

## **LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES**

**April 17, 2025**

Chair Schmidt called the April 17, 2025, 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 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, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen. Absent: Condon, Schweers, and Weinandt.

Weinandt entered the meeting at 5:02 PM.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Johnson to approve minutes of the March 20, 2025, board meeting and the March 21 to April 17, 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, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

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

1. Craig & Rita Wilken reconsidered well permit LC-538NF for a well in the NWSW Section 14 T31N R2W that irrigates 266 acres in the SW Section 14 & NE Section 15 T31N R2W.
2. Craig & Rita Wilken reconsidered well permit LC-539NF for a well in the SWSW Section 14 T31N R2W that irrigates 266 acres in the SW Section 14 & NE Section 15 T31N R2W.
3. Rick & Gerelda Heikes well permit LC-540 for a well in the NESE Section 34 T31N R3E, expanded acres permit X-25013 for 34 irrigated acres in the NESE Section 34 T31N R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-540.
4. Jason & Pamela Heikes expanded acres permit X-25014 for 34 irrigated acres in the SESE Section 34 T31N R3E and pooling agreement P-25002 with Rick Heikes.
5. Dean & Darlo Jansen Trustees well permit LC-541 for a well in the SESW Section 17 T32N R1E and flow meter cost share FMLC-541.

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

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

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

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

NeDNR NiRIA contract #1565 Amendment: It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Steffen to approve the NeDNR NiRIA contract #1565 Amendment #1 to increase funding from \$31,169.37 to \$34,839.96. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon and Schweers. (9-0-2).

FY2026 Initial Budget Review: Moved to May 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS**

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from April 10, 2025; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the March 13, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from March 14, 2025, to April 10, 2025, as presented.
- To approve Pay Request #4 for Caldwell Tanks in the amount of \$87,091.20 and Payment Request #2 for Abbott, Arne, Schwindt Inc in the amount of \$489,430.08 and payment with check to be distributed to contractors upon receipt of funds from NDEE.
- To approve the rural water applications for Nathan & Taylor Tramp in Sec 14 T33N R1W in Cedar County for 1 Benefit Unit and Kutcha Enterprize (Michael Kuchta) in Sec 11 T33N R1W in Cedar County for 1 Benefit Unit.

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

NARD Activity: Schmidt, Kollars, and Weinandt reported on the NARD Conference in Washington DC.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Sudbeck reported on the Wau-Col meeting in April.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported on NRC activities from the April 9th meeting.

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

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Lisa Lauver, BGMA Coordinator, was provided in the director’s packet.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Excused absences: Condon and Schweers.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:02 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carly Christensen  
Chris Johnson  
Scott Kinkaid  
Dan Kollars  
Carl Lamb  
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  
Rebekah Poppe, NRCS 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 April 17, 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