

Vice Chairman Steffen called the January 17, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 1:30 pm at the Lewis & Clark NRD Office, Hartington NE. Vice Chairman Steffen stated prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board and announced to the public present that a copy of the Open Meeting Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room.

OATHS OF OFFICE

Oath of Office was administered to elected directors Matt Weinandt, Gary Howey, David Condon, Jeff Steffen, Bill Christensen. Leroy Hoelsing was not in attendance

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman Election: Director Christensen nominated Jeff Steffen for Chairman. *It was moved by Director Kramer and seconded by Director Christensen that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Jeff Steffen as Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Steffen. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-1-1).*

Vice Chairman Election: Director Armstrong nominated Carolyn Heine for Vice Chairman. *It was moved by Director Howey and seconded by Director Schmidt that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Carolyn Heine as Vice Chairman of the Board. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Heine. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-1-1).*

Secretary Treasurer Election. Director Heine nominated Gary Howey for Secretary Treasurer. *It was moved by Director Steffen and seconded by Director Johnson that nominations cease and a unanimous ballot be cast for Gary Howey as Secretary Treasurer. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Howey. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-1-1).*

Chairman Steffen appointed Director Marcel Kramer to be the Lewis & Clark NRD Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Delegate and Matt Weinandt as the Alternate. Director. Director Gary Howey was appointed to represent the Lewis & Clark NRD on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D Council and the Wau-Col Rural Water Project. Director Weinandt will represent the Lewis & Clark NRD on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Board.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda and financials were reviewed with discussion on investment accounts. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Heine to approve the minutes of the December 20, 2018 board meeting and the November consent agenda which includes the financial reports and cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-0-1).*

NRCS REPORT

Austin Baldwin, NRCS Soil Conservationist, gave the NRCS report in the absence of Tyler Specht. Baldwin reported on the continuing government shutdown, EQIP program with a Feb 1 ranking deadline. The upcoming local work group meeting will be January 24th to discussed Farm Bill Program implementation for year 2020. (Copy of report attached to file copy of minutes).

NEBR FOREST SERVICE

Jorden Smith reported on recent brush management workshops held in Devils Nest and near Wiseman Monument. Smith also reported on visits with area landowners on brush management projects and program participation and enrollment.

RURAL WATER REPORT

Matt Weinandt and Scott Fiedler reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting held on January 10. The following recommendations were made by the Committee.

1. Approve the minutes of the December 13th, 2018 rural water meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from December 14th 2018 - January 10th 2019 as presented.
3. The Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship in 2019 will be distributed to Kolby and Derek Jueden as they are entering their last semester at Wayne State College this spring. The \$500 scholarship along with the \$200 donated by Ted McIntyre Consulting will be awarded.
4. Approve the applications for Clay and Kara Baker (Sec 2 T31N R1W, Cedar County) and John Aschoff (Sec 18 T33N, R2W, Knox County) for 9 MBU's with onsite storage and flow restriction required as a condition of connecting to the system.

The rural water committee also discussed:

- Major leak found after which production was turned down 100,000 gallons per day. Discussed putting meters at 8 PRV locations to assist in finding leaks at a meter cost of at least \$1000 each.
- Project will be purchasing a flat bed and tools for the second truck,
- CKRWP has been informed that Crofton council is lacking a quorum due to two vacant seats and won't be able to pay bills until after a special election to be held March 12. Consensus was Late fees will not be forgiven if they are in disconnect status because of nonpayment.
- Reviewed the engineering options for increasing capacity of CKRWP. Five options from Bartlett and West were reviewed in November 2017 including purchasing water from Yankton, horizontal collection wells, extending the intake and building a plant on the river. Information on groundwater resources provided in 2017 by Sue Lackey, UNL Hydrogeologist was also reviewed and areas surveyed using Aero Electromagnetic technology to define aquifer boundaries and estimate storage in select areas were discussed. The next step is to determine the best option moving forward to increase capacity and secure a long term water source for CKRWP.
- Scott Fiedler reported on the search for a new billing program for the system and Micro Comm update needs.

