

## **LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES**

**June 20, 2024**

Chair Weinandt called the June 20, 2024, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. Chair Weinandt 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: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong, Christensen, Schmidt, and Steffen.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Kollars to approve minutes of the May 23, 2024, board meeting and the May 24 to June 20, 2024, 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: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).

Steffen entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

### **DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS**

Northeast Nebraska RC&D activity: Kristin Meyer reported on RC&D activities.

Wau-Col Rural Water Activity: Heine stated there was no activity to report and the next meeting would be August 1<sup>st</sup> in Belden.

Natural Resources Commission Activity (NRC): Steffen stated there was no activity to report and the next meeting would be August 15th.

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on the NARD meeting in McCook. Kramer and Weinandt reported on the Republican River Basin Tour.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities, indicated that legal counsel reviewed the contract documents recommended for approval, and presented recommendations from the June 13, 2024, meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve the minutes of the May 9, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve the expenses from May 10, 2024 – June 13, 2024, as presented.
- To approve Engineering Agreement for Phase 2 work with Bartlett & West for \$1,188,000 pending legal counsel review.
- To approve the contract and notice to proceed for Tank 3 with Caldwell Tanks, Inc.
- To approve the contract and notice to proceed for the distribution system upgrades with Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc.
- To recommend the appointment of Advisory Committee members, Joe Janssen and Paul Thoene, and pursue looking for someone to fill the 9<sup>th</sup> seat vacated by Dan Kollars, for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2028.
- To recommend the appointment of Advisory Committee member Terry Zavadil for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2028.
- To recommend committee chair remain Chuck Sudbeck.
- To approve ordering the new 2025 pickup from Peitz GMC for \$46,500.
- To approve the rural water application for Larry Hessling in Sec 30 T33N R3W Lot 39 Devils Nest, Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit.

It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Heine to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

NRCS Reports: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities and Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant in the Hartington NRCS office reported on program assistant activities for the second quarter.

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator, was provided in the director packet. Amy Timmerman, UNL Extension Educator and Madison Melcher, Extension Intern reported on on-farm research and educational activities taking place in the BGMA.

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT**

Budget Committee Secretary Heine reported recommendations for board consideration. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to approve Resolution 2024-1 for the 1% Lid Limit Allowance for FY2025 Budget as stated below.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District in the County of Cedar, Knox, and Dixon with 75% of the board present voting aye, the district approved the additional 1% increase allowable on base restrictions for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 at the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Board Meeting held on June 20, 2024.

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

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Johnson to approve the budget committee recommendations, LCNRD draft budget as reviewed, proposed special projects as reviewed, and the recommendations as stated below:

1. To approve entering an agreement with Lower Elkhorn NRD for a Source Water Protection position, to work on conservation practices to mitigate nitrates for a cost of \$368,470 with LCNRD portion being \$55,000 over a 3-year period and the remaining covered by LENRD and NRCS.
2. To approve the purchase of a tractor, tree planter, tiller and all related equipment for tree planting needs by LCNRD staff in 2025.

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

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Lamb to approve 1.5% cost of living salary increase for all staff and performance increases effective June 30, 2024. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Heine to approve the CKRWP and CKRWP Source Solution draft budgets. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent LCNRD and CKRWP activities. Sudbeck's report is included in the file copy of minutes.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Sudbeck reviewed permits and it was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kollars to approve the permit applications as stated below:

1. Russell Schmidt expanded acres permit X-24024 for 7 irrigated acres in the SESW Section 6, T32N, RIW.

2. Joseph & Amanda Potts expanded acres permit X-24025 for 32 irrigated acres in the N1/2NESE & S1/2SENE Section 25, T32N, R1W.
3. David Nissen Trustee well permit LC-492 for a well in the SESE Section 6, T29N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-24026 for 133 irrigated acres in the SE Section 6, T29N, R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-492.
4. Gayle Becker ETAL well permit LC-493 for a well in the NWSE Section 30, T30N, R3W, expanded acres permit X-24027 for 130 irrigated acres in the SE Section 30, T30N, R3W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-493.
5. Kenneth & Andrea Koch Trustee well permit LC-494 for a well in the NWNW Section 5, T29N, R1E, expanded acres permit X-24028 for 65 irrigated acres in the N1/2NE Section 5, T29N, R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-494.
6. Bow Valley Elevator LLC well permit LC-495 for a well in the NESW Section 2, T30N, R3W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Heine. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-1-0-3).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: None

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, Ravenkamp, and A. Fiedler were provided in the director's packet.

Public Comment: No public comment

**EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Excused absences – Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dave Condon  
 Carolyn Heine  
 Chris Johnson  
 Dan Kollars  
 Marcel Kramer  
 Carl Lamb  
 Jeff Steffen  
 Matt Weinandt

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
 Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP  
 Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator  
 Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist  
 Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant Hartington NRCS  
 Kristin Meyer, NE Nebr. RC&D  
 Amy Timmerman, UNL Extension Educator  
 Madison Melcher, UNL Extension Intern

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, 2024 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.

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Board Secretary