

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

June 18, 2025

Chair Schmidt called the June 18, 2025, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:01 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, Schmidt, Steffen, Schweers, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve minutes of the May 15, 2025, board meeting and the May 16 to June 18, 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, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Sudbeck and Kollars attended the June 5th meeting. Sudbeck reported routine business discussed and the next meeting is in August.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported he is on the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) ranking committee this year which is meeting on July 8th & 9th. A full commission meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.

NARD Activity: Weinandt attended and reported on the June 9th NARD meeting. Weinandt and Christensen reported on the Basin Tour hosted by the Niobrara River Basin NRDs on June 9th & 10th.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the June 12, 2025, meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the May 8, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from May 9, 2025, to June 12, 2025, as presented including payment, that was approved at the LCNRD meeting on May 15, 2025, in the amount of \$3,530.05 to Cedar County Treasurer for the license and registration for pickup #7063.
- To approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan # 2 including Promissory Note, Resolution, and Loan Agreement, in the amount of \$2.5 Million Dollars at 0.7% interest for 40 years, with corrections made by NDEE to amounts on page 6.
- To approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan #3 including Promissory Note, Resolution, and Loan Agreement, in the amount of \$7.1 Million Dollars currently at \$0.7% interest but to be determined in July 2025 for 40 years with 56.24% loan forgiveness, with corrections made by NDEE to amounts on page 6.
- To approve Pay Request #5 from Caldwell Tanks Inc. in the amount of \$166,860.00.
- To approve Pay Request #4 from Abbott, Arne, Schwindt Inc in the amount of \$815,414.41
- To approve lifting the Service Moratorium in the Aten/South Yankton area that was put in place in July of 2021.
- To approve and sign the quote for the annual Asset Management Legacy Service Fee from CivicPlus \$10,206.19
- To approve the request for relocation of water service for Riverpoint Bay LLC in Sec 15 T33N R2W, Knox County, water service A649 will be moved from Riverpoint Bay Lot 401 to Lot 402, water service A582 will be moved from Elkhorn Ridge Lot 5 to Riverpoint Bay Lot 403, and water service connection A605 will be moved from Elkhorn Ridge Lot 3 to Riverpoint Bay Lot 307.

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Schweers to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid,

Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Following discussion on SRF Loan Agreements, promissory notes, and resolutions; *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kinkaid to approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan agreement and promissory note #2 in the amount of \$2.5 million for Phase II Construction costs of the Source Solution and System Upgrade Project. Roll call vote: AYE Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Weinandt to approve Resolution 2025-2 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. D311723, incorporated by reference into this Resolution as if fully set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Russell 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 June 18, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Weinandt to approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan agreement and promissory note #3 in the amount of \$7.1 million for Phase II costs of the Source Solution and System Upgrade Project. Roll call vote: AYE Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve Resolution 2025-3 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 Water, Energy, and Environment, 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 Water, Energy, and Environment and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska designated as Project No. D311724, incorporated by reference into this Resolution as if fully set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Russell Schmidt, Chairperson, is hereby directed to execute the Agreement and all other documents necessary to facilitate the Loan between the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment 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 June 18, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

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

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schmidt and Sudbeck reported on and presented recommendations of the budget committee: It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve the FY2026 budget 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, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Christensen to approve Resolution 2025-4 for the 1% Lid Limit Allowance for the FY2026 Budget as stated below.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District in the County of Cedar, Knox, and Dixon with 75% of the board present voting aye, the district approved the additional 1% increase allowable on base restrictions for the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 at the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Board Meeting held on June 18, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Manager's Report: Sudbeck provided an update and reviewed potential projects.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Lammers reviewed permits and discussion followed. *It*

was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson to approve the permit applications as stated below:

1. Warren & Corlynn Wilbeck expanded acres permit X-25019 for 104 acres in the S1/2 NW Section 22 T30N R1W & N1/2 SW Section 22 T30N R1W.
2. Bow Valley Elevator LLC replacement well permit LC-548LR for a well in the NESW Section 2 T30N R3W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences: Kollars and Loecker

ADJOURN

It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (8-0-3).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Chris Johnson
Scott Kinkaid
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
Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist
Jeanne Rosen, Program Assistant Bloomfield NRCS 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 June 18, 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