

## LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

January 15, 2026

Vice Chair Johnson called January 15, 2026, 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. 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, Loecker, Schweers, and Steffen.

### CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve minutes of the December 18, 2025, board meeting and the December 19 to January 15, 2026, 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, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Schmidt, and Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

### PUBLIC COMMENT

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

### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

NRCS-LCNRD Unfunded Cooperative Agreement: Poppe, NRCS district conservationist and Manager Sudbeck reviewed the draft Unfunded Cooperative Agreement. *It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Condon to approve the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement and any minor changes that may be necessary. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Schmidt, and Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

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

1. *William & Dianna Huss well permit LC-566 in the NWSW Section 31 T30N R1E and will comeingle with well G-110996, expanded acres permit X-26001 for 31 irrigated acres in the NWSW Section 31 T30N R1E and flow meter cost share FMLC-566.*

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

Certification of Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the irrigated acres report for certification. *It was moved by Condon, seconded by Christensen to approve certification of 4,201 groundwater irrigated acres on 40 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Schmidt, and Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

NSWCP 2026 Average Cost Adjustments: Sudbeck reviewed NSWCP rates for the upcoming 2026 tree planting season. *Motion made by Schweers, seconded by Kinkaid to approve the following NSWCP rate changes for 2026 tree planting: \$0.45 per linear foot for tree planting, \$0.45 per linear foot for site prep tilling, and \$0.95 per linear foot for mulch rolls. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Schmidt, and Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on projects and activities.

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

Weinandt entered the meeting at 2:01 pm.

**DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS**

National Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen had no report. Next meeting will be in February.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Kollars had no reported. Next meeting will be January 15, 2026.

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

NARD Activity: Sudbeck reported the NARD Legislative Conference will be on January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist provided updates on current activities.

Bazile GMA Updates: Bazile Coordinator, Marcus Blunck and Bazile Extension Educator, Pablo Duarte were introduced and each gave a brief background talk about themselves.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from January 8, 2026; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the December 11, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from December 12, 2025, to January 8, 2026, as presented.
- To approve adjournment of the meeting.

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

**EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Excused Absences: Lamb and Schmidt.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Schweers to adjourn the meeting at 3:07 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None, ABSENT: Lamb and Schmidt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Carly Christensen  
Dave Condon  
Chris Johnson  
Scott Kinkaid  
Dan Kollars  
Ryan Loecker  
Tyler Schweers  
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  
Reed Trenhaile, I&E Tech/Wtr Resources Coord.  
Dustin Weinandt, Water Resources Technician  
Cole Fiedler, Water Resources Technician  
Marcus Blunck, Bazile Coordinator  
Pablo Duarte, Bazile Extension Educator

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 January 15, 2026 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