

Chairman Steffen called the March 21, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 10:02 am 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 Meeting Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room. Chairman Steffen moved the rural water report on the agenda to allow rural water personnel to take care of matters on the system, so it has been moved to item 2.

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The committee appointed Director Heine to be committee chairman to report to the full board later in the meeting. Committee members present were Heine, Steffen, Kramer, Schmidt and Howey. The committee discussed several items including: Policy and personnel, flood prevention, recreation, water quantity and quality, information & education, Missouri River activities, well permits and Cedar Knox Rural Water Project long range planning.

Myles Lammers reviewed applications received on well permitting and other associated permits.

Manager Sudbeck advised committee due to the flooding the NRD will be offering water testing of domestic wells for bacteria with the NRD paying the cost.

Meeting recessed at 12:00 pm – Meeting reconvened at 12:40 pm. (Directors Weinandt, Hoelsing, Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Armstrong enter the meeting).

### **CEDAR KNOX RURAL WATER PROJECT REPORT**

Scott Fiedler updated the board on issues both at the plant and with water service lines due to the March 13<sup>th</sup> rain storm and breach of Spencer Dam. Water that entered the intake and was pumped to the plant was excessively dirty which resulted in a longer treatment time and increased use of chemicals. Only flooding encountered was at the intake. Plant was manned 24/7 from Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, through March 18<sup>th</sup>. On the system there were two line breaks due to flooding; one on a line east of Wynot and one northwest of Fordyce. Both are repaired, however, the Wynot line repair is only temporary. Staff feels there is a leak after Booster 3. Prior to the storm line repairs were because of frozen water lines. Tank #3 was repaired again as was too cold the first time for effective repair. Fiedler also reviewed the Long Term Planning meeting and course of action planned for next five years.

*It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Johnson to approve the rural water report and the following recommendations:*

- 1. Approve the minutes of the February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019 rural water meeting.*
- 2. Approve the expenses from February 15<sup>th</sup> 2019- March 14<sup>th</sup> 2019 as presented*
- 3. Approve the Engineering Review Application for Marty O'Connor (Lot 1 Deer Ridge Estate in Sec 22, T33N, R2W, Knox County).*

*Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).*

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda and financials were reviewed. *It was moved by Heine, seconded by Howey to approve the minutes of the February 21, 2019 board meeting and the February 22 to March 21, 2019 consent agenda which includes the financial reports and cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion*

carried (11-0-0).

## PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Chairman Carolyn Heine reported on the planning committee discussion for those not present at the start of the meeting. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Schmidt to approve the recommendations of the planning committee

- Hire a consultant to update the Groundwater Management Plan
- Office will be closed the day after Thanksgiving and staff will use annual leave or flex another holiday for that day with prior approval of arrangement.
- Offer 2014 Pickup to Cedar Knox Rural Water at a cost of \$15375 and allow a 6 year payout with no interest and allowing 2019 building addition payment to be moved to extend building addition payment two and one-half years in total. (see building and vehicle chart attached.
- On Meridian Trail to investigate a grant through Game and Parks to repair the trail and to contact Cedar County Commissioners for financial assistance
- Expanded Acres Application X19005 for Al Wiebelhaus Trust for 54 acres in the N ½ Se ½ Section 36, 32N-1W and a pooling agreement P-19001 between Al Wiebelhaus and Joe Potts.
- Well Permit LC-228 for Paul Koch located in the SW1/4 SE ¼ of Section 18-30-5W and Expanded Acres permit X19006 for 25 acres in the SW1/4 SE1/4 of Section 18-30-5W and FMLC228 flow meter cost share
- Four wells that were drilled prior to regulations but need a permit to allow registration by DNR
  - LC229NF Board of Educational Lands located in Lot 1 of accretion Section 30-T32N-R5E.
  - LC230NF Dennis Arens Jr located in SE1/4 NW ¼ Section 14-T32N-R1E
  - LC231NF Steve Noecker located in NE1/4 NW ¼ Section 22-T31N-R2E
  - LC232NF Kurt Potts located in SE ¼ SW ¼ Section 1-T32N-R1E

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

## DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

NRC: Jeff Steffen reported NRC Board met in March and held biennial election of officers. Steffen was elected Vice Chair for a 2 year term; Scott Smathers is present Chair. Next meeting is in May with discussion on policy and in August will meet to discuss Water Sustainability Fund applications.

RC&D & Wau Col: Gary Howey reported Ponca has offered office space to the RC&D and the council is researching this as present RC&D director lives in Sioux City. Dick Haskins is resigning from the Council. A grant for household hazardous waste collection had been received.

Howey reported on Wau Col meeting held at which they elected committee members. Kenny Bloomquist has taken personal leave and Jim Cautrell is operating the system until he returns.

NARD Update: Marcel Kramer reported tree sales are half of previous year, NACD has received 7 technical assistance grants from Nebraska and LCNRD is among the top ranked for Nebraska, the NARD basin tour will be in Ord June 10 and 11 and NACD Northern Plains meeting will be at Gothenburg June 12 and 13<sup>th</sup>.

## ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Elle Bermel reported Patefield Green Scholarship information was emailed to the board and asked Directors to respond prior to the next meeting with their rankings. There are two, \$1000 scholarships available.

Manager Sudbeck reported Jeremy Milander has accepted the position as UNL Educator for the Bazile

Groundwater Management Area and will be housed out of Lower Elkhorn NRD. Megan Hannefeldt, Knox County has been working with various agencies and hosting meetings researching ways to keep the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center open, tree sales are down by more than half from last year, Creighton has reached out to NRD and NDEQ to apply for Source Water Protection grant funds for source water protection and to investigate well options, reviewed meetings arranged for the Washington DC trip, viewed pictures of flooding and discussed Lewis and Clark flood control structures.

Lammers, Baldwin and Bermel reported on recent activities.

### **NRCS REPORT**

Jeni Olsen, PA at Ponca NRCS reported program assistants have been processing HEL determinations, government shutdown affect to NRCS, and recent flooding (copy of report attached to file copy of minutes)

Tyler Specht, NRCS District Conservationist, reported on personnel changes, EQIP contracts, storm event assessment and impacts of flooding on farm ground.

### **NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE**

Jorden Smith reported he will be attending a week-long field service meeting in a few weeks. Smith has been looking at properties for brush management and meeting with contractors.

### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday April 17 at 7:00 pm to allow staff and directors the opportunity to observe Holy Thursday.

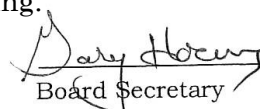
### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Tyler Specht, NRCS  
Jeni Olsen, NRCS Ponca  
Jorden Smith, Nebr Forest Service  
Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP  
Myles Lammers, Water Res Tech  
Elle Bermel, Office Program Tech  
Connor Baldwin, Res 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 March 21, 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