LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES _____________________________ August 20, 2026

Chair Schmidt called August 20, 2026, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 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, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Schmidt, Steffen and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Condon, seconded by Christensen to approve minutes of July 16, 2026, board meeting and July 17 to August 20, 2026, consent agenda and check #25584 to Hartington Ace Hardware in the amount of $1,841.98 for a new refrigerator in the lab room. 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, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck informed the board, one of the Patefield-Green scholarship awardees returned their scholarship check. It was the consensus of the board to award Calvin Wilmes of Creighton Public School a $1,000 Patefield-Green scholarship. Sudbeck reviewed the draft budget. *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Lamb to approve the draft budget as reviewed. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

ONE RED Agreement - DWEE: Sudbeck informed the board DWEE has obtained funding to provide a staff person at each NRD to implement ONE RED cost share programs and to promote conservation in the district. LCNRD will pay a percentage of the cost for the position and related costs. *It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Condon to approve the ONE RED Agreement with DWEE for $230,000 over a 3-year period. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

NSWCP/NRD – Tree Program Rates: No discussion or action taken.

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

1. *Jerry & Rhonda Zuhlke well permit LC-592R in the SWSW Section 32 T29N R5W to replace well G-159457.*
2. *MG Waldbaum Co. replacement well permit LC-593R.*
3. *Farmer Farms LLC expanded acres permit X-26021 for 24 irrigated acres in the SENE Section 21 T30N R2E.*
4. *David & Sandra Wortmann well permit LC-594 in the NENE Section 22 T32N R2, expanded acres permit X-26022 for 133 irrigated acres in the NE Section 22 T32N R2W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-594*
5. *Richard and Nancy Wortmann expanded acres permit X-26023 for 128 irrigated acres in the NW Section 23 T32N R2W. These acres will be irrigated by the new well of David Wortmann and a pooling agreement P-26003 in on file between David Wortmann and Richard Wortmann.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: None

Water Data and Management: No discussion or action taken.

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

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen stated they had a meeting on July 28th and no other details were shared due to a court injunction.

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

Northeast Nebraska RC&D: Sudbeck reported on current committee activities.

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

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Bazile Extension Educator, Pable Hernandez Duarte and Bazile Coordinator, Marcus Blunck were included in the packet.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist provided updates on current activities and her report was included in the director's packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Recommendations. Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and budget review. Weinandt presented recommendations from August 15, 2026; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee. *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated below:*

- *To approve the minutes of the July 9, 2026, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve the expenses from July 10, 2026, through August 13, 2026, as presented and approve $300 payment to NDWEE for the 3-year Agreement.*
- *To approve the recommendation of the final FY2027 CKRWP budget and the FY2027 Source Solution and System Upgrades project budget.*
- *To approve the rural water service applications for Nebraska Game & Parks for the Weigand Project in Sec 27 T33N R2W in Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Jeff & Tess Parriott in Sec 8 T33N R1E in Cedar County for 1 Benefit Unit.*
- *To approve adjournment of meeting at 10:55 AM*

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

CKRWP - DWEE Three-Year Engineering Agreement – Following discussion about the engineering agreement that was received after the CKRWP regular meeting; *it was moved by Kollars, seconded by Condon to approve the three-year engineering agreement between CKRWP and the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and the Environment and to pay the $300 fee for the agreement. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

CKRWP – EPA Community Grant Agreement – Following discussion about the receipt of the anticipated EPA Community Grant agreement for Phase II construction of the Source Solution and Upgrade Project for CKRWP; *it was moved by Kollars, seconded by Weinandt to approve the EPA Community Grant agreement for Phase II construction of the CKRWP Source Solution and Upgrade Project in the amount of ten million dollars with two and one half million dollars match provided by CKRWP. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW
Excused Absences: Schweers

ADJOURN
It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Loecker to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None, ABSENT: Kinkaid and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT
Carly Christensen	Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Dave Condon	Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Chris Johnson	Myles Lammers, Assistant Manager
Dan Kollars	Kristi Hochstein, Office Manager
Carl Lamb	Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Ryan Loecker	
Russ Schmidt	
Jeff Steffen	
Matt Weinandt	

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 August 20, 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