

Vice Chair Weinandt called the January 20, 2022, meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. Vice Chair Weinandt stated to the public present that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. Vice Chair Weinandt announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Heine.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda review. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Hoelsing to approve minutes of the December 16, 2021, board meeting and the December 17, 2021, to January 20, 2022, consent agenda except for the Veterans Memorial Community Assistance Program application. 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, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen and Weinandt. ABSTAIN: Christensen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (9-1-0-1).*

AGENCY ACTIVITIES

NE Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey no reports.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported on recent NRC activities.

NARD Activity: Kramer reported the NARD Legislative Conference planned for January 25-26 in Lincoln.

Eastern Nebraska Water Resources Assessment Update (ENWRA): Katie Cameron from ENWRA reported on recent activities including a PowerPoint presentation and review of the new GeoCloud data and website.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Jessen, NRCS District Conservationist reviewed current NRCS activities.

Bazile Groundwater Management Area: Reports from Whitney Gappa, Bazile Coordinator and Jeremy Milander, Bazile Extension Educator were provided in the packet.

Nebraska Forest Service: Report from Pam Bergstrom was provided to the directors in the packet.

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Weinandt and Fiedler reported on Cedar Knox Rural Water Project (CKRWP) activities and presented recommendations from the January 13, 2022, meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- *To approve Minutes of the December 9, 2021, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve expenses from December 10, 2021, to January 13, 2022, as presented.*
- *To approve submission of a claim to the insurance company for determination of responsibility of repair costs*
- *To approve the Engineering Review Application for Jack & Janet Gehlson (Sec 34 T33N RIW, Cedar County) for 1 BU and the easement connection for Brett Zavadil (Sec 36 T33N RIW, Cedar County) for 2 BU.*

It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

NSWCP 2022 Average Cost and Program Adjustments: The 2022 docket for Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) was reviewed including proposed changes. *It was moved by Schmidt,*

seconded by Armstrong to adopt the 2022 NSWCP docket as presented with changes to Mulch (Mats) to \$0.80/LF, Weed Barrier to \$3.00/each, Brush Management Medium Density (mech & chem) to \$145.00 per acre, and to remove Brush Management Mechanical, Hand Tools from the list. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Audit and Budget Preparation Agreements: Sudbeck presented the audit engagement letter and budget development engagement letter with Dana F Cole & Company. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Johnson to approve the audit engagement letter with an estimated cost of \$14,175 with 55% paid by the NRD and 45% paid by CKRWP and the budget development engagement letter with Dana F. Cole & Company with 50% paid by NRD and 50% paid by CKRWP and to direct manager to enter such contracts. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Mid-Year Budget Review: Sudbeck presented the FY2022 mid-year budget review.

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reviewed items from the Managers Report and reminded the directors of the Legislative Conference in Lincoln. Sudbeck stated the Washington DC conference had been cancelled due to Covid -19 restrictions. Sudbeck asked the board to make a change to the minimum acres for a planned grazing system from 80 to 40 acres.

Discussion was revisited pertaining to the NSWCP recommendation and following discussion, it was moved by Kramer, seconded by Christensen to change the minimum eligible water resource concern acres for NSWCP planned grazing systems from 80 acres to 40 acres. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Well Permits, Expanded Irrigated Acres, Flow Meters: Fourteen permits were presented for consideration. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve the permits as stated below:

