

Vice Chair Heine called the October 17, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. 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 was reviewed. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the minutes of the September 19, 2019 board meeting and the September 20, 2019 to October 17, 2019 consent agenda which includes the 10-23-19 payroll, financial report, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

FY 2019 Audit Review

Donita Pokorny CPA, Dana F. Cole & Company LLC, reviewed and discussed the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Fiscal Year 2019 Audit with the board via zoom meeting and allowed time for questions.

Jeff Steffen entered the meeting at 7:31 p.m.

Integrated Management Plan Biennial Update

Amy Zoller, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR), and Manager Sudbeck reported on the first biennial update for the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District voluntary Integrated Management Plan (vIMP). The voluntary IMP was adopted in 2016.

Planning Committee Report

Committee Chair Heine reported on the Planning Committee meeting held prior to the board meeting. It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Christensen to approve the recommendations of the Planning Committee:

- Approve the Memorandum of Agreement between the United State Department of Agriculture, Natural Resources Conservation Service, and Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District with changes as recommended by the NRD Managers Committee on October 30, 2019 and as accepted by the USDA.
- Approve Committee recommendations of the prioritization of responsibilities as follows: 1. Soil Conservation and Erosion Control 2. Water Quantity and Quality 3. Flood Prevention and Control 4. Information and Education 5. Forestry and Pasture 6. Wildlife Habitat 7. Missouri River activities.
- Approve hiring for the positions of Resource Technician and Bow Creek Watershed Coordinator.
- Approve Expanded Irrigated Acres Application X-19014 for Ben Pinkelman for 37 acres in the SESE section 36-T32N-R2E using well G-187656 and Water Pooling Agreement P-19003 for Ben Pinkelman and Steve Pinkelman using well G-187656.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Armstrong, Steffen, Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Weinandt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported on the NRC meeting held in Kearney on September 25th. Steffen will be reviewing and ranking Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) applications before the next NRC meeting on November 12-13 in Gothenburg, NE.

NARD: Kramer reported on the NRD Annual Conference. Tom Moser was presented the NRD Hall of Fame Award at the conference with several family members attending. Tom Moser has been an asset to the LCNRD and his efforts are greatly appreciated. Around 3,500 trees were handed out at Husker Harvest Days 2019. The 2020 Basin Tour will be held in Papio-Missouri Natural Resources District. The next NARD Board meeting will be November 3 – 4 in Grand Island.

RC&D and Wau-Col RWS: Howey reported the September Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (RC&D) meeting, was held west of Niobrara at Chris Kreycik's home. RC&D hired a financial manager and an executive director. Household Hazardous Waste collection was held October 11 in Neligh and October 12 in Wayne. The Executive Director will apply for a Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) grant for the Weed Management Committee. November RC&D meeting will be held at the Ponca POW WOW ground and museum outside of Niobrara, NE. No Wau-Col Rural Water System (RWS) report for September.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Bazile Report: Jeremy Milander's, Bazile Groundwater Management Area (BGMA) Extension Educator, report is included in the packet.

Manager's Report: Manager Sudbeck reported Connor Baldwin will be taking over as the Bazile Coordinator effective November 4th. Manager Sudbeck reported the HighBoy Cover Crop Day in Creighton was well received with around 100 people attending the event. Sudbeck and Baldwin attended the UNL Nebraska Water Conference in Norfolk on October 9th. The focus for the conference was the BGMA. Sudbeck attended the Papio NRD Levee Groundbreaking in Bellevue for the levee that will help protect Offutt Airforce Base, Omaha's Waste Water Plant and Bellevue from future flood events. Manager Sudbeck discussed the NRD Annual Conference in Kearney.

Flow Meter Report: Baldwin provided the 2018 Flow Meter report to the board and staff.

BGMA Report: Baldwin provided a 2018 Bazile Groundwater Management Area summary of Annual Reports submitted by producers to the board and staff.

Staff Reports: Staff reports were provided by Schumacher, Lammers, Baldwin, and Bermel.

RURAL WATER REPORT

In the absence of Fiedler and Weinandt, Manager Sudbeck reported on the recommendations made by the Cedar Knox Rural Water Advisory Committee at the October 10th meeting. (Report attached to file copy of minutes).

October 10, 2019 recommendations:

1. Approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from September 13, 2019 – October 10, 2019 as presented and approve the July 13, 2019 US Cellular bill that was omitted from the August Expense Report but paid in August and void the full payment to EMC in the amount of \$51,003.50 approved at the September meeting and to make payments on the balance due.
3. Approve the acceptance of the Security Grant, to remove and replace electrical panels in the intake building and have Fiedler sign the agreement and allow Fiedler and Clark to select the contractor for the job after all bids are received.
4. Approve engineering review applications for Ron Nohr (Sec 14, T33N, R2W, White Tail Ridge Lot 2, Knox County 1 BU and (Sec 14, T33N, R2W, White Tail Ridge Lot 4, Knox County 1 BU).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Johnson to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Armstrong, Condon, Heine. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Weinandt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

NRCS REPORT

In the absence of Tyler Specht, Vice Chair Heine read the Natural Resources Conservation Service report. (Report attached to file copy of minutes)

NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

Jorden Smith reported attending a meeting of the Council of Western State Foresters Service meeting. Smith is reviewing Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) grants for recommendation. South Shore Project has been started in coordination with Nebraska Game & Parks and the Nebraska Forest Service. South Shore Project will be an educational site to demonstrate cedar tree removal effects and different methods of removal. Smith will be incident commander at the Ponca State Park for the 2nd Annual Eastern Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Directors Hoelsing and Weinandt contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m. Next meeting will be November 21st at 5:30 p.m. at Nissen Winery.

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 p.m. Roll call vote. AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Heine. Nay: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Weinandt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

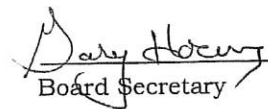
MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Marilyn Schumacher, Officer Mgr
Myles Lammers, Res Coord
Connor Baldwin, Res Tech
Elle Bermel, Office Tech
Amy Zoller, NDNR
Andy Pedley, NDNR
Jorden Smith, Forester

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 October 17, 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