

Chair Steffen called the August 20, 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. Chair Steffen conducted roll call of members. Present: Christensen, Howey, Hoelsing, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Condon, and Johnson. Armstrong and Heine attended the meeting via Zoom. Absent: Weinandt

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Hoelsing, second by Christensen to approve the minutes of the July 16, 2020 board meeting and the July 17 to August 20, 2020 consent agenda. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Heine, Armstrong. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Director Heine reported the Water Resources Committee reviewed information about support and/or participation in the Know Your Well project, and Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) program proposed for Environmental Trust funding. The Committee reviewed the Long-Range Implementation Plan and will provide recommendations for consideration and approval at the September board meeting.

Committee recommendations:

1. Approve support and potential participation in the Know Your Well project sponsored by the Papio-Missouri NRD and University of Nebraska. If the grant is awarded LNCRD will provide 20 hours in kind match, plus travel and/or materials for each of 3 years to implement the program at 2-4 schools in the district.
2. Approve support and potential participation in the Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) Program proposed by University of Nebraska. If the grant is awarded LNCRD commits to provide \$1,000.00 per year for 3 years to be used for contest participant awards.

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Schmidt to approve the recommended participation in the Know Your Well Project, and the TAPS program, as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Armstrong, Heine. Motion carried. (8-0-1-2).

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

In the absence of Director Weinandt, Project Manager Fiedler reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) Advisory Committee Meeting held August 13, 2020 (financial report and draft minutes attached to file copy of minutes).

CKRWP Committee recommendations:

1. Approve minutes of the July 9, 2020 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
2. Approve expenses from July 10, 2020 to August 13, 2020 as presented.
3. Approve Omni Tech contract, maintaining terms as the previous year, including the rate of \$1,200 per year.
4. Approve the amendment to the Distribution Agreement with Bartlett & West with the amended price for the distribution study.
5. Approve the final recommendation of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Fiscal Year 2021 Budget.
6. Approve the request to reduce BUs from 4 to 2, for service meter A231, and approve the Engineering Review Applications for Ramiro & Cynthia Guridi (Sec 21 T33N R1W, Cedar County) for 1 BU and for Gary Guyle (Sec 15 T33N R2W Lot 16 Elkhorn Ridge, Knox County) for 1 BU.

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

AGENCY REPORTS

NARD Activity: Kramer reported the NARD Relocation Committee continues to work with Dean Edson to provide recommendations to the NARD Committee to locate a temporary office in Lincoln. The NARD Annual Conference planned for September 28-30, in Kearney has been cancelled. There will be a NARD Business Session and meeting for delegates to consider resolutions. Chair Steffen appointed Kramer as voting delegate and Weinandt as alternate.

RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey reported a July Northeast Nebraska Resources Conservation and Development meeting was held in Wynot. Lisa Lund of Wakefield is now serving as the Dixon County representative for the Northeast Nebraska RC&D. Northeast Nebraska RC&D announced they will receive a \$38,740.00 grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust for “Early Detection and Integrated Management of Invasive Plants” project. (RC&D report attached to file copy of the minutes). Wau-Col Rural Water Activities, no report.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and Healthy Soils Task Force: Steffen reported an in-person NRC meeting was held August 12 at the Convention Center in Kearney. Topics discussed were Water Sustainability Fund proposals and ranking. It was announced on August 20th that Thomas Riley was appointed as the new Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) by Governor Pete Ricketts.

NRCS Activity: Rebekah Jessen, District Conservationist reported on general activities of the offices and a mentoring program for area farmers to work with new NRCS employees. (Jessen’s report is included in the packet)

Nebraska Forest Service: Jordan Smith, District Forester reported on activities and his relocation to the office location at Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District.

Bazile Ground Water Management Area: Connor Baldwin, Bazile GMA Coordinator, reported on progress and programs in the BGMA. A Demonstration Farm Field Day will be held on September 9, 2020 starting at 9:00am at the Dave Condon farm south of Creighton. Reports for Jeremy Milander and Connor Baldwin are included in the meeting packet.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

FY2021 Budget Summary: LCNRD and CKRWP proposed budgets were reviewed. The Cedar Knox Rural Water Budget has had no changes made.

FY2021 Line of Credit: Continuation of a line of credit to cover shortfalls during the 2021 Fiscal Year was reviewed.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the renewal of the line of credit in the amount of \$100,000.00 at the Bank of Hartington with a variable 3.65% interest rate for the 2021 fiscal year. Roll Call: AYE Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Armstrong, Heine. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

Manager’s Report: Manager Sudbeck reported a landowner requested the NRD cover the expense of making repairs/replacement to the fence that separates the emergency spillway from their pasture on an AOWA structure located on their property. LCNRD has an easement for the watershed structures and the board agreed

to work with the landowners to make the necessary repairs or replacement. LCNRD will utilize NRCS established rates to reimburse, as necessary. The Managers Meeting scheduled for August 24th-26th has been cancelled due to Covid-19 concerns. Manager Sudbeck's report is included in the packet.

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

Certified Acres: Schumacher updated the board on the certification of irrigated acres and reviewed completed landowner certifications of 817 acres on 6 parcels. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Johnson to approve the certification of 817 acres on 6 parcels of ground. Copy of August certifications attached to the file copy of the minutes. Roll call: AYE Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Weinandt. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Armstrong, Heine. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Director Weinandt was excused from the meeting.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen. NAY: None. Absent: Weinandt. PRESENT NOT VOTING: Armstrong, Heine. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

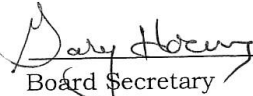
MEMBERS PRESENT

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

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.
Connor Baldwin, Bazile Coordinator
Jordan Smith, District Forester

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 August 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