

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

December 18, 2025

Chair Schmidt called December 18, 2025, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:32 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, Schweers, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Loecker to approve minutes of the November 20, 2025, board meeting and the November 21 to December 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, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

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

1. *Daniel Schumacher well permit LC-558 and LC-559NF in the SENW & NENW Section 2 T31N R2W and will comingle both wells together, expanded acres permit X-25029 for 133 irrigated acres in the NE Section 2 T31N R2W and flow meter cost share FMLC-558.*
2. *Donovan & Michelle Becker well permit LC-560NF in NWNW Section 14 T33N R1E.*
3. *Warren & Corlynn Wilbeck well permit LC-561 in the SENE Section 31 T30N R1W, expanded acres permit X-25030 for 133 irrigated acres in the NE Section 31 T30N R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-561.*
4. *Bradley & Jennifer Fink well permit LC-562 in the NENW Section 10 T30N R3W, expanded acres permit X-25031 for 20 irrigated acres in the NENW Section 10 T30N R3W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-562.*
5. *Kerloo Creek Ranch Inc. well permit LC-563 in the SENE Section 32 T30N R2E, expanded acres permit X-25032 for 133 irrigated acres in the NE Section 32 T30N R2E.*
6. *Kerloo Creek Ranch Inc. expanded acres permit X-25033 for 7 irrigated acres in the NESW Section 32 T30N R2E.*
7. *Steven & Shirley Rasmussen well permits LC-564 & LC-565 in the SWNE Section 14 T30N R3E and plans to comingle wells, expanded acres permit X-25034 for 128 irrigated acres in the NE Section 14 T30N R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-564.*

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).

Certification of Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile reported there were no certifications this month.

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

Manager's Report: Sudbeck provided a written report and reviewed activities and needs. After discussion there was board consensus to change the NSWCP tree planting rates with official action to be taken at the January meeting.

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist provided a written report and updated the board on current activities.

Bazile GMA Updates: Bazile Extension Educator, Pablo Duarte Hernandez and Bazile Coordinator, Marcus Blunck has been hired as Bazile Coordinator and will begin duties in January. They will be joining us at an upcoming meeting to introduce themselves.

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

NARD Activity: Schmidt reported the NARD Legislative Conference will be January 27th and 28th. The appointed voting delegate is Dan Kollars with Dave Condon as alternate.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Kollars had no reported. Next meeting will be January 8, 2026.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D (NENRC&D): Sudbeck had no report. The next meeting is January 27, 2026.

NRCS Program Assistant Report: Program assistant Diane Wieseler, Hartington NRCS office, reported on activities for the fourth quarter.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from December 11, 2025; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the November 13, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from November 14, 2025, to December 11, 2025, as presented.
- To approve Pay Request #7 from Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc in the amount of \$400,753.21 and payment with check to be distributed upon receipt of funds from Nebraska DWEE.
- To approve adjournment of the meeting.

It was moved by Johnson seconded by Lamb 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).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused Absences: None

ADJOURN

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 3:29 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
Tyler Schweers
Russ Schmidt
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Myles Lammers, Assistant
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coord.
Reed Trenahaile, I&E Tech/Wtr Resources Coord.
Dustin Weinandt, Water Resources Technician
Cole Fiedler, Water Resources Technician
Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant Hartington NRCS

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 December 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