

Chair Steffen called the February 20, 2020 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 1:32 p.m. Chair Steffen stated to the public present prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board and 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 January 16, 2020 board meeting and the January 17, 2020 to February 20, 2020 consent agenda which includes 2-21-20 Payroll and Liabilities, financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

USGS BAZILE CREEK

Matt Moser, United States Geological Survey (USGS) Physical Scientist, presented about the potential of installing a continuous nitrate monitoring gage on Bazile Creek. (see attachment to file copy of minutes.)

PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

- Approve FY 2020 audit contract and FY 2021 budget development with Dana F. Cole.
- Approve Don Blankenau coming to the office to review director responsibilities and statutes pertaining to special project improvement areas.
- Approve having management sign Bow Creek Watershed project grant with Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) and 319 Nebraska Department of Environmental Energy (NDEE) Grant and to initiate grant activities and hire staff.
- Approve a 1-year contract with USGS for a continuous water quality monitoring gage on Bazile Creek for \$13,000/year.
- Approve well permit LC-243 for Robert Sudbeck, in the NESW Section 4-32N-1E. Approve Expanded Acres Permit X-20002 in NESW and W1/2SE Section 4-32N-1E to irrigate 45 acres and Flow Meter Cost Share application FMLC-243 for Robert Sudbeck. Approve Water Pooling Agreement P-20002 for Robert Sudbeck and Michael Wesseln using well LC-243.
- Approve well permit LC-244 for Center C LLC in the SWSE Section 43.30N-1E. Approve well permit LC-245 in the SWSE Section 34-30N-1E for Center C LLC. Approve Expanded Acres Permit X-20003 for Center C LLC in SWSW, E1/2SW, and W1/2SE Section 34-30N-1E to irrigate 173 acres. Approve Flow Meter Cost Share application FMLC-244 for Center C LLC.
- Approve well permit LC-246 for Ryan Marsh, in the Center NE Section 1-30N-1W. Approve Expanded Acres Permit X-20004 for Ryan Marsh in E1/2 Section 1-30N-1W to irrigate 219 acres Approve Flow Meter Cost Share Application FMLC-246 for Ryan Marsh.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Condon, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Director Weinandt reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee Meeting held February 13, 2020. (financial report and draft minutes attached to file copy of minutes.)

February 13, 2020 recommendations:

1. Approve the minutes of the January 9, 2020 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting.

2. Approve the expenses from January 10, 2020 – February 13, 2020 as presented.
3. Approve the Assignment of Easement for infrastructure located in the Devils Nest SID.
4. Approve the Engineering Review Application for Margaret Heimes (Sec 35, T32N, R3E, Cedar County) 1 BU contingent on recommendations from Bartlett and West Engineering and approval from the State of Nebraska.
5. Approve a request to reduce BUs from 2 to 1 for service meter A701.

It was moved by Heine and seconded by Christensen to approve the CKRWP report and each Advisory Committee recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Condon, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

NE RC&D and Wau-Col RWS: Howey provided a report on the Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (NE RC&D) and Wau-Col Rural Water System. (reports attached to the file copy of minutes.)

NARD: Kramer reported on the NARD January Meeting and the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Legislative Conference. Kramer also reported on tree sales, NRD Washington D.C. Conference coming up in March, and the 2020 National Envirothon.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported on the Nebraska Natural Resources Districts Legislative Conference. Steffen reported on the NRC meeting February 19th. Steffen presented a Power Point he previously provided to the Healthy Soils Task Force. (power point attached to file copy of minutes.)

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Manager's Report: Manager Sudbeck reported on the NRD Local Working Group Meeting that will be February 27th at 10:00 a.m. at the Country Club in Hartington. Sudbeck reported property located in Section 8-29-4W that is for sale and has a court order in place and is attached to this piece of ground from 1995 that addresses the impacts from an Erosion and Sediment Control Act Complaint. DNR has requested a list of levees in the district. Chase Buettner will be starting on as the Resource Technician February 24th. (report attached to file copy of minutes.)

Bazile Reports: Reports from Milander and Baldwin are attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Staff Updates: Reports from Schumacher, Lammers, and Bermel are attached to file copy of minutes.

NRCS REPORT

Waylon Petsche, Acting NRCS District Conservationist, introduced himself to the board of directors. Petsche reported on Natural Resources Conservation Service activities. (report attached to the file copy of minutes.)

NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

Jorden Smith reported progress on the South Shore Project and NFS District Activities.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW - EXCUSED ABSENSES

Director Armstrong contacted the office prior to the meeting and is excused from the meeting.

Manager Sudbeck reported that Jeff Fasset is retiring as NDNR Director on February 28th. The March Board Meeting will be Tuesday March 24th at 1:30 p.m. The June Board Meeting will be Friday June 12th at 1:30 p.m. Water Quality and Quantity Sub Committee Meeting is March 11th at 1:30 p.m.

Chair Steffen adjourned the meeting at 3:41 p.m.

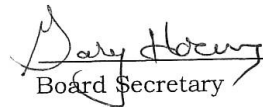
MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr
Myles Lammers, Res Coord
Elle Bermel, Office Tech
Waylon Petsche, Acting NRCS District Conservationist
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
Jordan Smith, District Forester
Alisha Bartling, Santee Sioux Nation, Environmental Director
Justin Avery, Santee Sioux Nation
Matt Moser, Physical Scientist USGS

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 February 20, 2020 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