LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES September 17, 2026

Chair Schmidt called September 17, 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, Loecker, Schmidt, Schweers, and Steffen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve minutes of August 20, 2026, board meeting and August 21 to September 17, 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, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

Weinandt entered meeting at 7:05 PM.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Schmidt opened the floor to public comment. Kevin Connot, Candidate for Northeast Nebraska Power Board of Directors introduced himself to the board and reviewed his priorities.

FY2027 – 1% LID LIMIT ALLOWANCE RESOLUTION

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Weinandt to approve Resolution 2026-3 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 governing board 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 September 17, 2026.*

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

FINAL ACTON ON FISCAL YEAR BUDGET AND LEVY RESOLUTION 2026-2

Schmidt stated the budget hearing was held on September 17th at 6:00 pm with the tax levy hearing following the budget hearing. No public was in attendance. *It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Condon to approve the FY2027 budget as presented. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars and Lamb. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Weinandt to approve tax levy resolution 2026-2 as stated:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of Lewis & Clark NRD passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Lewis & Clark NRD resolves that:

1. The 2026-2027 property tax request be set at:

   General Fund: $ 1,984,610.08

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 6.29 percent.

3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be 0.029001 per $100 of assessed value.
4. Lewis & Clark NRD proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.030825 per $100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Lewis & Clark NRD will decrease last year's budget by 13.88 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2026.

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

Christensen left the meeting at 7:21 pm.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck updated the board on current NRD activities, and a written report was provided in the packet.

The October board meeting will be held on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 pm.

Following discussion, Board consensus was to provide tuition and related expenses for one staff member annually to attend the Nebraska Water Leaders Academy where there is an interested participant. There was further consensus to provide tuition for Sudbeck to attend the Nebraska LEAD Program. By consensus, the Board agreed to provide the district manager with a vehicle for commuting.

USGS Joint Funding Agreement for Bazile & Bow Creek Stream Gages: *It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for the Bazile & Bow Creek Stream Gages. 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)*

FY2027 Tree Program Rate Establishment: *It was moved by Weinandt seconded by Loecker to approve the following LCNRD tree rates for the 2027 tree season: $1.40 per seedling tree, $35.00 per 25 bundle of seedlings, price to be determined by management per native plant plugs, $0.32 per linear foot for planting with a minimum stop charge of $325.00, tillage on cropland $0.35 per linear foot, tillage on sod $0.45 per linear foot; and a go back charge of $4.50 per mile. Weed barrier 500-foot roll $225, weed mats with 5 staples $3.50 each, coconut round mats $3.50 each with 4 staples, coconut mulch square mats are $7.00 each with 5 staples. Modified NSWCP 2027 tree rates are: $0.50 per linear foot for tree planting, $0.35 per linear foot for site prep tilling cropland, $0.45 per linear foot for site prep tilling sod, mulch mats $3.50 each, mulch (Coco Squares) 3'x3'squares $7.00 each, drip irrigation $0.40 per linear foot, windbreak renovation, tree removal less than 8" diameter at breast height (DBH) $1.95 per linear foot and removal greater than 8" diameter at breast height (DBH) $3.66 linear foot. 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).*

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

1. *Terry & Mary Zavadil well permit LC-595 in the NESW Section 8 T33N R1E, expanded acres permit X-26024 for 133 irrigated acres in the SW section 8 T33N R1E.*
2. *Terry & Mary Zavadil well permit LC-596 in the NESE Section 14 T33N R1W, expanded acres permit X-26025 for 34 irrigated acres in the NESE section 14 T33N R1W.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Schmidt. ABSENT: Christensen, Kollars, and Lamb. Motion carried (7-0-1-3).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: Weinandt presented the irrigated acres report for certification. *It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Weinandt to approve certification of 7,217 acres on 72 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the 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).*

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

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

NARD activities: Schmidt reported on NARD activities and reviewed proposed legislative resolutions.

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported the next meeting will be September 29th.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Sudbeck reviewed action from the September 3rd Wau-Col meeting. The next meeting will be held November 5th in Belden.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D: No Report.

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

NRCS Report: NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist provided updates on current activities. Program Assistant Diane Wieseler, Hartington NRCS office, reported on program assistant activities in the district for the third quarter and a written report was provided in the packet.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Recommendations. Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities. Weinandt presented recommendations from September 10, 2026; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee. *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Condon to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated below:*

- *To approve the minutes of the August 13, 2026, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve the expenses from August 14, 2026, through September 10, 2026, as presented.*
- *To approve entering into agreement with the United States Environmental Protection Agency for the Community Development Grant #9672670 for ten (10) million dollars awarded for the project requiring two and one half (2.5) million dollars in match.*
- *To approve the 3-year Agreement with Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment that was approved by LCNRD Board of Directors on the August 20, 2026 meeting.*
- *To approve adjournment of meeting at 10:53 AM*

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).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused Absences: Kollars and Lamb

ADJOURN

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Loecker, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None, ABSENT: Kollars and Lamb. Motion carried (8-0-3).

MEMBERS PRESENT
Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Chris Johnson
Scott Kinkaid
Ryan Loecker
Russ Schmit
Tyler Schweers
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT
Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Manager
Dustin Weinandt, Water Resources Technician
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant Hartington NRCS Office

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 September 17, 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