

## **LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES**

**March 20, 2025**

Chair Schmidt called the March 20, 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 Schmidt 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, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Schmidt, Steffen and Weinandt. Absent: Johnson, Lamb, and Schweers.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Loecker to approve minutes of the February 20, 2025, board meeting and the February 21 to March 20, 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, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson, Lamb, and Schweers. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Chair Schmidt opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments.

### **DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS**

Chair Schmidt moved the nitrate gage review up on the agenda.

Nitrate gage on Bazile Creek Data Review: Chair Schmidt welcomed Matt Moser, USGS Physical Scientist who provided an update on the Bazile Creek nitrate gage. The board consensus was to forego installation of the nitrate gage for five years and consider in 2028 for installation in 2029.

NARD Activity: Schmidt reported on March 10, 2025, NARD board meeting in Lincoln.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported on NRC activities from the February meeting.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: No report. Next meeting will be April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities. Program assistant Diane Wieseler, NRCS office Hartington, reported on activities for the first quarter.

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

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from March 13, 2025; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- *To approve the minutes of the February 13, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve the expenses from February 14, 2025, to March 13, 2025, as presented and to approve payment to US Cellular for \$164.37.*
- *To award the 2025 Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship to the top ranked applicant, Cameryn Fiscus, Crofton High School.*
- *To approve providing landowners affected by the distribution upgrades up to \$1,000.00 per mile, and grass seed if pasture was damaged, and to provide repairs along the trench line for 2 years.*
- *To trade pickup #9642 for approximately \$11,750 for a 1-ton 2025 pickup truck from Peitz GMC for approximately \$57,775 and to also purchase an aluminum box for approximately \$13,000.*

*It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson, Lamb and Schweers. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Chair Schmidt moved the manager's report to the end of the agenda.

Selection of 2025 Patefield-Green Scholarships: The packet containing scholarship application was sent to the directors prior to the meeting and their rank scores were returned to the office. C. Fiedler presented the scores, and the recommendation based on the scores for two recipients, each a \$1000 scholarship, Kora Poppe and Ben Kleinschmit. It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Steffen to award Kora Poppe of Bloomfield High School and Ben Kleinschmit of Cedar Catholic High School to each receive a \$1000 Patefield Green scholarship. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson, Lamb, and Schweers. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Kollars left meeting.

Certification of Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the certified irrigated acres report for certification. It was moved by Condon, seconded by Christensen to approve certification of 8,197 acres on 80 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, and Schweers. Motion carried (7-0-4).

Kollars returned to meeting.

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

1. Benjamin & Lindsay Skroch well permits LC-535 for a well in the NWNW Section 7 T30N R3W, expanded acres permit X-25009 for 67 irrigated acres in the NW Section 7 T30N R3W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-535.
2. Becky Wells expanded acres permit X-25010 for 53 irrigated acres in the W1/2W1/2NE & E1/2E1/2NW Section 7 T30N R3W and pooling agreement P-250001 with Benjamin & Lindsay Skroch.
3. Richard & Maryann Feilmeier expanded acres permit X-25011 for 33 irrigated acres in the SESE Section 30 T31N R3E.
4. David & Sandra Wortmann well permits LC-536NF for a well in the NESW Section 15 T31N R2W.
5. David & Karla Hansen well permit LC-537 for a well in the NWSE Section 14 T30N R2E, expanded acres permit X-25012 for 133 irrigated acres in the SE Section 14 T30N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-537.
6. Craig & Rita Wilken well permit LC-538NF for a well in the NWSW Section 14 T31N R2W.
7. Criag & Rita Wilken well permit LC-539NF for a well in the SWSW Section 14 T31N R2W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson, Lamb, and Schweers. Motion carried (10-0-3).

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

Aowa Creek Watershed Projects: Directors reviewed the proposed NRCS sediment capacity life options as prepared by for rehabilitation of structures 22-3 and 1-3. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kollars to approve using the 100-year plan for both Aowa structures 22-3 and 1-3. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson, Lamb, and Schweers. Motion carried (8-0-3). Discussion on management options for Aowa structure 62-5a was held by directors and it was a consensus that nothing would be done at this time.

Director Steffen left the meeting at 4:10 P.M.

Manager’s Report: Sudbeck provided an update and reviewed items from the Manager’s Report. Sudbeck’s report is attached to file copy of the minutes.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Excused absences: Johnson, Lamb, and Schweers.

**ADJOURN**

*It was moved by Loecker, seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson, Lamb, Steffen, and Schweers. . Motion carried (7-0-4).*

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carly Christensen  
Dave Condon  
Scott Kinkaid  
Dan Kollars  
Ryan Loecker  
Russ Schmidt  
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  
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coord.  
Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant Hartington NRCS Office  
Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist  
Matt Moser, USGS Physical Scientist (via Teams link)

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 March 20, 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.

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Board Secretary