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Schmidt to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendations stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-0-1). (Copy of report attached to file copy of minutes).

NARD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS - None

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

Marcel Kramer reported next meeting of the Nebraska Association of Resources District is January 30th. Kramer recommended directors review legislative updates from Dean Edson and Zulkoski-Weber before the conference to become familiar with proposed legislation.

RC&D & Wau Col: Gary Howey reported the Northeast Nebraska Resources Conservation & Development met and discussed the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center's funding concerns. New Director Jocelyn Osborne has taken over at RC&D as Jan Jorgensen has retired. Wau Col's operator will be off work for two months so Jim Cautrel will be filling in during that time.

NRC: Jeff Steffen reported NRC will be meeting in March and voting on officers at that meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the 2019 Average Costs adjustments for the NSWCP Program. It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Armstrong to approve the 2019 Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program docket as presented with weed barrier cost share rate set at \$0.72 rather than the state average cost of \$0.63. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-0-1).

Sudbeck updated the board on:

- State Auditor's Final Report
- Legal opinion on paying claims in advance of board approval as approved at last month's meeting. .
- Mid Year budget figures were compared to actual revenue and income figures.
- 2018 Irrigation Water Quality Sampling Results for Bazile Area and entire NRD were provided and briefly discussed. More conversation and data will be provided for the March planning meeting.

Manager Sudbeck discussed with the board the AEM Survey Data compiled to date and the fact that this last AEM survey will basically complete the 3 mile grid of the district. Aqua Geo Frameworks would compile all the data in one report and one data format. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Howey to approve a contract with Aqua Geo Frameworks to compile all Lewis & Clark NRD AEM Flight Data into a report at an approximate cost of \$7200. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-0-1).

Myles Lammers, Water Resources Technician reported on permit requests received. Applications received were from Danny Sudbeck, David Eisenhauer and Dean Wilken with an additional expanded acres request from Danny Sudbeck. The board discussed permits and comments received from Sue Lackey on Danny Sudbeck's Niobrara formation request. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Heine to approve

- Well Permit LC 225 Danny Sudbeck located in Section 12-T31N-R1E, Expanded Acres Permit X18016 for 66 acres in the N ½ NW ¼ 11-T31N-R1E, and X19001 for 73 acres in Section 12-31-1E and Flow Meter Costs share FMLC225.
- Well Permit LC223 David Eisenhauer located in Section 1-T30N-R4W.
- Well Permit LC224 Dean Wilken located in Section 33-T31N-R2W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-0-1).

Connor Baldwin, newly hired Resources Technician, introduced himself to the board.

Manager Sudbeck reviewed with the board proposals received for Information Technology services for NRD computer network services and maintenance. Two bids were received with both being comparable in fees that were provided at the time of the meeting. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Johnson to approve contracting with Trent Heiser for Information Technology Service at \$12,000 per year, with upgrades as needed and upgrade to Office 365 for all staff. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-0-1). (Copy of managers' report attached to file copy of minutes)

Discussion was held on changing bank signature cards at financial institutions. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Johnson to authorize removal of Jack Fuchtmann from the signature card and to add Carolyn Heine Vice Chairman, change Jeff Steffen from Vice Chairman to Chairman and to maintain Gary Howey as Secretary Treasurer, and to make no changes to Annette Sudbeck and Marilyn Schumacher at all financial institutions. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Heine. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1-1).

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Directors Hoelsing had contacted the office prior to the meeting and is excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm. The next meeting will be February 21st at 1:30 pm.

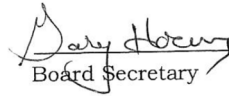
MEMBERS PRESENT

Armstrong, Curtis
Christensen, Bill
Condon, Dave
Heine, Carolyn
Howey, Gary
Johnson, Chris
Kramer, Marcel
Schmidt, Russ
Steffen, Jeff
Weinandt, Matt

GUESTS PRESENT

Baldwin, Austin
Jack Fuchtman,
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP
Jordan Smith, Nebr Forest Service
Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Connor Baldwin, Res Tech.
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr.
Myles Lammers, Water Res Tech

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 January 17, 2019 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 Chairman 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