

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

February 24, 2026

Chair Schmidt called February 24, 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. 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, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Christensen to approve minutes of the January 15, 2026, board meeting and the January 16 to February 24, 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, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Steffen. Motion carried (10-0-1).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN (IMP) BIENNIAL REVIEW – NDWEE AND LCNRD

Tyler Martin from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy & Environment (NDWEE) along with Madeline Johnson, Connor McFayden and Noah Hovorka gave a power point presentation reviewing the Integrated Management Plan between NDWEE and LCNRD. Lammers provided the review of the NRD data and information provided in the report.

Steffen entered the meeting at 2:22 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

FY2026 Mid-year Budget Review: Sudbeck provided the mid-year budget. Expenses are as expected. Copy of budget review was included in director's packet.

FY206 Audit Agreement & FY20247 Budget Preparation Agreement: Sudbeck presented the audit engagement letter and budget development engagement letter with Dana F. Cole & Company. *It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson, to approve the audit engagement letter for the annual audit and single federal audit with an estimated cost of \$21,175 and the budget development engagement letter with Dana F. Cole & Company. 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).*

NSWCP 2026 Cost Share Docket: The 2026 docket for Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) was reviewed. *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Christensen to continue using the 2024 NSWCP docket as presented with modifications and including previously board approved rates for tree establishment practices and change wells to \$62.14 per linear foot, mulch mats to \$3.00 each, 24 inch coco round mats to \$3.50 each, and 3 foot by 3 foot coco square mats to \$7.00 each.. 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).*

NSWCP Planned Grazing Application for Consideration: Sudbeck stated Chris Schmidt from the NRCS office in Bloomfield had a producer who owned 40 acres and part was the home place. They were asking if they could do a planned grazing application for 37 acres, which is less than the 40 acres minimum. *It was moved by Schweers, seconded by Kinkaid for a one-time approval of a NSWCP Planned Grazing application for 37 acres, which is less than the 40 acres minimum. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. ABSENT: None. NAY: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).*

NET Grant 26-107 Agreement: Sudbeck presented the NET grant contract with LCNRD. *It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to approve management signature of the Nebraska Environmental Trust grant contract with LCNRD reference number 26-107 for \$403,030.00 over 3 years. 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).

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

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

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

1. Bow Valley Elevator well permit LC-567 in the SWNW Section 2 T30N R3W, expanded acres permit X-26002 for 141 irrigated acres in the NW & W1/2NE Section 2 T30N R3W and flow meter cost share FMLC-567.
2. Tim & Jean Kathol well permit LC-568 in the SENE Section 25 T32N R1E, expanded acres permit X-26003 for 66 irrigated acres in the E1/2NE Section 25 T32N R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-568.
3. Duane & Doris Feilmeier well permit LC-569 in the NWNW Section 12 T30N R1E, expanded acres permit X-26004 for 66 acres in the W1/2NW Section 12 T30N R1E. and flow meter cost share FMLC-569.
4. Larry Paulsen well permit LC-570 in the NESW Section 5 T29N R2E. This well will be used as a livestock well.
5. Logan Valley Implement Inc. well permit LC-571 in the SWSW Section 33 T30N R3W.
6. Sheldon Carlow application to comingle well G-057026 in the NESW Section 5 T30N R3W and well G-179777 in the SENW Section 8 T30N R3W on a total of 240 existing irrigated acres.
7. Eric Becker application to comingle well G185861 in the SENW Section 15 T31N R1E well G-165546 in the SWSW Section 15 T31N R1E owned by Keith & Gayle Becker for a total of 265 existing irrigated acres. Pooling agreement has been added between Eric Becker and Keith and Gayle Becker.

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).

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

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

UNL Extension – Amy Timmerman: Amy Timmerman updated the board on upcoming programs through the UNL Extension Office.

NARD activities & NARD Legislative Conference: Schmidt, Christensen, Condon, Kollars, Steffen, and Weinandt reported on activities during the NARD Legislative Conference in Lincoln January 27th and 28th.

National Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen had no report. Next meeting will be February 25th in Kearney.

NACD Annual Conference: Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt attended the NACD conference in San Antonio Texas and reported on activities during the conference. Jeff & Jolene Steffen were awarded the Hugh Hammond Bennett Award for Conservation Excellence at the Annual 2026 Appreciation Banquet.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Kollars reported on the January 15th meeting in Belden including rate changes.

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

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Bazile Coordinator, Marcus Blunck was in the packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from February 12, 2026; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the January 8, 2026, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from January 9, 2026, through February 12, 2026, as presented.
- To approve payment of \$7,600.00 to Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment for the Plan Review Fee for Phase II Water Supply Improvement Project.
- To continue to work with the Village of Maskell to provide water service which would include a 4-inch service line.
- To approve the lease agreement for 31.66 acres to Dale Burbach and Tom Burbach as reviewed.
- To approve the Water User Agreement for the Village of St Helena for a term of 25 years.
- To approve the Water User Agreement for the City of Crofton for the term of 25 years pending approval by the City of Crofton Council.
- To approve the Water User Agreement for the Village of Fordyce for the term of 25 years pending approval by the Village of Fordyce Council.
- To approve the Forfeiture of Water Service for Stanley Hans for Water Service Connection B100.
- To approve adjournment of the meeting.

These recommendations will be considered for approval by LCNRD at the next meeting.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused Absences: None

ADJOURN

It was moved by Loecker seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 4:23 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 Locker
Russ Schmidt
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/Water Resources Coord.
Cole Fiedler, Water Resources Technician
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coord.
Amy Timmerman, UNL Extension Educator
Tyler Martin, Neb. Dept. of Water, Energy & Environment
Madeline Johnson, Neb. Dept of Water, Energy & Environment
Connor McFayden, Neb. Dept of Water, Energy & Environment
Noah Hovorka, Neb. Dept of Water, Energy & Environment

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 February 24, 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.

Board Secretary