

Vice Chair Heine called the June 20, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 pm at the Lewis & Clark NRD Office, Hartington NE. Vice Chair Heine 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 Meetings Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda and financial reports were reviewed. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the minutes of the May 16, 2019 board meeting and the May 17 to June 20, 2019 consent agenda which includes the financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, and corrections. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote. AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Weinandt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-3).

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Kramer reported on the planning committee meeting held prior to board meeting. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Condon to approve the following recommendations of the planning committee.

- Approve Dana F Cole engagement letter to assist manager in preparation of the fiscal year 2020 budget for LCNRD for estimated cost of \$1400.
- Approve salary schedule as presented for employees to take effect July 7th.
- Approve well permit LC-235L for Feilmeier Family Trust located in NENW Section 33-31N-2E.
- Approve Expanded Acres Application X-19011 for Rick Feilmeier for 52 acres in the N ½ NW section 28-31N-2E.
- Approve well permit LC-236NF for Mike Hans in SENW Section 23-32N-2E to be registered as a pit well.
- Approve well permit LC-237 for Allen Kathol in the SESE Section 2-30N-1E.
- Approve well permit LC-238 for Rod Flaugh, in the Center SW Section 23-30N-1W, Expanded Acres Permit X-19012 in SW Section 23-30N-1W to irrigate 133 acres, and Flow Meter Cost Share application FMLC-238.

Roll call vote. AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Armstrong. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Weinandt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-3).

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

NARD Report: Kramer provided an update on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) activities. Kramer reported former LCNRD manager Tom Moser is nominated by LCNRD for the NARD Hall of Fame award. Upcoming events include: Nebraska State Fair in Grand Island Aug 23-Sept 2, Husker Harvest Days Sept 10-12, and NARD annual meeting Sept 22-24.

RC&D & Wau Col: Howey reported the May Northeast Nebraska RC&D meeting was held at his office in Hartington. The RC&D office moved from Neligh to Ponca as of May 31st. Wau-Col Rural Water System added one new customer and there is a water leak McLean is working to locate. Next meeting is September 5th at the Belden library.

Natural Resources Commission: No report as Steffen was absent from the meeting. Manager Sudbeck reported Water Sustainability Fund Grant Applications are due July 31st.

Basin Tour Update: Heine, Kramer, and Manager Sudbeck attended the NARD Loup River Basin Tour June 10 and 11. The group toured many locations of interest to the basin related to conservation and district practices.

NRCS REPORT

Rosen reported on Program Assistant activities (report is attached to file copy of minutes). Specht reported NRCS requested additional EQIP funds to approve additional contracts. Emergency Conservation Program (ECP) administered by FSA, to repair structures and washouts due to flooding. A Bazile National Water Quality Initiative (NWQI) sign up will continue until July 19th. Austin Baldwin, Resource Conservationist, will be going out in the Bazile area to inform growers about the NWQI Program.

CEDAR KNOX RURAL WATER PROJECT REPORT

Scott Fiedler reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee meeting held Thursday June 13th and the following recommendations were made to the Lewis & Clark NRD board.

1. Approve the minutes of the May 9th, 2019 rural water meeting
2. Approve the expenses from May 10th, 2019 – June 13th, 2019 as presented.
3. Approve an increase in water rates paid by the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project users, with the minimum increasing \$3.00 for customers in the Original Project which includes Menominee South Project and \$2.00 for customers in the Bow Creek Project. The maintenance fee for all customers will remain \$8.50/month. (Combined Water Charge for Minimums and Maintenance Fee for a Single Benefit Unit: Original Project will be \$44.75 and Bow Creek Project will be \$48.25). The per 1,000 water rate paid by all customers will increase \$.25 to \$.515/1,000 gallons. Benefit Units (BUs) based on the median high usage over the last five years will be used to establish a monthly number of Benefit Units for the 4 communities. The increase will go into effect October 1, 2019.
4. Approve Engineering Review Application for Ron Joslin (Sec 14, T33N, R3W, Knox County) and approve request to reduce Benefit Unit's from 13 to 3 on account A178.

Fiedler reported on items reviewed at the CKRWP meeting. (Report attached to file copy of minutes). It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote. AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Weinandt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-3).

BAZILE REPORT

Jeremy Milander introduced himself to the board as the UNL Bazile Extension Educator. Milander reported on progress with field demonstration sites and a producer meeting held in Osmond on June 18th.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager Sudbeck reported the Water Quality Management Plan meeting in Wynot was well attended. Next step is to apply for funding to implement the plan. Sudbeck attended the managers meeting in Norfolk where items discussed included the NARD budget, cedar tree use in Nebraska, and NRCS programs. The 2020 National Envirothon will be in Lincoln next year; LCNRD staff will assist as needed with the national event.

Lammers' and Baldwin's reports are included in the packet. Bermel and Schumacher reported on their activities this month.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Director Steffen contacted the office and is excused from the meeting.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Christensen to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Roll call vote. AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt. Nay: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Weinandt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-3).

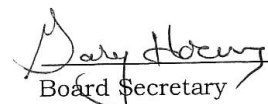
MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Jeremy Milander, Assistant Extension Educator
Jeanne Rosen, NRCS Program Assistant
Tyler Specht, District Conservationist
Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
Elle Bermel, Office Program 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 June 20, 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 Chair 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