

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

July 17, 2025

Chair Schmidt called the July 17, 2025, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. Vice Chair Johnson 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, Schweers, and Steffen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Condon to approve minutes of the June 18, 2025, board meeting and the June 19 to July 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, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt and Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Weinandt entered the meeting at 7:07 pm.

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck provided the attached report and reviewed additional items.

On-Line Processing for Routine Utility & Benefits Payments: After discussion led by K. Hochstein. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Kinkaid to approve payment of routine utility bills (NPPD, Hartelco, City of Hartington, CKRWP) and benefits payments (Aflac, Nationwide, NARD Risk Pool) by electronic transfer or automatic withdrawal. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the certified irrigated acres report. It was moved by Loecker, seconded by Weinandt to approve certification of 3,963 acres on 35 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

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

1. Gordon & Donna Fulton replacement well permit LC-549R in the SWSE Section 23 T29N R5W.
2. Gayle Becker expanded acres permit X-25020 for 75 irrigated acres in the NWSW & SWNW Section 16 T31N R1E.
3. Richard M Burbach Trustee well permit LC-550 in the NESW Section 11 T32N R2E and comingling with well G-169800, expanded acres permit X-25021 for 56 irrigated acres in the W1/2SW Section 11 T32N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-550.
4. Randall & Mary Ann Leise well permit LC-551 for a well in the NESE Section 26 T31N R2E, expanded acres permit X-25022 for 100 irrigated acres in the E1/2SE Section 26 T31N R2E & NWSW Section 25 T26N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-551.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

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

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Kollars had no report. The next meeting is scheduled for August.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported he is on the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) ranking committee and they met on July 8th & 9th. A full commission meeting is scheduled for July 23rd which will include action on funding awards.

NARD Activity: Sudbeck informed the board that there have been no proposed legislative resolutions at the time.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from July 15, 2025; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the June 12, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from June 13, 2025, to July 15, 2025, as presented.
- To approve the recommendation of the draft FY2026 budgets to the LCNRD Board of Directors.
- To approve to increase rates by 3.5% with the resulting income going to the Source Solution and Systems Upgrades fund account. Monthly Minimums will be \$47.70, an increase of \$1.62. The Monthly Maintenance Fee will be \$11.93, an increase of \$0.41. The per 1,000 gallons water rate will be \$6.52, an increase of \$0.23/1,000 gallons. New rates will go into effect October 1, 2025.
- To approve to increase the Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship to \$1,000.00 from \$500.00.
- To approve Pay Request #7 from Caldwell Tanks Inc in the amount of \$129,686.40.
- To approve Pay Request #5 from Abbott, Arne, Schwindt Inc in the amount of \$581,875.76.
- To Approve the Rural Water Application for Mel Goeden in Sec 11 T33N R1W in Cedar County for 1 Benefit Unit, Scott Labs in Sec 8 T33N R1E, Nelson Bros Lot 4 in Cedar County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Eric Heimes in Sec 16 T33N R1E on Cedar County for 1 Benefit Unit.
- To approve the request for an additional Benefit Unit for Terry Zavakil for water service connection A182, increasing the service connection to 5 Benefit Units.

It was moved by Condon, 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, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities and provided a written report.

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences: Schmidt

ADJOURN

It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Lamb to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None, ABSENT: Schmidt. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Chris Johnson
Scott Kinkaid
Dan Kollars
Carl Lamb
Ryan Loecker
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 & Wtr. Resources 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 July 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.

Board Secretary