

Chairman Steffen called the May 16, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:05 pm at the Lewis & Clark NRD Office, Hartington NE. Chairman Steffen 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 Heine to approve the minutes of the April 17, 2019 board meeting and the April 18 to May 16, 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: Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Johnson, Weinandt. Motion carried (6-0-5).*

**BAZILE REPORT**

Phil Steinkamp, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator, reported on recent Bazile meetings and activities. Steinkamp sent letters to approximately 300 cooperators on sealing wells and received 80 responses (none for decommissioning within the LCNRD). Steinkamp is working on 319 funding for BGMA Tier 1 & 2 producers. Dr. Dan Snow, UNL, plans to do vadose testing in the Bazile area. Demonstration sites for irrigation management, irrigation technology, and nitrogen management are being evaluated and established with funding from a Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant.

**DIRECTORS ACTIVITY**

RC&D & Wau Col: Howey reported the Northeast Nebraska RC&D office, as of May, will be located in Ponca. Meetings will be rotated to each board member's community with the next meeting May 28<sup>th</sup> at Howey's office. RC&D received a \$12,900 grant for NDEQ Hazardous Waste Collection with Hartington and Wayne as possible collection points. Plainview Farmers Market and Ponca Farmers Market are some RC&D projects this year. No Wau Col Rural Water System report as there was no meeting this month.

Natural Resources Commission: Steffen reported the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) received full funding appropriation of \$11 million for fiscal year 2020 for the Water Sustainability Fund. Greg Wilke, Middle Niobrara NRD director, is chair of the program NRC committee and serving on the executive committee.

Kramer provided an update on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. The next meeting will be June 10<sup>th</sup> prior to NARD Basin Tour.

Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition Meetings (MSAC): Heine reported she and Sudbeck attended MSAC meetings April 23<sup>rd</sup>. MSAC is looking for stakeholders to give input on the sediment in the Lewis & Clark Lake. MSAC is applying for state implemented Section 22 funding from United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Paul Boyd, USACE, is writing the application for sediment control on the Lewis & Clark lake.

**CEDAR KNOX RURAL WATER PROJECT REPORT**

Scott Fiedler reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee meeting held Tuesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> and the following recommendations were made for the Lewis & Clark NRD board to act on.

1. *Approve the minutes of the April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 rural water meeting*
2. *Approve the expenses from April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2019 – May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019 as presented.*

Fiedler reported on items reviewed at the rural water meeting. (Report attached to file copy of minutes). *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendations as*

stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Johnson, Weinandt. Motion carried (6-0-5).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Manager Sudbeck reported on spring well monitoring results. (Weinandt enters the meeting and Howey leaves the meeting at 8:55 pm.)

Lammers, Water Res Tech, reported there are no new well permits or acre expansion requests. There are 4 modifications to legal descriptions of permits inaccurately presented at previous meetings. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Steffen to approve:

- Modification to correct the legal described location of well LC-216 & LC-217 to the SENE section 36-32N-2E and the irrigated acre expansion X-18014 to SENE & NESE section 36-32N-2E.
- Modification to correct the legal described location of well LC-220 to the SENE section 36-32N-2E.
- Modification to correct the legal described location of well LC-234 to the NSW section 32-29N-1W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried (6-0-5).

Manager Sudbeck reported tree planting is complete and went smoothly. Approximately 9500 trees were planted; hand plant sales were around 4500. The upcoming Water Quality Management Plan meeting will be held May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Wynot Fire Hall with open house starting at 5:30 pm and supper provided at 6:00 pm with speakers from the Shell Creek Watershed, NRCS, NG&P, NDEQ, and FYRA Engineering. Middle Niobrara NRD is proposing an education center for water resources at their property in Valentine. LCNRD and other NRDs, NDEQ, UNL Extension, and other agencies are working with MNNRD on the proposal.

Lammers, Baldwin, Bermel, and Schumacher reported on their activities this month.

## **NRCS REPORT**

Tyler Specht, NRCS, was unable to attend the meeting, Manager Sudbeck presented his report, which is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Director Armstrong contacted the office prior to the meeting about his absence.

## **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

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

- Approve City of Bloomfield Community Assistance Program application for planting trees at the ball park with 50% cost share and a maximum cost share amount of \$1500.
- Approve NACD Technical Assistance Grant contract and authorize management to sign the contract.
- Approve Dane F Cole engagement letter for fiscal year 2019 audit.
- Approve yearly \$1000 membership donation to Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition.
- Approve Personnel Policy with changes to policy to provide clarification on items and include Board approved changes since May of 2017.
- Approve reimbursement payment of \$1600 to Annette Sudbeck due to misinformation of FSA document submission.
- Approve sending letter to Governor Ricketts to support appointment of Jeff Steffen to the Healthy Soils Task Force.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried (6-0-5).

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

It was moved by Weinandt and seconded by Heine to enter executive session to discuss landowner agreements and negotiation for groundwater development for Cedar Knox Rural Water Project.

Roll call: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson. Chairman Steffen stated it is 8:51 and the Board will go into executive session to discuss landowner agreements and negotiation for CKRWP groundwater development. NRD

Manager Sudbeck, and Rural Water Manager Fiedler were asked to remain, all other guests left the meeting.

It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Schmidt to come out of executive session at 9:27 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried (6-0-5). Steffen stated no action will be taken on discussion of agreements and negotiation for groundwater development.

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Kramer to adjourn the meeting at 9:30 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. Nay: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried (6-0-5).

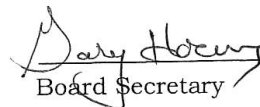
MEMBERS PRESENT

Christensen, Bill  
Heine, Carolyn  
Howey, Gary  
Kramer, Marcel  
Schmidt, Russ  
Steffen, Jeff  
Weinandt, Matt

GUESTS PRESENT

Phil Steinkamp, Bazile GMA Coordinator  
Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP  
Elle Bermel, Office Program Tech  
Connor Baldwin, Resources Tech  
Myles Lammers, Water Resources 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 May 16, 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