

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

October 17, 2024

Chair Weinandt called the October 17, 2024, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 3:03 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 and that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Kramer and Lamb.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Heine to approve minutes of September 19, 2024, board meeting and the September 20 to October 17, 2024, 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: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Lamb. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Chair Weinandt opened the floor to public comment. No public in attendance.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent LCNRD and CKRWP activities and reviewed several agreements before the board for approval. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Schmidt to approve the following contract amendments and agreements stated below, and allow management to enter into such agreements:

1. Approve 3-year NARD Interlocal Agreement for obtaining seedling trees and shrubs.
2. Approve 3-year NDEE agreement 56-2381 for the Bow Creek Watershed Phase II Activities.
3. Approve 2-year lobbyist agreement with Peetz & Co. for \$36,000 per year.
4. Approve amendment #7 to the Cooperative Agreement with UNL-CSD for \$60,000 to complete the replacement observation wells at Powder Creek developed in the Dakota Formation.
5. Approve extension of the UNL Bazile Extension Educator agreement to utilize funding from the last agreement while a new agreement is being considered for the next 5-year period.
6. Approve 3-year NDEE 319 agreement for Bazile Creek Watershed Phase III activities carried by LENRD with LCNRD providing 20% (\$40,000) of the match requirement over the 3-year period.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Lamb. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Lammers reviewed permits and discussion followed. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Kollars to approve the permit applications as stated below:

1. Darlene Keiter expanded acre permit X-24032 for 22 irrigated acres in the NESW Section 4 T30N R1E.
2. Alan & Jean Hoelsing well permit LC-503 for a well in the SENW Section 23 T30N R1E, expanded acres permit X-24033 for 133 irrigated acres in the NW Section 23 T30N R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-503
3. Gayle Becker well permit LC-504R for a well in the NWNW Section 28 T30N R3W and flow meter cost share FMLC-504R.
4. Eric, Adam, & Mark Heimes well permits LC-505 and LC506 for wells in the SESW & SWSE Section 5 T32N R2E, expanded acre permit X-24034 for 184 irrigated in the S1/2S1/2 section 5 & N1/2NE Section 8 T30N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-505.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Lamb. Motion carried (9-0-2).

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

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS

NARD Activity: Steffen, Schmidt and staff reported on the NARD conference and breakout sessions attended.

Natural Resources Commission Activity (NRC): Steffen reported on NRC activities from the October 2nd meeting.

Wau-Col Rural Water Activity: Heine reported there was no action and the next meeting is at 7:00pm on November 7th at the Belden Library.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D activity: Open

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator, was provided in the director's packet.

NRCS activity: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities, reviewed the NRCS Unfunded Cooperative Agreement and the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners Checklist.

CKRWP Advisory Committee Consensus Recommendations: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented consensus recommendations due to lack of quorum from the October 10, 2024; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

1. To approve the minutes of September 12, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
2. To approve the expenses from September 13, 2024 – October 10, 2024, along with payment to Peitz GMC for the 2025 pickup purchase that was approved at the LCNRD meeting on September 19, 2024.
3. To approve the Rural Water Engineering Applications for Matthew Jonas in Sec 16 T33N R2W, Lot 23 Walkers Valley View 2nd Addition Block 3 in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, Joyce Wieseler in Sec 31 T33N R2W in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Jeremy Hoppe in Sec 14 T33N R2W, Lot 1 Whitetail Ridge in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and to approve the Forfeiture of Water Service Connection A135 for Frank Schnabel.
4. To approve the MicroComm service contract for the annual fee of \$3,200.

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each consensus recommendation stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Lamb. Motion carried (9-0-2).

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Condon to approve the agreement with GeoTek Engineering & Testing Services, Inc., for construction material testing service proposal for \$9,500. Roll call: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Lamb. Motion carried (9-0-2).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Kramer and Lamb

ADJOURN

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 4:30 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kramer and Lamb. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Myles Lammer, Assistant Manager
Reed Trenhaile, I&E & Wtr Resources Coordinator
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coordinator
Dustin Weinandt, Water Resources Technician
Cole Fiedler, Water Resources Technician
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist

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 October 17, 2024 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