

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

May 15, 2025

Chair Schmidt called the May 15, 2025, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 5:01 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, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, Steffen, Schweers, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to approve minutes of the April 17, 2025, board meeting and the April 18 to May 15, 2025, consent agenda and check #25009 for \$1,196.10 to Mike Schlote, for deep soil sampling cost share, check #25010 to Kelvin Kumm for \$400.00, for deep soil sampling cost share, and CKRWP check # 18835 to Cedar County Treasurer for \$3,530.05, for sales tax and licensing of new pickup. 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, Schweers, 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.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Weinandt reported on and presented recommendations of the planning committee: It was moved by Condon, seconded by Johnson to approve the FY2025 planning committee report, draft budget items, and proposed special projects, as presented and included in file copy of the minutes. 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).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

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

1. Francis & Janelle Gubbels for a comingling expansion permit for well G-162293 irrigating 133 acres in the NE Section 25 T31N R2E and well G-191268 irrigating 68 acres in the NESW & SENW Section 25 T31N R2E. Plans to pipe both wells together so either well can irrigate both pivots separately or together.
2. Todd & Patricia Pinkelman well permit LC-542 for a well in the NWNW Section 11 T32N R2E, expanded acres permits X-25015 for 34 irrigated acres in the NWNW Section 11 T32N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-542.
3. Claude & Angela Pinkelman well permits LC-543 & LC-544 for wells in the NWNE & NENW Section 12 T31N R2E, expanded acres permit X-25016 for 58 irrigated acres in the NENW & NWNE Section 12 T31N R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-543.
4. Jason & Pamela Heikes expanded acres permit X-25017 for 135 irrigated acres in the SE Section 27 T31N R3E.
5. Anthony & Carol Thoene expanded acres permit X-25018 for 37 irrigated acres in the NENE Section 7 T31N R2E.
6. Dave & Carol McGregor late well permit LC-545L for a well in the NWNE Section 34 T31N R2E.
7. Eric & Holly Dickes well permits LC-546 & LC-547 for wells in the SWNW Section 14 T31N R1W.

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).

Certification of Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the certified irrigated acres report. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Lamb to approve certification of 1,511 acres on 12 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, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

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 potential upcoming projects.

NACD Grant Agreement: Sudbeck presented the NACD Grant Agreement for the Technical Assistance position. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to approve management signature of the NACD Grant Agreement between the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District for continued funding of the NACD technician position with NACD provided funding of \$83,070.00 and LCNRD in-kind match of \$8,307.00 and cash match of \$8,307.00. 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).

LCNRD NSWCP Modifications: Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist, made a request to the board to approve a change so that a producer can have more than one NSWCP contract at a time. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve changing the NSWCP application process so a producer can have more than one NSWCP contract at a time. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ASBSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Chair Schmidt moved NRCS Report up on agenda.

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

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the May 14, 2025; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the April 10, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from April 11, 2025, to May 8, 2025, as presented.
- To approve Pay Request #5 from Caldwell Tanks Inc in the amount of \$265,590.00 and Pay Request #3 from Abbott, Arne, Schwindt Inc in the amount of \$1,758,057.74.
- To approve the Phase 1 Change Order for \$951,435.40, which involves upgrading 3 miles of 12-inch transmission line to 16-inch transmission line, to be completed by Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc in the fall of 2025.
- To approve the three proposals totaling \$22,800.00 from Geotek Engineering to provide boring and geotechnical reports for the tank sites, pump station site, and Missouri River crossing for Phase II.
- To approve the contract with Archaeology Laboratory in the amount of \$19,899.00 for an archeological review for Phase II activities.
- To approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Promissory Note, Resolution, and Loan Agreement, Of \$5.4 million for Phase I Construction, all engineering, all planning costs of the Source Solution and System Upgrade Project.
- To approve the Village of Obert Water Service Contract with a 25-year term.
- To approve cancelling text notification service with TextMyGov and to enter a contract for notification services with Civic Plus which includes unlimited text and voice messages in the amount of \$5,055.00 for the Initial 1-Year Term to be split between CKRWP and LCNRD (60%-40%) and an annual rate thereafter to be \$3,900.00 to be divided between CKRWP and LCNRD (60%-40%) subject to uplift cost.
- To approve the rural water applications for Mike & Erin Daggett in Sec 15 T33N R2W, Mischke's Cedar Hills Lot 12A in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit and the request for an additional Benefit Unit for Robert and Shelley Oliver for water service connection A671 located at 113 Timber Dr in Knox County.

It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Steffen 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, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Christensen to approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan agreement in the amount of \$5.4 million for Phase I Construction, all engineering, and all planning costs of the Source Solution and System Upgrade Project. Roll call vote: AYE Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Loecker to approve the SRF Promissory Note in the amount of \$5.4 million for Phase I Construction, all engineering, and all planning costs of the Source Solution and System Upgrade Project. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carries (11-0-0).

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Condon to approve Resolution 2025-1 below:

WHEREAS, the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska recognizes that a properly functioning Public Water System is necessary to the health and welfare of the citizens of the Natural Resources District; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson and Natural Resources District Board of Directors have determined that portions of the Natural Resources District Public Water System are in need of significant repair and improvement; and

WHEREAS, funding for the cost of the repair and improvement of portions of the Natural Resources District Public Water System may be obtained by loan from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, subject to certain requirements and obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairperson and Natural Resources District Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska that they should execute the contract for loan between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska designated as Project No. D311697, incorporated by reference into this Resolution as if fully set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Russ Schmidt, Chairperson, is hereby directed to execute the Agreement and all other documents necessary to facilitate the Loan between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska for the purpose of repairing and improving the Natural Resources District's Public Water System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Annette Sudbeck, NRD Manager, be authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents, to furnish such assurances to the State of Nebraska as may be required by law or regulations, and to receive payment on behalf of the applicant.

HEREBY the RESOLUTION has passed and approved as of May 15, 2025.

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

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

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Kollars had no report. Next meeting is June 5th.

NARD Activity: Schmidt had no report. Next meeting is June 9th.

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences: None

ADJOURN

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 6:46 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, 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
Reed Trenhaile, I&E & Water Resources Coordinator
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 May 15, 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