

Chair Steffen called the July 16, 2020 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:05 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. 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. Chair Steffen conducted roll call of members. Present: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. Condon and Johnson attended the meeting via Zoom.

**CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda was reviewed. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2020 board meeting and the June 19 to July 16, 2020 consent agenda as amended. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions. Two additional checks were added, SHI International, \$402.00 and Rod Flaugh \$7.58. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, PRESENT NOT VOTING: Condon, Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).*

**BUDGET COMMITTEE**

Committee Chair Steffen reported a budget committee meeting was held prior to the regular board meeting. The Fiscal Year 2021 preliminary budget and a special projects sheet were handed out to the directors for review. *It was moved by Schmidt, second by Kramer to approve the tentative Fiscal Year 2021 budget. Roll Call vote: AYE Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen, NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Condon, Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).*

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Director Heine reported the Water Resources Committee reviewed Ground Water Quantity Rules and Regulations revisions along with the Bazile Area Deep Soil Sampling Cost Share Program.

Committee recommendations:

1. Approve revised Management Area Rules and Regulation for Ground Water Quantity Management as presented, including modifications recommended by the Water Resources Committee (final draft copy attached to file copy of minutes).
2. Approve modifications to the Bazile Ground Water Management Area Deep Soil Sampling Program (copy of program specifications attached to file copy of minutes).

*It was moved by Weinandt, second by Christensen to approve the recommended modifications to the Groundwater Quantity Rules and Regulations and the Deep Soil Sampling program. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Condon, Johnson. Motion carried. (8-0-1-2). (Copy attached to file copy of minutes).*

**RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

Committee recommendation were:

1. Approve minutes of the June 11, 2020 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
2. Approve expenses from June 12, 2020 to July 9, 2020 as presented and the \$600.00 payment to DHHS, the \$718.75 Bond Interest Payment and the \$20 Wire Fee to Bank of Hartington approved at the LCNRD June 18, 2020 meeting.
3. Approve filing Notices of Intent with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) to protect the potential well sites in Knox and Cedar County.
4. Approve the preliminary 2021 Fiscal Year budget recommendations including rate changes paid by the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project customers. Monthly minimums for customers of the Original Project and Bow Creek Project will be \$40.00, an increase of \$3.75 for customers in the Original Project and

\$0.25 for customers in the Bow Creek Project, making the minimum the same for all CKRWP customers. Monthly Maintenance Fees will be \$10.00 for all customers, an increase of \$1.50. The per 1,000-gallon water rate paid by all customers will be \$5.45/1,000 gallons, an increase of \$0.30/1,000 gallons. New rates will go into effect October 1, 2020.

5. Approve the Engineering Review Application for Ron Joslin (Sec 14 T33N R3W, Knox County) for 1 BU.

*It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to approve the report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote. AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. Nay: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Condon, Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).*

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey reported a June Northeast Nebraska Resources Conservation and Development meeting was held in Ponca. They are currently searching for Knox and Dixon county representatives. There was not a Wau-Col meeting held in June. (RC&D report attached to file copy of minutes)

Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and Healthy Soils Task Force: Jeff Steffen stated there was not much to report on till the end of July for the Natural Resources Commission. They would be meeting next week with the Healthy Soils Task Force to get updates on what has been happening there.

NARD Activity: Kramer reported the NARD staff continues to work with the insurance company following the arson of office building in March 2020. August 14<sup>th</sup> is the deadline for submission of resolutions for the annual meeting scheduled for September.

Bazile Ground Water Management Area: Reports for Jeremy Milander and Connor Baldwin are included in the meeting packet.

NRCS Activity: Rebekah Jessen, Acting District Conservationist, will start her official duties as the Lewis and Clark NRD District Conservationist on July 20, 2020. Brandon Boehm will begin duties as a Wetland Biologist stationed in the Hartington office on July 20, 2020. (report is included in the packet).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Aowa Activities: Sudbeck reported on two sites in the Aowa Creek Watershed where the easement portion of the emergency spillway is being cropped and one where the easement portion of the emergency spillway is being used to store equipment. Board consensus was to send a letter to the landowners requiring them to reshape and reseed or remove the equipment from the emergency spillway by April 1, 2021. If the area is not reseeded or equipment is not moved LCNRD staff will proceed with reseeding and fencing off the emergency spillway or arranging with the landowner to move the equipment.

Manager's Report: Manager Sudbeck's report is in the packet.

Staff Activities: Reports for Sudbeck, Schumacher, Hochstein, Lammers, Buettner and Ravenkamp are included in the packet.

Ground Water Quality and Quantity Updates: Buettner provided updates on the status of water quality sampling results including maps and reports (copy attached to file copy of minutes). Lammers provided updates on the status of ground water quantity measurements in the district including maps and reports (copy attached to file copy of minutes).

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, and Flow Meters: None

Irrigated Acre Certification: Schumacher updated the board on the process for certifying irrigated acres and reviewed completed landowner certifications of 5,350 acres on 48 parcels. *It was moved by Armstrong.*

seconded by Kramer to approve the certification of 5,350 irrigated acres on 48 parcels of ground. Copy of July certifications attached to file copy of minutes. Roll Call: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. (8-0-1)

**EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Director Hoelsing is excused from the meeting.

**ADJOURN**

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Schmidt to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. NAY: None. Absent: Hoelsing Motion carried (8-0-1).

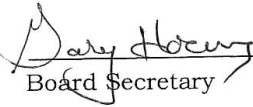
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Curtis Armstrong  
Dave Condon (present via Zoom)  
Bill Christensen  
Carolyn Heine  
Gary Howey  
Chris Johnson (present via Zoom)  
Marcel Kramer  
Russ Schmidt  
Matt Weinandt  
Jeff Steffen

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Myles Lammers, Water Res Coord  
Chase Buettner, Resource Tech.  
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager  
Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist  
Rebecca Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Coord.  
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr.  
Kristi Hochstein, Office 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 July 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