

## **LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES**

**August 15, 2024**

Chair Weinandt called the August 15, 2024, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:01 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: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong and Condon.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Johnson to approve minutes of the July 18, 2024, board meeting and the July 19 to August 15, 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: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon. Motion carried (9-0-2).

### **BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS**

Heine reported on and presented recommendations from the budget committee.

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kramer to approve the FY2025 draft budget, planned projects attached to the file copy of the minutes and the following recommendations:

1. Approve management entering into a 5-year agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for reimbursement of half the LCNRD annual cost for the Bow Creek streamgage located in the Wynot area with a total of up to \$25,300.
2. Approve management to enter the Bow Creek Watershed 319 funded project for 3 year grant contract with Nebraska Department of Environment & Energy with \$300,000 grant and \$200,000 match requirement.
3. Support the Sandhills Interactive Natural Resources Education Complex with \$1,000 payment.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (9-0-2).

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Natural Resources Conservation District staff, Poppe, Baldwin, and LeTexier, reported on and presented recommendations for two ESCA complaints in our district.

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Kollars to approve the recommendations and conservation plans for ESCA complaint number 2024-1 and 2024-3. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (9-0-2).

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

Wau-Col Rural Water Activity: Heine provided a report on Wau-Col activities which is attached to the file copy of the minutes and the next meeting will be at 7:00pm on November 7th at the Belden Library.

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on NARD activities and July 30, 2024, meeting with Governor Pillen and the NRDs on groundwater and irrigation. There are no proposed legislative resolutions at this time. Marcel Kramer was appointed as the 2024 NARD Annual conference voting delegate and Russ Schmidt the alternate by Chair Weinandt.

Natural Resources Commission Activity (NRC): Steffen reported on NRC activities and funding awards for the Water Sustainability Fund.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D activity: Open

NRCS activity: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the August 8, 2024; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

1. To approve the minutes of the July 11, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
2. To approve the expenses from July 12, 2024 – August 8, 2024, as presented.
3. To approve the CKRWP & SSSU Budgets for the 2025 Fiscal Year.
4. To approve the rural water application for Brandon Johnson in Sec 31 T33N R3W Lots 2018-2021 Devils Nest, Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Scott Merchant in Sec 19 T33N R3W Lot 450 in Devils Nest Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Forfeiture of Water Service for Gary Hoebelheinrich, A688, 1 BU, in Sec 13 T33N R2W, The Timbers Lot 6 in Knox County.

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Heine to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator, was provided in the director packet.

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

FY2025 Budget: Covered under Budget Committee report.

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent LCNRD and CKRWP activities.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Lammers reviewed permits and discussion followed. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Lamb to approve the permit applications as stated below:

1. Britt Becker well permit LC-496R for a replacement well in the SENE Section 21 T31N R1E.
2. Till and Timber LLC well permit LC-497 and LC-498 for wells in the NWSW Section 30 T32N R1W and SENW Section 30 T32N R1W, expanded acres permit X-24029 for 73 irrigated acres in the S1/2NW & N1/2SW Section 30 T32N R1W and flow meter cost share FMLC-497. Plans to comingle both wells.
3. Farmers Farm LLC well permit LC-499 for a well in the SWSW Section 15 T30N R2E, expanded acres permit X-24030 for 225 irrigated acres in the SW Section 15 T30N R2E & NE Section 21 T30N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-499.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: None

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

Public Comment: No public comments were made.

#### **EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Excused absences – Armstrong and Condon. Christensen provided a handout and discussed groundwater questions and concerns that can impact groundwater users and the methods to address them effectively.

#### **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm. Roll call vote: AYE:

Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Condon. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carly Christensen  
Carolyn Heine  
Chris Johnson  
Dan Kollars  
Marcel Kramer  
Carl Lamb  
Russ Schmidt  
Jeff Steffen  
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP  
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator  
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist  
Myles Lammers, Asst. Manager  
Austin Baldwin, NRCS Resource Conservationist  
Taylor LeTexier, NRCS Soil Conservationist

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 August 15, 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