

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

December 19, 2024

Chair Weinandt called the December 19, 2024, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:32 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, Kramer, Lamb, and Weinandt. Absent: Schmidt and Steffen.

Steffen arrived at 1:34 p.m.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Lamb to approve minutes of November 21, 2024, board meeting and the November 22 to December 19, 2024, consent agenda and check #24794 for \$9,467.64 to Chartwells Dining Services, for NE Ag Conference meals, check #24795 for \$1,109.47 to Divots, for NE Ag Conference speaker dinner, check #24796 to Norfolk Lodge & Suite for \$880.00, for NE Ag Conference speaker lodging. 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, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Weinandt opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments from those in attendance.

2025-2028 Subdistrict 5 Candidate Interviews

Sudbeck welcomed Tyler Schweers. Schweers introduced himself and stated his interest in natural resources and being considered for the sub-district 5 director seat. Board members and Schweers engaged in conversation including questions and answers pertaining to serving on the board. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Armstrong to approve the appointment of Tyler Schweers to the sub-district 5 director position to become effective following oath of office at the January 2025. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

NSWCP Planned Grazing Systems Cost Share: Sudbeck proposed increasing the NSWCP Planned Grazing cost share cap from \$10,000 to \$15,000 to better facilitate the needs of producers due to higher costs. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Kollars to raise the NSWCP Planned Grazing cost share cap from \$10,000 to \$15,000. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

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

1. Jason Heikes well permit LC-518 for a well in the NENE Section 2 T30N R3E and variance V-24002.
2. Alan & Donna /Travis Poppe well permit LC-519 for a well in the SENE Section 24 T32N R3W.
3. Marcel & Janet Arens well permit LC-520 and LC-521 for wells in the SWSE & SESW Section 32 T30N R1E, expanded acres permit X-24044 for 66 irrigated acres in the S1/2SE Section 32 T30N R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-520.
4. Gail Milander expanded acre permit X-24045 for 67 irrigated acres in the W1/2NE section 6 T29N R1E.
5. Fredrick & Diane Pick Trustees expanded acres permit X-24046 for 20 irrigated acres in the SWNE & SENW Section 26 T31N R1E.
6. Steve & Carrie Heine expanded acres permit X-24047 for 9 irrigated acres in the NWNW Section 20 T32N R2E & NENE Section 19 T32N R2E.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and

Weinandt. ABSTAIN: Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (9-1-0-1).

Certification of Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the irrigated acres report for certification. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Condon to approve certification of 4,893 acres on 42 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

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

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent LCNRD and CKRWP activities. Sudbeck reported LCNRD received notice that the NACD grant application for Ariel Fielder's position was approved at the full requested rate. File copy attached to the minutes.

Rules and Regulations Consolidation and Updates and NRD Policy Consolidation and Updates moved to before Excused Absences & Correspondence Review.

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS

NRCS Activity: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities. Program assistant Jeanne Rosen, Bloomfield NRCS office, reported on program assistant activities for the fourth quarter.

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

Natural Resources Commission Activity (NRC): Steffen had no report.

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

Wau-Col Rural Water Activity: Heine stated the next meeting would be February 26.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D Activity: Open

CKRWP Advisory Committee Recommendations: Weinandt reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from December 12, 2024; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

1. To approve the minutes of November 14, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
2. To approve the expenses from November 15, 2024 – December 12, 2024, as presented.
3. To approve the appointment of Claude Pinkelman to the committee.
4. To approve the engineering applications for Aaron and Heather Fuelberth in Sec 14 T31N R3E, in Cedar County, for 1 Benefit Unit.

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

Fielder informed the board there was a revised proposal for the Tank Inspection Services contract. The cost will be \$43,559. It was moved by Condon, seconded by Johnson to approve the revised proposal of \$43,559 for the Tank Inspection Service contract. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Rules and Regulations/NRD Policy Consolidation and Updates: Sudbeck gave a general overview of what the

board will be reviewing for updates.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Schmidt

ADJOURN

It was moved by Lamb seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Myles Lammers, Assistant Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Reed Trenhaile, I&E & Water Res. Coord.
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coord.
Jeanne Rosen, Program Assistant, Bloomfield NRCS
Scott Kinkaid, incoming director
Tyler Schweers, Subdistrict 5 candidate

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 19, 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