

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

September 15, 2022

Chair Heine called the September 15, 2022, meeting of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 3:30 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. Chair Heine stated to the public present that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. Chair Heine announced that a copy of the Open Meetings Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, and Steffen. Absent: Armstrong, Johnson, Schmidt, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda review. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve minutes of the August 18, 2022, board meeting and the August 19, 2022, to September 15, 2022, consent agenda. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Johnson, Schmidt, and Weinandt. Motion carried (7-0-4).*

Armstrong enters the meeting at 3:40 pm. Schmidt enters meeting at 3:47 pm.

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

Kramer reported on and presented recommendations of the planning committee, *it was moved by Christensen, seconded by Hoelsing to approve the Planning Committee report and each recommendation as stated below.*

- To accept bid from Art Kathol Appliance to install a new geothermal heating and cooling unit and installation for the office area in the amount of \$20,200.
- To approve the following tree rates for the 2023 tree season. \$1.20 per seedling tree, \$30.00 per bundle of seedling trees, \$1.20 per seedling tree for planting with a minimum stop charge of \$300.00, and a go back charge of \$4.00 per mile. Weed barrier 500-foot roll \$225.00, weed mats with 5 staples \$3.50 each, and staples 8 inch \$0.20, 9 inch \$0.25 each.
- To approve support of increasing total available funds allocated for the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program.
- To approve management signature of the Memorandum of Agreement between the National Association of Conservation Districts and the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District for continued funding of the NACD technician position with the NACD provided funding of \$64,050 and LCNRD in-kind match of \$8,025 and cash match of \$8,025.
- To postpone action on well permits, expanded acres permits, and flow meter cost share for Fred and Diane Pick (X-22048), David Arens (LC-385, X-22049 & FMLC 385), GJRJ Farms LLC (LC-386), and Glenn Kathol (LC-390 and X-22053) pending more information from UNL Conservation and Survey Division.
- To approve well and related permits application as follows:
 1. Steve and Brenda Stewart Trustee expanded acres permit X-22050 for 141 irrigated acres in N1/2NW & NWNE Section 3, T31N, R3E and S1/2SW & SWSE Section 34, T32N, R3E.
 2. David Sudbeck well replacement permit LC-387R for a replacement well in the SWNE Section 3, T30N, R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC- 387R.
 3. Daniel and Marcia Kollars well permit LC-388 for a well in the NWNE Section 14, T31N, R2E.
 4. Circle E Land & Cattle expanded acres permit X-22051 for 98 irrigated acres in the N1/2SW & N1/2S1/2 Section 30, T30N, R3E.
 5. Glenn and Rosemary Kathol well permit LC-389 for a well in the SESE Section 15, T30N, R2E, expanded acres permit X-22052 for 135 irrigated acres in the SE Section 15, T30N, R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-389.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Armstrong and Schmidt. ABSENT: Johnson and Weinandt. Motion Carried (7-0-2-2).

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities. Fiedler presented recommendations from the September 8, 2022, meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve minutes of the August 11, 2022, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from August 12, 2022, to September 8, 2022, as presented.
- To approve the budget for the Fiscal Year 2022-2023.
- To approve the 2-year contract with Aqua-Pure.
- To approve an increase to the water service initial installation fee to \$9,000, with \$1,400 set aside for meter equipment components, \$1,700 set aside for contractor installation cost adjacent to existing water main, \$175 set aside for staff labor, and \$5,725 to expansion fund.

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Steffen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Kramer. ABSENT: Johnson and Weinandt. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

FY 2023 BUDGET

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the FY2023 budget and noted the total tax requirement will be \$1,114,492.58, and reviewed Resolution 9-2022. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Kramer to approve budget and the levy resolution 9-2022 as stated:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of Lewis & Clark NRD 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 Body of Lewis & Clark NRD resolves that:

1. The 2022-2023 property tax request be set at:

General Fund: \$ 1,114,492.58

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 3.16 percent.
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 0.026593 per \$100 of assessed value.
4. Lewis & Clark NRD proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.026759 per \$100 of assessed value.
5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Lewis & Clark NRD will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 220.27 percent.
6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2022.

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

AGENCY ACTIVITIES

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

NARD Activity: Kramer reviewed NARD Resolution 2022-1 and discussed the NARD conference to be held September 26th and 27th in Kearney.

NE Nebraska RC&D and Wau-Col Rural Water Activities: Howey reported on NE Nebraska RC&D activity. No report for Wau-Col Rural Water.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reviewed current NRCS activities and a report was provided in the director packet.

Bazile GMA Updates: Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator reported and BGMA activities. Jeremy Milander provided a report that was included in the director packet.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager’s Report: Sudbeck reviewed items from the Manager’s Report attached to file copy of the minutes.

Certified Irrigated Acres Certification: None

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, Trenhaile, