

Chair Steffen called the April 16, 2020 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 1:31 p.m. Chair Steffen stated to the public present that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. The meeting notice was adapted to allow for video conferencing pursuant to Attorney General Guidance in Executive Order No. 20-30 Corona Virus. Chair Steffen announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room and on the LCNRD web site. All visitors participating via Zoom have been asked to make sure their microphone has been muted. There will be an opportunity for visitors to comment at the end of the meeting. Chair Steffen conducted roll call of members present. Present: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was reviewed. *It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the March 24, 2020 board meeting and the March 25 to April 16, 2020 consent agenda, (including director per diem, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project committee and staff payroll and payroll liabilities for April 20, 2020. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).*

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Heine reported on the planning meeting held prior to board meeting. Discussion included agreements with partner agencies, preliminary budget figures, well permits, salary schedule and Master Plan revisions. *It was moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Kramer to approve recommendations made by the planning committee listed below:*

- 1. Authorize Management to sign the 2020 Memorandum of Agreement with the National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) for continued staffing assistance of an NRD Soil Conservationist.*
- 2. Authorize Management to sign University of Nebraska Conservation and Survey Division (UNL-CSD) Interlocal Agreement Amendment #4 in connection with test hole drilling and observation well development.*
- 3. Authorize Management to sign Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) Interlocal Agreement Amendment #6.*
- 4. Authorize Management to sign Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment (ENWRA) Interlocal Agreement Amendment #1 with the University of Nebraska Conservation and Survey Division (UNL-CSD).*
- 5. Approve James Steffen Well Permit LC-252 in NW¼NW¼ Section 20, T32N, R1E, Expanded Acre Permit X-20008 for 285 acres in W½NE¼, NW¼, W½SE¼, NE¼SW¼ of Section 20, T32N, R1E and FMLC-252 flow meter cost share.*
Approve Mark Wiedenfeld Well Permit LC-253 in the SW¼NE¼ Section 34, T30N, R4E, Expanded Acre Permit X-20009 for 201 Acres in the E ½ Section 34, T30N, R4E and FMLC-253 flow meter cost share.
Expanded Acres Permit X-20007 for Michael Wesseln for 33 acres in SE¼SW ¼ of Section 4, T32N, R1E.
Approve Expanded Acre Permit X-20006 for Robert Sudbeck for 40 acres in the NE¼SW¼ and W½NW¼SE¼ in Section 4, T32N, R1E. and Pooling agreement P-20004 with Robert Sudbeck and Michael Wesseln.
- 6. Approve FY2021 Salary Schedule.*

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

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT:

Chair Steffen reported on the committee meeting held April 9 to review suggested modifications to the Ground Water Quantity Rules and Regulations. Discussion was held on level management triggers, well spacing and

ground water transfer and enforcement measures. Next committee meeting is April 30.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Director voting results for awarding the 2020 Patefield-Green Scholarships were reviewed. There was a tie for second place and following discussion, it was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Christensen to approve awarding 3 - \$1000 scholarships in 2020 and to present the scholarships to the 3 individuals receiving the lowest number of director votes. *Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).* Based on these results the Patefield Green scholarship awardees are Brayden Kathol of Hartington Cedar Catholic, Brogan Jones of Allen Consolidated Schools, and Taylor Arens of Crofton Community Schools.

Chase Buettner, Resources Technician, who started with LCNRD in February, introduced himself to the board. Buettner reported on his activities including Bazile area annual reports and producers who have not sent them in. He will be sending them letters indicating penalty if report is not received. Reports from Jeremy Milander and Connor Baldwin are included in the director's packets. Dave Condon reported on progress on the demonstration site to be established at his farm.

Manager Sudbeck reported office staff continues to work while maintaining the 6-foot social distancing rules. Rural water personnel have been declared essential and water staff have letter from DHHS stating such. Powder Creek, Buckskin Hills and Chalkrock WMA are closed to camping per discussion with Game and Parks personnel. (Managers' report is attached to file copy of minutes).

Staff reports for Schumacher, Lammers and Buettner were included in the meeting packet.

DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES

Howey reported on the recent meeting of the Northeast Nebraska Resources Conservation and Development (NeNERC&D). He reported there are 3 vacancies on the board, 1 in Dixon County and 2 in Knox County. The NeNERC&D was awarded grant funds for household hazardous waste collection and members will set up the collection points.

Steffen reported the Natural Resources Commission (NRC) May meetings were cancelled and a meeting is planned for July.

Kramer reported the Nebraska Association of Resources District (NARD) board of directors will be meeting via Zoom in June. Basin Tour for 2020 has been cancelled as has the National Envirothon which was planned to be held in Nebraska.

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Director Weinandt reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) Advisory Committee Meeting held April 9, 2020. (financial report and draft minutes attached to file copy of minutes.)

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Kramer to approve the report and each of the recommendations as stated below.

1. Approve the minutes of the March 12, 2020 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from March 13 to April 9, 2020 as presented.

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

Rural Water Project Update: Project Manager, Fiedler reported on a leak at the plant which will need to be repaired permanently with replacement of a 20-foot section of pipe. Final payment for work completed for FEMA has been approved and payment should be received in the next several weeks.

NRCS REPORT

Waylon Petsche provided his final report as Acting District Conservationist to the board. Rebekah Jessen has been appointed as the Acting District Conservationist for this area (effective April 13th).

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

No absences. UNL Forester Jordan Smith’s report is included in the packet. Next meeting will be May 21, 2020 by video conferencing.

Adjourn: It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to adjourn the meeting at 2:58 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. Nay: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (11-0-0).

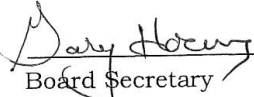
MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Armstrong
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
Chase Buettner, Resources Tech
Myles Lammers, Res Coord
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr.
Rebekah Jessen, Acting NRCS District Conservationist
Waylon Petsche, NRCS

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 April 16, 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