

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

November 21, 2024

Chair Weinandt called the November 21, 2024, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 5:00 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: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong, Heine, and Steffen.

Armstrong arrived at 5:02 pm and Steffen arrived at 5:04 pm.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kollars seconded by Kramer to approve minutes of October 17, 2024, board meeting and the October 18 to November 21, 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, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. ABSTAIN: Condon. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (9-1-0-1).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Weinandt opened the floor to public comment. The two newly elected 2025 board members were present, and introductions were made by directors, staff and partner organizations.

FY2024 Audit Review

Donita Pokorny from Dana F. Cole & Company reviewed the FY2024 audit report and answered questions. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Kollars to approve the FY 2024 audit done by Dana F. Cole. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent LCNRD and CKRWP activities and reviewed the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act Agreement before the board for approval.

Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act Agreement: It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Johnson to approve Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act Agreement with NeDNR in the amount of \$31,169.37 and allow management to enter into such agreement. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carries (10-0-1).

Election Results: Sudbeck reported on the state and federal elections.

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

NSWCP Contract Term Consideration: The board was informed of two NSWCP contracts for brush management that were paid out in 2022 that could possibly be cropped and no longer meet practice requirements, repayment of the practice will be prorated if the acres are farmed and paid back to the state.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Lammers reviewed permits and discussion followed. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Kramer to approve the permit applications as stated below and table permit LC-518 for further review of variance request:

1. Brian & Melissa Haisch well permit LC-507 for a well in the NWSE Section 27 T29N R4E, expanded acre permit X-24035 for 136 irrigated acres in the SE Section 27 T29N R4E.
2. Brian & Rosanne Steffen well permit LC-508 for a well in the SESE Section 20 T30N R2E, expanded acres permit X-24036 for 34 irrigated acres in the SESE Section 20 T30N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-508
3. JKG Farms LLC expanded acres permit X-24037 for 67 irrigated acres in the W1/2NE Section 25 T30N R3E.

4. Christopher & Shannon Johnson expanded acre permit X-24038 for 19 irrigated acres in the SENE section 33 T31N R3W.
5. Center C LLC well permit LC-509 for a well in the NESW Section 34 T30N R1E and comingle with well G-189656, expanded acres permit X-24039 for 173 irrigated acres in the SWSW, E1/2SW, W1/2SE Section 34 T30N R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-509.
6. Jerry Johnson well permit LC510 for a well in the CenNW Section 25 T30N R3E, expanded acres permit X-24040 for 133 irrigated acres in the NW Section 25 T30N R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-510.
7. T&S Sorensen LLC well permits LC-511, LC-512, LC-513 for wells in the NWNE, NENE, and SWNE Section 28 T29N R4W and comingle all three wells, expanded acres permit X-24041 for 133 irrigated acres in the NE Section 28 T29N R4W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-511.
8. Justin & Ashley Heikes well permit LC-514 for a well in the NESW Section 31 T32N R4E, expanded acres permit X-24042 for 230 irrigated acres in the W1/2NE, N1/2SW, and NW Section 31 T32N R4E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-514 with the following conditions:
 - a. Due to a >12% slope a conservation plan is required and must be approved before any irrigation can occur.
 - b. Payback of two NSWCP contracts for brush management at a prorated amount per contract requirements due to practices no longer meeting practice purpose.
9. David & Carol Domina well permits LC-515 and LC-516 for wells in the CenNe and CenSE Section 18 T30N R1W and comingle them together, expanded acres permit X-24043 for 272 irrigated acres in the E1/2 Section 18 T 30N R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-515.
10. Stelling Farms Inc. well permit LC-517 for a well in the SWSE Section 27 T31N R4W and will comingle with existing well G-043855.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. ABSTAIN: Johnson. NAY; None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (9-1-0-1).

Action on well permit LC-518 and related documents was postponed until further review and recommendation is received from Conservation and Survey Division.

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

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS

Natural Resources Commission Activity (NRC): Steffen updated that the next meeting will be held February 19, 2025

NARD Activity: Kramer reported that due to the NARD Risk Pool doing well some of the funds have been invested while leaving sufficient funds to meet current claims and 3 years of future claims.

Wau-Col Rural Water Activity: Sudbeck reported on normal day to day Wau-Col activities from the November meeting and appointment of Jeremy Bruning to the committee, representing the Village of Coleridge.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D Activity: Open

NRCS Activity: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities.

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

CKRWP Advisory Committee Recommendations: Weinandt reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from November 14, 2024; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

1. To approve the minutes of October 10, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
2. To approve the expenses from October 11, 2024 – November 14, 2024, as presented.
3. To approve the pay request from Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$52,020.00 for services rendered preparing the site for the location of the new elevated tank along with prefab work done in the shop on the new tank.
4. To approve the Proposal for Inspection Services with KLM Engineering Inc. for \$61,644.00 along with a \$4,000.00 Warranty Inspection.
5. To approve the annual Value Support Plan (VSP) for \$6,922.20 and the Education Support Services for \$300.00 for calendar year 2025.
6. To approve three (3) engineering applications to relocate water service for Riverpoint Bay LLC in Sec 15 T33N R2W, Knox County, water service A623 will be moved from Riverpoint Bay Lot 302 to Lot 208, water service A647 will be moved from Riverpoint Bay Lot 501 to Lot 206, and water service A624 will be moved from Riverpoint Bay Lot 303 & 304 to Lot 207 at the expense of the owner.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Steffen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Heine

ADJOURN

It was moved by Armstrong seconded by Steffen to adjourn the meeting at 6:14 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
 Myles Lammers, Assistant Manager
 Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
 Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
 Scott Kinkaid, Incoming Director
 Ryan Loecker, Incoming Director

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 November 21, 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