

Chair Steffen called the September 19, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:10 pm. Chair 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 was reviewed. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2019 board meeting and the August 16, 2019 to September 19, 2019 consent agenda which includes the financial report, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Hoelsing, Kramer, Steffen, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried 8-0-3).

### **FY 2020 BUDGET**

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the FY2020 budget and noted the total tax requirement will be 984,784.34. Chair Steffen reviewed Resolution 9A-2019. It was moved by Hoelsing seconded by Kramer to approve the FY2020 budget as presented and resolution # 9A-2019:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District held a public hearing to hear and consider comments concerning the Fiscal Year 2020 Budget for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project and the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District on September 19, 2019.

NOW THEREFORE, the governing body of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District resolves that the attached budget document incorporated herein by reference, showing total requirements of \$3,331,719 and a tax requirement of \$984,784.34 is hereby adopted and set as the Fiscal Year 2020 budget of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District in accordance with §77-1601-02.. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Hoelsing, Kramer, Steffen, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried 8-0-3).

Chair Steffen reviewed Resolution 9-19 and it was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Christensen to approve RESOLUTION NO: 9-19

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources Districts passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources Districts resolves that:

1. The 2019-2020 property tax request be set at \$984,784.34
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last years' total assessed value by 0%
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property would be \$.024084 per \$100 of assessed value
4. The Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District proposed to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$.024673 per \$100 of assessed value
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District will exceed last years by 2%
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forward to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2019.

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

## **RURAL WATER REPORT**

Weinandt reported on the recommendations made at by the Cedar Knox Rural Water Advisory Committee at the August and September meetings.

August 8, 2019 recommendations are:

1. Approve the minutes of the July 11, 2019 rural water meeting
2. Approve the expenses from July 12, 2019 – August 8, 2019 as presented.
3. Approve Omni Tech contract maintaining terms as the previous year including the rental rate of \$1,200/year.
4. Approve applying for Safety Grant funds through the State of Nebraska DHHS to move and replace the electrical panels in the intake building.
5. Approve the Engineering Review Application for Gary Hoebelheinrich (Sec 31, T33N, R1E, Cedar County) for 1 BU.

September 12, 2019 recommendations are:

1. Approve the minutes of the August 8, 2019 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from August 9, 2019 – September 12, 2019 as presented.
3. Recommend the final Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Fiscal Year 2020 Budget to the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors.
4. Approve Engineering Review Applications for Brent Arens (Sec 14, T33N, R1W, Whitetail Ridge Lots 1 & 2, Knox County) for 1 BU, Joe Merchant (Sec 15 T33N R2W, Merchant Valley Lot 3, Knox County) for 1 BU, Larry Heine (Sec 18 T33N R1E, Cedar County) for 1 BU.

Weinandt also reported on leaks, repairs, and ongoing groundwater source investigation. *It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Schmidt to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Hoelsing, Kramer, Steffen, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried 8-0-3.*

## **DIRECTORS ACTIVITY**

In the absence of Gary Howey, Chair Steffen read the report for the Northeast Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water System. (copy of report attached to file copy of minutes)

Marcel Kramer reported on the 2 resolutions for the upcoming Nebraska Natural Resources District Annual Conference in Kearney on September 23 and 24.

Resolution #1 seeks changes in Nebraska statute to ensure all Nebraska Natural Resources Commission members be residents of the State of Nebraska. Consensus was 5 votes for the resolution.

Resolution #2 recommends changing Nebraska statute to enhance the financial authorities of all natural resources districts to provide authority to issue general obligation bonds to finance projects related to flood control, water quality projects, and water quantity projects for the public benefit of all Nebraskans and such amendment to Nebraska statutes should not be limited or constrained by any sunset provision. Consensus was 5 votes for the resolution.

These votes are dependent upon further discussion at the conference and the delegates have the authority to change votes if deemed necessary by LCNRD members in attendance at the conference.

Steffen reported on the recent Natural Resources Commission meeting including discussion on flooding and anticipated 2020 Water Sustainability Fund applications.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY**

Manager Sudbeck reported Bessey Nursery seedling prices for 2020 are increasing from \$0.75 to \$0.78 and board discussed changes to Lewis & Clark NRD rates. *It was moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Kramer to approve FY 2020 tree rates at \$1.00 per seedling, \$0.90 per trees for planting with a minimum stop charge of \$250. Weed Barrier 500' roll is \$200, weed mats with 5 staples \$3.00 each and staples \$0.15 each. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Hoelsing, Kramer, Steffen, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Howey, Johnson. Motion*

carried 8-0-3).

The Long Range Implementation Plan was discussed and it was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to approve the 2019 Long Range Implementation Plan. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Hoelsing, Kramer, Steffen, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Howey, Johnson Motion carried 8-0-3).

Manager Sudbeck reviewed activities pertaining to Powder Creek Wildlife Management Area, Bazile Groundwater Management Area, NRD managers meeting, and DNR modeling for fully appropriated determinations.

Water Resources Coordinator Lammers reviewed one well permit application received from Kevin Becker. It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Christensen to approve Well Permit LC-240 for Kevin Becker for an irrigation well in NESW Section 25, T33N-R1E, expanded acres permit X19013 for 69 acres located in S1/2 NESW, SESW, E1/2 SWSW Section 25, T33N, R1E and Flow meter cost share FMLC-240. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Hoelsing, Kramer, Steffen, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine, Howey, Johnson. Motion carried 8-0-3).

Staff reports were given by Lammers, Baldwin, and Schumacher. Bermel's report was included in the packet.

### **NRCS REPORT**

Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant, reported on activities of the Program Assistants in the three counties (copy of report attached to file copy of minutes). Tyler Specht, NRCS DC, reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between Lewis and Clark NRD and Natural Resources Conservation Service.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

The November awards banquet was discussed. Directors Howey and Heine had contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:02 pm. Next meeting will be October 17 at 7 pm.

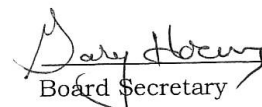
#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Armstrong, Curtis  
Christensen, Bill  
Condon, Dave  
Hoelsing, Leroy  
Kramer, Marcel  
Schmidt, Russ  
Steffen, Jeff  
Weinandt, Matt

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Tyler Specht, NRCS  
Diane Wieseler, PA, NRCS  
Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr  
Myles Lammers, Res Coord  
Connor Baldwin, Res Tech

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 September 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