

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

July 16, 2026

Chair Schmidt called July 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. 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, Schmidt, Schweers, Steffen and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Lamb to approve minutes of June 18, 2026, board meeting and the June 19 to July 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, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Loecker. Motion carried (10-0-1).

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.

NSWCP & WSF Funding: Sudbeck reported that on June 29, 2026, a hearing was held in Nelson v. Spellerberg, No. CI 26-1742 (Lancaster Cty. Dist. Ct.), to determine whether a temporary injunction should be issued to, in part, prohibit transfers from the Nebraska Environmental Trust ("NET") Fund to the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) and Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program (NSWCP). As a result of the temporary injunction litigation, all state payments for WSF and NSWCP have been suspended. After discussion, it was moved by Kollars, seconded by Johnson, to approve payments for NSWCP contracts currently in progress or completed and to suspend approval of any new contracts. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Loecker. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: C. Fiedler presented the irrigated acres report for certification. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Condon to approve certification of 6,225 acres on 55 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Loecker. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: C. Fiedler reviewed permit applications. It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Schweers to approve the permit applications as stated below:

1. Claude & Angela Pinkelman well permit LC-591L in the NWN & NENW Section 12 T31N R2E.
2. Jack & Judy Tonk expanded acres permit X-26018 for 65 irrigated acres in the N1/2SE Section 5 T32N R2E. They will be using wells LC-505 and LC-506 owned by Adam, Eric, & Mark Heimes. A pooling agreement P-26002 has been filed between the parties.
3. Roger & Barbara Sudbeck expanded acres permit X-26019 for 10 irrigated acres in the SESE Section 34 T31N R1E.
4. Bow Valley Elevator LLC expanded acres permit X-26020 for 69 irrigated acres in the E1/2NE Section 2 T30N R3W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Loecker. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Groundwater Data and Management Activities: C. Fielder reported on irrigation water quality sampling and interest from approximately 60 domestic well owners to have their wells tested.

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

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

NARD activities: Schmidt reported on NARD activities. Sudbeck informed the board on possible proposed legislative resolutions.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Kollars reported on the July Wau-Col meeting.

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

NRCS Report: Sudbeck reported on the Local Working Group meeting held on July 10th at the Hartington Hotel.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Recommendations. Weinandt reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from July 9, 2026; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Christensen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated below:

- To approve the minutes of the June 11, 2026, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from June 12, 2026, through July 9, 2026, as presented.
- To approve the recommendation of a 7.5% increase to water rates.
- To approve to retain the fee for non-compliance of the cross-connection control program which consists of completing a Cross-Connection Survey at least once every five years.
- To approve the rural water service applications for Mariah & Jordan Nelson in Sec 27 T33N R2W in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Wendy & Cory Zimmerman in Sec 13 T33N R3W in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit.
- To approve adjournment of meeting at 11:27 AM

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Loecker. Motion carried (10-0-1).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused Absences: Loecker

ADJOURN

It was moved by Condon seconded by Kollars to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None, ABSENT: Loecker. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Chris Johnson
Scott Kinkaid
Dan Kollars
Carl Lamb
Russ Schmit
Tyler Schweers
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Manager
Cole Fiedler, Water Resources Technician

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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 July 16, 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.

Board Secretary