

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE  
LEWIS AND CLARK  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Pursuant to and under the authority of the Nebraska Ground Water Management and Protection Act, NEB. REV. STAT. §46-701 et seq. (Reissue 2010), the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District will be conducting a public hearing for the purpose of taking written and/or oral testimony on the restatement of Rules and Regulations for the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District relating to or concerning the regulation, administration and control of ground water in the district, which rules and regulations were initially adopted in January 1986, amended in July 1993, October 2004, August 2014 and April 2015.

The amended rules and regulations contain the following:

1. Expanded definitions.
2. Clarification and additional requirements for ground water management areas.
3. Clarification and modification of the permit application and ranking process for proposed ground water wells and expanded irrigated acres.
4. Modified procedures when requesting a variance.
5. Clarified procedures for enforcement of the rules and regulations.
6. Restatement of triggers for designation of Ground Water Level Management Areas.
7. Clarification and modification of requirements pertaining to Ground Water Level Management Areas following designation.
8. Restatement of procedures for transfers of ground water off overlying land to a different section of land.
9. Clarification and modification of the process to certify ground water uses by December 31, 2025 or an appropriate date determined by the board. Ground water uses in the District shall be certified and approved by the District.
10. Restatement and clarification of requirements for the installation of flow meters on new and other wells following adoption of rules and regulations.
11. Restatement and clarification of requirements for reporting ground water use with new well installation and other wells following adoption of rules and regulations.
12. Restatement and clarification of allocation requirements following Level III Ground Water Management Area designation.
13. Restatement and clarification of stays on irrigated acre expansion and irrigation well development following Level III Ground Water Management Area designation.

The complete text, and all appendices and figures, of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Ground Water Rules and Regulations for the implementation and enforcement of the Ground Water Management Plan are available for inspection at the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Office, 608 N Robinson Ave, Hartington, NE 68739 during normal

weekday working hours of 8:00AM – 4:30PM and can also be found on the District’s website [lcnrd.nebraska.gov](http://lcnrd.nebraska.gov). The public hearing regarding the adoption of the above-referenced rules and regulations as specified herein will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2020 at 12:30 P.M. at the Lewis and Clark Natural Resource District office, 608 N Robinson Ave, Hartington, NE 68739. Any person requiring auxiliary aids or assistance to participate in the hearing should contact the District office at the address above or call 402-254-6758 to make arrangements to participate.

All interested persons may attend and testify orally or by written submission at the hearing. Interested persons may also submit written comments prior to the hearing, which will be made part of the hearing record at the time of hearing if received by the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District on or before Tuesday, December 1, 2020, at 12:30 P.M.

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Publish three consecutive weeks starting the week of November 2, 2020.