the S1/2SE section 28, T30N, R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-458.
9. Curtis & Patrica Crandall Legacy Estates expanded acres permit X-23049 for 66 irrigated acres in the N1/2SE Section 28, T30N, R3E using Benjamin Galvin's well per pooling agreement P-23004.

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent NRD and CKRWP activities. Sudbeck's report is included in the file copy of minutes.

FY2023 Audit Consideration: FY2023 audit was presented by Donita Pokorny, Dana F Cole at the November meeting. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kollars to approve the FY 2023 audit done by Dana F. Cole. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-2).

LCNRD retirement program: After some discussion it was the consensus of the board to recommend continuing with the current retirement investment structure to NARD.

UNL & NRCS Bazile Partnership: Sudbeck reported on ongoing talks with UNL and the NRDs about the Bazile Partnership.

Review of Policies and Regulations: Sudbeck asked the board for approval to have legal counsel look over all polices, rules and regulations for combination and to identify recommended updates and modifications. This has not been done since 2008 for some policies. Legal counsel indicated the typical cost to complete similar work is \$3,300 to \$4,100 dollars but is dependent upon the amount of work required to complete the process. It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Schmidt to have Don Blankenau review all policies, rules and regulations for combination of the documents and for updates or recommended changes. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-2).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Steffen

ADJOURN

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 3:58 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP
Myles Lammers, Assistant Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Reed Trenhaile, Information & Education Technician
Colton Krusemark, Bazile/NRCS Technician
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coordinator
Tyler Martin, NeDNR
Madeline Johnson, NeDNR
Jeff Long, NeDNR

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 December 21, 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