## LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES __ June 18, 2026

Chair Schmidt called June 18, 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. 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: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Loecker, Schmidt, Schweers, Steffen and Weinandt.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve minutes of May 21, 2026, board meeting and the May 22 to June 18, 2026, consent agenda and check #25511 to Houston Engineering in the amount of $12,555.25 for Bow Creek Sampling Data Interpretation. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Kollars, and Lamb. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Manager's Report: Sudbeck updated the board on current NRD activities.

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

1. *John & Shelia Lange expanded acres permit X-26017 for 67 acres in the NWNW Section 28 T32N R1E. He did have permit X-23027 but never expanded any irrigates acres and the permit expired. He is now expanding irrigated acres with this new permit.*

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

Aowa Creek Watershed Plan for 1-2 and 22-3 Consideration: Melissa Baier, NRCS State Office, presented the options and costs for the rehabilitation of Aowa structures 1-3 and 22-3. *It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson to approve Supplemental Watershed Agreement No. 3 with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and to request design funds pertaining to Aowa Structures 1-3 and 22-3. Roll call vote: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Kollars, and Lamb. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

Review WSF and NET Water and Technology Conservation Program: Trenhaile and D. Weinandt reviewed a power point presentation on the WSF and NET Water and Technology Conservation Program currently being implemented in LCNRD.

Groundwater Data and Management: Trenhaile reported groundwater data and management activities and provided a power point presentation.

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**

Bazile GMA Updates: Bazile Coordinator, Marcus Blunck updated the board on BGMA activities and answered questions. Reports from both Blunck and the Bazile Extension Educator, Pablo Duarte, are included in the packet.

Source Water Specialist Update: Jim Olson, LENRD and LCNRD Source Water Specialist, provided a power point presentation on his outreach activities and answered board questions. Report from Olson is included in the director's packet.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: No report.

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen provided an update on current NRC activities.

NE Nebraska Resource Conservation and Development: Trenhaile reported on current RC&D activities.

NARD activities: Schmidt reported on NARD activities and the Basin Tour based in North Platte.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist provided updates on current activities. Program assistant Holly Stark, Bloomfield NRCS office, reported on PA activities for the second quarter.

Budget Committee Report: Schmidt updated the board on the modification to the 457 Roth retirement account. *It was moved by Loecker, seconded by Schweers to approve the modification to the 457 Roth retirement as stated below:*

*WHEREAS, the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts sponsors a 457 Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Plan") allowing Pre-Tax Elective and Roth Deferrals by participants.*

*WHEREAS, the NRD managers and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Board representatives have discussed adding In Plan Roth Rollover Contributions and In Plan Roth Rollover Transfers options to the Plan.*

*THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED, that the following Section 32, In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions and Section 33, In-Plan Roth Rollover Transfers of the Plan be amended as follows:*

***32. In-Plan Roth Rollover Contributions.***
*a.* ***[X] Yes, allowed.***
***Effective Date***
*1. [X] In-Plan Roth Rollover Effective Date: November 1, 2026*

***33. In-Plan Roth Rollover Transfers.***
*a.* ***[X] Yes, allowed.***
***Effective Date***
*1. [X] In-Plan Roth Rollover Transfers Effective Date November 1, 2026*

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

Schmidt and Sudbeck reported on and presented recommendations of the budget committee: *It was moved by Schweers, seconded by Johnson to approve Resolution 2026-1 for the 1% Lid Limit Allowance for the FY207 Budget as stated below:*

*BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District in the Counties of Cedar, Knox, and Dixon with 75% of the Board present voting aye, the district approved the additional 1% increase allowable on base restrictions for the Fiscal Year 2027 Budget of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statue 13-519 at the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Board Meeting held on June 16, 2026.*

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

*It was moved by Condon, seconded by Weinandt to approve the additional FY2027 budget committee report, draft budget items, and proposed special projects, as presented below (file copy included with the minutes):*

- *To recommend FY2027 budget and programs based on review from May 2027 Planning Meeting.*
- *To migrate to the cloud supported version of QuickBooks to include time keeping and task tracking at an amended amount of approximately $10,000 annually.*
- *To affirm the prior approved FY2027 cost of living wage increases, merit raises, and position changes.*
- *To solicit bids for modification to the existing office building and construction of a storage facility.*
- *To support director Weinandt participating in leadership activities through NACD.*
- *To transfer an additional $75,000 to the sinking fund for resource management in FY2026.*

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

Rural Water Advisory Committee Recommendations. Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from June 11, 2026; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- *To approve the minutes of the May 14, 2026, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve the expenses from May 15, 2026, through June 11, 2026, as presented and approve payment to SD Internet for $86.00.*
- *To approve the appointment of Advisory Committee members, Martin Kleinschmit, Francis Steffen, and Chuck Sudbeck, for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2030.*
- *To approve the appointment of Advisory Committee members Denny Tilton and Matt Weinandt for 4-year term ending June 30, 2030.*
- *To approve recommendation for Chuck Steffen to continue as committee chair.*
- *To approve recommendation of the draft FY2027 budgets to the LCNRD Board of Directors.*
- *To approve the rural water applications for Brian Wiese in Grandview Estates Block 2 Lot 7 in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, Terry Reigle in Sec 14 T33N R2W in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, Patrick Kollars in Sec 13 T33N R2W in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Kim & Mitch Doht in Sec 19 T33N R3W in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit.*
- *To approve adjournment of meeting at 11:40 AM.*

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

NRD CKRWP Board Representative Weinandt presented a Power Point that reviewed history, management, connection, Source Water Project, and future rate charts for CKRWP *(file copy attached to the minutes)*.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Excused Absences: Christensen, Kollars, and Lamb.

**ADJOURN**

*It was moved by Johnson seconded by Kinkaid to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None, ABSENT: Christensen, Kollars, and Lamb. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

| MEMBERS PRESENT | GUESTS PRESENT |
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| Dave Condon | Annette Sudbeck, Manager |
| Chris Johnson | Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager |
| Scott Kinkaid | Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator |
| Ryan Loecker | Reed Trenhaile, I&E & Water Resources Coordinator |
| Russ Schmidt | Dustin Weinandt, Water Resources Technician |

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| Tyler Schweers | Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist |
| Jeff Steffen | Holly Stark, Program Assistant Ponca Office |
| Matt Weinandt | Marcus Blunck, BGMA Coordinator |
| | Jim Olson, Source Water Protection Specialist |

I, the undersigned Secretary for the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings of the Board of Directors held on June 18, 2026. I further certify that all subjects addressed in these proceedings were included on the agenda at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting; that the minutes of the Chair and Board of Directors were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and before the next convened meeting of the Board; and that all news media requesting notification were informed of the time, place, and subjects to be discussed at the meeting.

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Board Secretary