1. Mark Buschelman flow meter cost share FMLC-324.
2. Epic Land and Cattle Co. well permit LC-325R for a replacement well in the NWNW Section 3, T31N, R3W and it will comingle with wells G-163692 and G-163690.
3. Mark Oltjenbruns well permit LC-326 & LC-327 for wells in the NESW Section 17, T29N, R5W, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22001 for 120 irrigated acres in SW Section 17, T29N, R5W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-326.
4. Jerald & Janine Stewart well permit LC-320 & LC-328 for well in the SWSE Section 12, T31N, R3E, expanded irrigated acres permit X-21023 for 250 irrigated acres in SE & N1/2SW, S1/2 NE Section 12, T31N, R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-320. Any new acres intended for irrigation over 50% of the total acres (7.35%) with matching 12% slope or greater and soils of classification 6e or greater must be planted to permanent grass and implement a Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) conservation plan that is signed, approved, and filed with NRCS and LCNRD.
5. HTS Land LLC late well permit LC-329L for a well in the SESE Section 19, T31N, R2E and will comingle with well G-055312.
6. Drillem LLC well permit LC-330 for a well in the NENE Section 7, T30N, R5W, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22002 for 75 irrigated acres in the E1/2NE Section 7, T30N, R5W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-330. Any new acres intended for irrigation over 50% of the total acres (9.61%) with matching 12% slope or greater and soils of classification 6e or greater must be planted to permanent grass and implement a Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) conservation plan that is signed, approved, and filed with NRCS and LCNRD.
7. Al and Jean Hoelsing well permit LC-331 for a well in the SENE Section 16, T30N, R1E, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22003 for 133 irrigated acres in the NW Section 23, T30N, R1E, and Variance V-22001 to allow pumping of water greater than a mile and understanding that the well will only be used in times of drought and will not be used during typical growing seasons.

8. Board of Education Land and Funds well permit LC-332 for a well in the CenNE Section 32, T30N, R1W, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22004 for 130 irrigated acres in the NE Section 32, T30N, R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC- 332.
9. Board of Education Land and Funds well permit LC-333 for a well in the CenSW Section 30, T30N, R1W, and expanded irrigated acres permit X-22005 for 130 irrigated acres in the SW Section 30, T30N, R1W.
10. Christopher Jessen well permit LC-334 & LC-335 for wells in the CenNW Section 10, T32N, R4W and SWNW Section 10, T32N, R4W respectively, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22006 & X-22007 for 220 irrigated acres in the S1/2SW Section 3 & NW Section 10, T32N, R4W respectively, and flow meter cost share FMLC-334, both wells will be comingled to irrigate the 220 new irrigated acres.
11. Duane & Lisa Schlotte well permit LC-336 for a well in the SESE Section 35, T31N, R3W, plan to comingle with well G-166938 to irrigate current acres.
12. Francis & Janelle Gubbels well permit LC-337 for a well in the SENE Section 23, T31N, R2E, and plan to comingle with current well to irrigate current acres.
13. Drillem LLC expanded irrigated acres permit X-22008 for 80 irrigated acres in the SWNE, S1/2NWNE, & N1/2NWSE Section 18, T30N, R5W, and Variance V-22002 to comingle more than 2 wells to irrigate more than 160 acres was approved and any new acres intended for irrigation over 50% of the total acres (18.4%) with matching 12% slope or greater and soils of classification 6e or greater must be planted to permanent grass and implement a Natural Resources Conservation Services (NRCS) conservation plan that is signed, approved, and filed with NRCS and LCNRD.
14. Dylan Kauth well permit LC-338 for a well in the NWNE Section 5, T30N, R3W, expanded irrigated acres permit X-22009 for 133 irrigated acres in the NE Section 5, T30N, R3W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-338.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt: NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion Carried (10-0-1) (File copy attached to the minutes)

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, Jacobsen, Ravenkamp and A. Fiedler were in the packet.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences - Heine

Sudbeck reported Vern Zavadil had several Cedar trees die from a 2020 machine planting. The forester came out and looked at the trees and he didn't think it was the cause of any disease or blight, and that it was probably a planting or seedling issue. The board recommended providing Zavadil 150 seedling trees at no charge as replacement.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 3:55 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Condon, Christensen, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Heine. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
 Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
 Myles Lammers, Water Resources Coord.
 Becky Ravenkamp, BC Coord. *
 Kristi Hochstein, Office Coord.
 Stephanie Jacobsen, Resources Tech.
 Rebekah Jessen, District Conservationist *
 Katie Cameron, ENWRA

*Via Teams

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 January 20, 2022 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 Chair 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