

Chair Steffen called the September 17, 2020 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:10 p.m., at the Walter Larsen Senior Center in Creighton, NE. 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: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. Absent: Heine and Johnson.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Hoelsing to approve the minutes of the August 20, 2020 board meeting and the August 21 to September 17, 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: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

FY 2021 BUDGET

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the FY2021 budget and noted the total tax requirement will be \$1,073,708.78. Chair Steffen reviewed Resolution 9-2020A. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Armstrong to approve resolution 9-2020A:

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District held a public hearing to hear and consider comments concerning the Fiscal Year 2021 Budget for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project and the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District on September 15, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, the governing body of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District resolves that the attached budget document incorporated herein by reference, showing total requirements of \$3,031,030 and a tax requirement of \$1,073,708.78 is hereby adopted and set as the Fiscal Year 2021 budget of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District in accordance with statute 77-1601-02. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Armstrong, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Chair Steffen reviewed Resolution 9-2020 and it was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Christensen to approve resolution 9-2020:

WHEREAS Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the Governing Body of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources Districts passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

WHEREAS a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request.

NOW THEREFORE, the Governing Board of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District resolves that:

1. The 2020-2021 property tax request be set at \$1,073,708.78.
2. The total assessed value of property differs from last years' total assessed value by 1%.
3. The tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.024503 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. The Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District proposed to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.026715 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District will exceed last years by 19%.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forward to the County Clerk on or before October 13, 2019.

Roll call vote: AYE Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Armstrong, Condon, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

AGENCY REPORTS

Natural Resources Commission (NRC) and Healthy Soils Task Force: Steffen reported there were 7 projects that have been brought to the commission for Water Sustainability Fund consideration. NRC WSF committee members will hold a Zoom meeting to review and rank applications. The report for the Healthy Soils Task Force is in the review stage for submittal to Legislature by the end of the year.

NARD Activity: Kramer reported the NARD will hold a Business Session and meeting for delegates to consider resolutions. Kramer presented Resolution 2020-1 (Climate Change Action Plan) to the board. Following discussion, consensus was to cast 5 votes in opposition of this resolution unless information provided at the meeting would warrant a change in the position. Kramer reported the NARD Relocation Committee continues to work with Dean Edson to identify a suitable office location. Two buildings have been identified as possible temporary offices. Consensus of the board was to provide a monetary donation to NARD for operations and the foundation to help make up the difference for loss income due to the inability to hold the annual conference because of the pandemic.

RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey - no report.

NRCS Activity: Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist reported on general activities of the county offices. Jeanne Rosen reported on the activities of the NRD program assistants for the quarter. (Jessen's and Rosen's reports are attached to the official copy of the minutes).

Nebraska Forest Service: Jordan Smith, District Forester reported on receipt of grant funds to supplement tree plantings and windbreak renovations in the state.

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Director Weinandt reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) and recommended the following approvals be made:

CKRWP Committee recommendations:

1. Approve minutes of the August 13, 2020 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
2. Approve expenses from August 14, 2020 to September 17, 2020 as presented.
3. Approve the Fordyce water service contract extension for 6 months.
4. Approve the installation of the chlorine injection pump at booster 1 as a pilot program following approval by the State of Nebraska.
5. Approve the request to reduce BUs from 36 to 12 for service meter A912.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Christensen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote. AYE: Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, and Steffen. Nay: None. ABSENT: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

The Long Range Implementation Plan (LRIP): The LRIP was distributed by email before the meeting. There were no questions or discussion.

It was moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Howey to approve the Long-Range Implementation Plan 2020. Roll call vote: AYE Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, and Flow Meter Requests: Four permits were presented for consideration, Pick Farms LLC, Bow Creek Valley Farms LLC, Norma Sparks, and NE Board of Education Lands and Funds. The permits for Norma Sparks and NE Board of Education Lands and Funds will be considered next month. *It was moved by Condon, seconded by Howey to approve the well permits for Pick Farms LLC and Bow Valley Farms LLC as presented.*

1. Approve Pick Farms LLC Well Permit LC-260R in SENE, Section 22, T31N R1E and flow meter FMLC-260R cost share.
2. Bow Creek Valley Farms LLC Well Permit LC-261, LC262, X20011 expanded acres in SENW 3-31-1W, flow meter FMLC-261 cost share, and P20005 pooling agreement.

Roll call vote: Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Certified Acres: Schumacher presented the irrigated acres proposed for certification including 1,139 acres on 12 parcels.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to approve the certification of 1,139 acres on 12 parcels of ground. Copy of September certifications attached to the file copy of the minutes. Roll call: AYE Schmidt, Weinandt, Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Manager’s Report: Manager Sudbeck’s report is attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Staff Activities: Reports for Schumacher, Hochstein, Lammers, Buettner and Ravenkamp are attached to the file copy of the minutes.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Directors Heine and Johnson were excused from the meeting.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Howey to adjourn the meeting at 2:04 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Weinandt, Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. Absent: Heine and Johnson. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

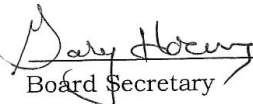
Curtis Armstrong
 Dave Condon
 Bill Christensen
 Leroy Hoelsing
 Gary Howey
 Marcel Kramer
 Russ Schmidt
 Matt Weinandt
 Jeff Steffen

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
 Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
 Chase Buettner, Resource Tech.
 Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr.
 Kristi Hochstein, Office Tech.
 Rebecca Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Coord.
 Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist
 Jorden Smith, District Forester
 Sue Sudbeck, CKRWP Prog. Assistant
 Jeanne Rosen, NRD Prog. Assistant
 Ariel Fiedler, NRD Soil Conservationist

Clark Cope, Plant Tech.
 Vince Lammers, Field/Plant Tech.
 Jeremy Milander, Bazile Ext. Educator
 Dan Kollars, CKRWP Member
 Paul Thoene, CKRWP Member
 Martin Kleinschmit, CKRWP Member
 Francis Steffen, CKRWP Member
 Dennis Tilton, CKRWP Member
 Brandon Boehn, Biologist

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 September 17, 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