# **LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES**

## November 15, 2018

Chairman Fuchtman called the November 15, 2018 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 5:37 pm at the Historic Hartington Hotel, Hartington NE. Chairman Fuchtman 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 banquet room.

### CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda additions were distributed. <u>It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the</u> <u>minutes of the October 18, 2018 board meeting and the November consent agenda which includes the</u> <u>treasurer's report, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections. (Copy attached to file copy of</u> <u>minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT:</u> <u>Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Hoesing, Weinandt. Motion carried (6-0-5).</u>

# NRCS REPORT

Tyler Specht, NRCS District Conservationist reported on EQIP program and current deadline and other activities of the NRCS Office.

#### **RURAL WATER REPORT**

Annette Sudbeck reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting held on November 8. The following recommendations were made by the Committee.

- I. Approve the minutes of the October II, 2018 rural water meeting.
- 2. Approve the expenses for November as presented.
- 3. Approve the hookup request for Tom Kuchta (Sec 49 T33N RIE) upon payment of the renewal of the Engineering Application fee and to approve the request to reduce MBUs from 3 to I on account A195.

The Committee also reviewed deficiencies from the DHHS Sanitary Survey report, project manager staffing – Scott Fiedler taking over in December, new billing software programs, security grant and planning grant, and possibility of a trial run using Clearitas product in clear wells to remove potential biofilm and potentially lower THM production. Vince Lammers was hired as field technician starting on November 26, 2018. <u>It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendations stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Hoesing, Weinandt. Motion carried (6-0-5).</u>

#### **DIRECTORS ACTIVITY**

<u>CDWC</u>: In the absence of Director Carolyn Heine, Sudbeck reported on the November 7 meeting of the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center and resignation of Katie Meyer as director for the Center effective at the end of December. The NRD Board consensus was to not start a hiring process until receive response from RC&D and DOT on current agreements with these agencies.

NRC: Jeff Steffen reported applications for WSF funds are being reviewed and recent NRC and DNR discussion on how to determine director per diem.

<u>RC&D – Wau-Col</u>: Gary Howey reported Northeast Nebraska RC&D held interviews with candidates for executive director at the Northeast Nebraska RC&D. NE Nebraska RC&D annual meeting is scheduled for November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Wau Col rural water project committee met and approved a 14% water rate increase to become effective January, 2019.

Marcel Kramer reported Nebraska Association of Resources District board met and discussed potential impact of LB427 on budget for coming fiscal year in Nebraska and legislation to address funding for this.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the UNL Memorandum of Understanding for Bazile Extension position. 25% of salary and benefits will be paid by the Lewis & Clark NRD, 25% by Lower Elkhorn NRD, 25% by Upper Elkhorn NRD and 25% by UNL. <u>It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to authorize management to sign the Memorandum of Understanding with UNL for Bazile Extension Position.</u> <u>Roll call vote: AYE: Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Hoesing, Weinandt. Motion carried (6-0-5).</u>

Sudbeck updated the board on:

- Bazile Management area activities,
- ESCA complaint Knox Co land owner completed action to correct issue,
- NRC Basin Caucus will be held during the January 29 Papio Missouri NRD Meeting and further updates will be provided at December meeting.
- Met with Knox Co Economic Development group
- Meridian Trail end points are completed.
- Ads were placed for Resource Technician and Office Technician with applications accepted through November 28<sup>th</sup>.
- Manager Sudbeck reported on operating/security issues with server at office and lack of technical support which is driving the need to make changes.
- Meeting with Santee Tribe officials and others about waste water and drinking water.

Myles Lammers, Water Resources Technician reported on monitoring wells, Aowa watershed maintenance and crop consultant meeting.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Directors Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, and Weinandt had contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm. The next meeting will be December 20<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

#### MEMBERS PRESENT

Fuchtman, Jack Howey, Gary Johnson, Chris Kramer. Marcel Schmidt, Russ Steffen, Jeff <u>GUESTS PRESENT</u> Tyler Specht, NRCS Annette Sudbeck, Manager Myles Lammers, Water Res Tech Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr

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 November 15, 2018 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.