

In the absence of Chair Steffen and Vice Chair Heine, Secretary-Treasurer Howey called the December 19, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. Secretary-Treasurer Howey 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 was reviewed. It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the November 21, 2019 board meeting and the November 22, 2019 to December 19, 2019 consent agenda which includes the financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Howey. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Director Armstrong reported on the Budget Committee meeting held prior to the board meeting. It was moved by Hoelsing and seconded by Kramer to approve the recommendations of the Budget Committee:

- Approve purchase of a 2020 single cab, half ton pickup from Peitz GMC for \$29,395.00.
- Approve Joslin Construction to do remodeling in the front office.
- Approve moving forward with UNL Capstone project process to reorganize LCNRD data bases.
- Approve 2019 LCNRD Master Plan for submission to Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR).

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

BAZILE REPORTS

Bazile Extension Educator: Jeremy Milander was present and reported on activities in the Bazile area. (Report attached to file copy of minutes.)

Bazile Coordinator: Baldwin's report is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

NARD: Kramer reported on the Nebraska Natural Resources District Legislative Conference coming up January 28-29th in Lincoln. Condon was appointed voting delegate and Howey alternate for the Legislative Conference.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): In the absence of Steffen, Sudbeck reported that the NRC meeting to rank Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) applications has been held and awards have been announced. Work is continuing with the Soil Health Task Force.

NE RC&D and Wau-Col RWS: Howey provided a report on the Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (NE RC&D) and Wau-Col Rural Water System. (Report attached to the file copy of minutes.)

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

In the absence of Director Weinandt and Project Manager Fiedler, Manager Sudbeck reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee Meeting held December 12, 2019. (Financial report and draft minutes attached to file copy of minutes).

December 12, 2019 recommendations:

1. Approve the minutes of the November 14, 2019 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from November 15, 2019 – December 12, 2019 as presented and approve Nathan Fischer's reimbursement for his water operator license renewal.
3. Approve to continue working with Bartlett & West to address TTHM production in the system to meet Administrative Order requirements.
4. Approve two Engineering Review Applications for Ron Joslin (Sec 14, T33N, R3W, Knox County) 1 BU and (Sec 14, T33N, R3W, Knox County) 1 BU.

It was moved by Johnson and seconded by Schmidt to approve the report and each of the rural water recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Armstrong, Condon, Howey. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

NRCS REPORT

Jeanne Rosen, NRCS Program Assistant was in attendance to report on Program Assistant activities for the last quarter. (Report is attached to the file copy of the minutes.)

Tyler Specht, NRCS District Conservationist reported on General and Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) sign up and other NRCS activities.

NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

Jorden Smith, WUI Forester, reported on work that has been done on the South Shore Project. The area has been designated as a demonstration site for forest management. Smith has accepted a new position from Nebraska Forest Service as District Forester. He will remain at the LCNRD office until he transfers to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District.

Christensen left the meeting at 2:37 p.m.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Fall 2019 Water Level Measurements: Manager Sudbeck reported water levels were higher this year. LCNRD wells saw a 0.6 feet increase since last fall. Niobrara Formation wells down on average 2.6 feet, Missouri River Alluvium wells were up on average 1.8 feet, Dakota Sandstone formation wells were up on average 0.3 feet.

Manager's Report: Sudbeck's report is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meters: It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Armstrong to approve:

- Expanded Acres Permit X-19016 for Rod Flaugh in SW Section 23-30N-1W to irrigate 133 acres with well LC-238.
- Expanded Acres Permit X-19017 for Mike Mauch in SENW, SENWNW, E1/2SWNW, SWNENW Section 14-32N-1W to irrigate 65 acres with wells G-160691 & G-172072.

Roll call vote: AYE: Hoelsing, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Armstrong, Condon, Howey. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Heine, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried (7-0-4).

Staff Updates: Schumacher, Lammers, and Bermel reported on their activities for this month. (Copy of Schumacher's report attached to file copy of minutes.)

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW - EXCUSED ABSENCES

Manager Sudbeck handed out information on the National Association of Conservation Districts meeting February 8-12th in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Directors Heine, Steffen, and Weinandt contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting.

Next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. January 16th at the LCNRD office.

Secretary-Treasurer Howey adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

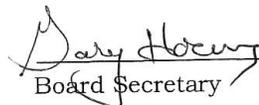
MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Armstrong
Condon, Dave
Bill Christensen
Kramer, Marcel
Schmidt, Russ
Chris Johnson
Gary Howey
Leroy Hoelsing

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Myles Lammers, Res Coord
Elle Bermel, Office Tech
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr
Tyler Specht, NRCS District Conservationist
Jordan Smith, WUI Forester
Jeanne Rosen, NRCS Program Assistant
Jeremy Milander, BGMA Extension Educator

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 December 19, 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