

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

April 16, 2026

Vice Chair Johnson called April 16, 2026, 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. 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, Schweers, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Kollars to approve minutes of March 19, 2026, board meeting and the March 20 to April 16, 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, Schweers, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Vice Chair Johnson opened the floor to public comment. Jase Gerdes, who will be the LCNRD summer intern, introduced himself to the board.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Bow Creek NWQI Investigation-Agreement with Houston Engineering Modification: *It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Kollars to approve the modified Bow Creek NWQI Investigation agreement with Houston Engineering to analyze and compile existing data from Bow Creek water quality sampling events. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Schweers, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).*

Technology and Conservation Program – Soil Testing Contract with EA Engineering: Sudbeck reported that due to a delay in getting the NET grant finalized the soil sampling project was not started as anticipated due to NET delays. LCNRD plans to request an extension, but it is not guaranteed it will be granted. If this extension is not granted, LCNRD would be responsible for approximately \$35,000 of testing costs in the contract. This cost will be reimbursed by the NET unless the extension is not approved. *It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Weinandt to approve a three-year contract with EA Engineering for soil coring and sampling in the amount of \$230,503.68. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Schweers, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).*

NACD Position Extension pending grant approval: Sudbeck reported NACD applications for TA positions have been delayed again and are scheduled to be reviewed in summer of 2026. This grant funds a Soil Conservationist position that works primarily in Knox and Cedar County. Sudbeck requested continued consensus to utilize LCNRD funding for the position until applications are reviewed. A full consensus of the board was given to continue funding the position until NACD grants are reviewed.

Partnership Position with DWEE to implement ONE RED Program: Sudbeck informed the board DWEE has obtained ONE RED funding to provide a staff person at each NRD to implement ONE RED cost share programs and to promote conservation in the district. NRDs would pay a percentage of the cost for the position and related costs. Sudbeck will have more information at the May planning meeting.

Manager's Report: Sudbeck gave an update on current NRD activities, a written report was provided in the packet.

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: None

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

- 1. MG Waldbaum Co. replacement well permit LC-577R in the NENE Section 7 T30N R3W. This will replace well G-033854, and they will comingle with other existing wells G-102546, G136713, & G-*

- 073470 to supply water to staff and chickens.
2. David & Carol Domina expanded acres permit X-26007 for 38 irrigated acres in the E1/2SW Section 9 T29N R2E. Michael Hochstein irrigates 55 acres with well G-172735 and plans to swing his pivot from his ground onto David Domina ground to irrigate the new 55 acres. A pooling agreement between landowners P-26001 has been filed with LCNRD.
 3. Rodney Flaugh expanded acres permit X-26008 for 25 acres in the SESW Section 19 T30N R1E. Three wells are used to irrigate 586 acres and were established before the 2014 Rules & Regulations, but because of this expansion a variance (V-26001) to irrigate more than 160 acres is necessary.
 4. Charles & Delores Arens well permit LC-578 in the NENE Section 5 T31N R1W. This well will be used to fill his lagoon and then pump from the lagoon to the pivot to irrigate.
 5. Jeff & Sandra Thies and James & Janet Kuchta well permit LC-579 in the NENW Section 6 T29N R1E and will comingle with approved wells LC-554 & LC-555 to irrigate 126 approved irrigated acres.
 6. Patrick & Kayla Dorcey well permit LC-580 in the NENW Section 30 T29N R6E, expanded irrigated acres permit X-26009 for 133 acres in the NW Section 30 T29N R6E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-580.
 7. Steve & Shirley Rasmussen well permits LC-581 and LC-582 in the SENE Section 14 T30N R3E and NENE Section 14 T30N R3E. He will comingle both wells with approved well LC-564 to irrigate 128 existing irrigated acres.
 8. Nickolas Kvols expanded acres permit X-26010 for 25 irrigated acres in the NW Section 3 T28N R4E.
 9. Logan Valley Imp. Co. well permit LC-583 in the SWSW Section 33 T30N R3W and will comingle with approved well LC-571 to irrigate 115 existing acres.
 10. Earl & Rose Berkey well permit LC-584 for a well in the NENE Section 19 T31N R1W and will comingle with existing well G-149620 to irrigate 133 existing acres.

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Schweers, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Christensen. ABSENT: Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (6-0-1-4).

Review WSF and NET Water and Technology Conservation Program: Report moved to June meeting.

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

NARD activities: No report.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: No report.

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NRC): No Report

NE NE RC&D Report: No Report

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

Bazile GMA Updates: Reports from Bazile Coordinator, Marcus Blunck and Bazile Extension Educator, Pablo Duarte was included in the packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from April 9, 2026; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the March 12, 2026, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from March 13, 2026, through April 9, 2026, as presented.
- To approve contracting notification services with Daupler contingent on Lewis and Clark NRD splitting the \$4,999 implementation and the \$15,000 annual fee.
- To approve the awarding of the 2026 Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship to the top ranked applicant

by anonymous review, Kaley Lammers, Cedar Catholic High School.

- To approve adjournment of the meeting.

It was moved by Schweers, seconded by Kinkaid to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above with LCNRD providing 25% of the Daupler contract amount for set up and annual costs. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Schweers, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None. ABSENT: Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused Absences: Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen

ADJOURN

It was moved by Kinkaid seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Kinkaid, Kollars, Schweers, Weinandt, and Johnson. NAY: None, ABSENT: Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Chris Johnson
Scott Kinkaid
Dan Kollars
Tyler Schweers
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Myles Lammers, Assistant Manager
Dustin Weinandt, Water Resources Technician
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Jase Gerdes, Summer Intern

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 April 16, 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