

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

January 16, 2025

Chair Weinandt called the January 16, 2025, 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 and that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, Steffen, Schweers, and Weinandt. Absent: None.

OATH OF OFFICE

Oath of office was administered to the directors elected in 2024 Johnson, Kinkaid, Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Sub-District 5 appointee Schweers.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Election: Schmit was nominated for Chair from the floor. It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Condon that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Schmidt as Chair of the LCNRD Board. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Schmidt. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-0-1-0).

Vice Chair Election: Johnson was nominated for Vice Chair from the floor. It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Steffen that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Johnson as Vice Chair of the LCNRD Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Johnson. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-0-1-0).

Secretary/Treasurer Election: Christensen was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer from the floor. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Weinandt that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Christensen as Secretary/Treasurer of the LCNRD board. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Christensen. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-0-1-0).

Committee Appointments: Chair Schmidt made appointments as follows: Directors appointed to the Budget and Financial Committee are Schmidt, Christensen, Johnson, Kinkaid, and Loecker. Planning and Personnel Committee are Schmidt, Condon, Kollars, Steffen, and Weinandt. Operation and Maintenance Committee are Lamb, Schweers, and Weinandt. Schmidt was appointed to serve as the LCNRD Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Representative and Weinandt as alternate NARD Representative. Kollars was appointed to represent LCNRD on the Wau-Col Rural Water Project Committee and Weinandt was appointed to serve on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee. It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Kollars to suspend the formation of the Water Resources Committee at this time. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

Discussion was held on providing continued representation on the Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation Development board. The last communication with the organization was in the middle of 2024 and no updates have been received and updates to their website and Facebook are pre-2024. It was moved by Condon, seconded by Steffen to rescind representation to the Northeast Nebraska RC&D at this time. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Loecker, seconded by Johnson to approve minutes of December 19, 2024, board meeting and the December 20 to January 16, 2025, 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, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

NRCS Review Aowa Creek Rehab Structures 22-3 and 1-3. Melissa Baier, NRCS State Office reviewed the Aowa Creek Rehab preliminary cost estimates and 50-year versus 100-year sediment life comparisons.

Weinandt leaves the meeting.

Certification of Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the certified irrigated acres report for certification. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Lamb to approve certification of 4,042 acres on 38 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Weinandt reenters the meeting.

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

1. Jerry & Glenda Johnson Trustees well permit LC-522 for a well in the SWNW Section 25 T30N R3E.
2. Christopher Shefl well permit LC-523 for a well in the SWNW Section 16 T29N R4E, expanded acres permit X-25001 for 136 irrigated acres in the NW & N1/2NE Section 16 T29N R4E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-523.
3. Marcel & Janet Arens well permit LC-524 for a well in the SWSE Section 32 T30N R1E.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kramer, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

Manager's Report: Sudbeck provided an update and reviewed items from the Manager's Report. We are scheduled to host the Range Judging Contest in 2025. The position of NARD related to scoring and needs for volunteers at the contes was reviewed. It was the consensus of the board to not host the Range Judging Contest. The board will reconsider hosting the contest in t if changes are made by the Range Judging Society. Sudbeck's report is attached to file copy of the minutes.

NSWCP 2025 Average Cost Adjustments – The 2025 docket for Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) was reviewed. It was decided to keep the 2024 NSWCP Docket including proposed changes. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Christensen to keep in place the 2024 NSWCP docket as presented with modifications; change Mulch (Mats) to \$3.00 each, Heavy Use Area Protection to 475.00 per cubic year, change to LCNRD addition Coco mats to 3.50 each, change to remove LCNRD practice for Well<100 feet at \$70.24/lf. and to remove Brush Management Mechanical Hand Tools from the list. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

Chair Schmidt reviewed State NADC Form C-2A, Potential Conflict of Interest Statement and provided copies of the forms.

Rules & Regs and Policies Review: Sudbeck informed the board of the updates being made to the Enforcement of Rules & Regulations, Erosion & Sediment Control Act, and Chemigations. Legal counsel is also reviewing and suggesting changes.

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

AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Jeff Steffen gave a brief review of the NRC; its responsibilities.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: No Report

Northeast Nebraska RC&D Activities: Open

NARD Activity: Sudbeck reminded directors of the upcoming NARD Legislative Conference in Lincoln, January 28th and 29th.

NRCS Report: 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.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from January 9, 2025; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the December 12, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from December 13, 2024, to January 9, 2025, as presented and to approve payment of Caldwell Tanks payment request number 3 in the amount of \$86,652.00.

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences: No absences

ADJOURN

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Lamb to adjourn the meeting at 4:22 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Chris Johnson
Scott Kinkaid
Dan Kollars
Carl Lamb
Ryan Loecker
Russ Schmidt
Tyler Schweers
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Myles Lammers, Assistant Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Reed Trenhaile, I&E and Water Resources Coord.
Dustin Weinandt, Resources Technician
Cole Fiedler, Resources Technician
Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist
Melissa Baier, NRCS State Office

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 January 16, 2025 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

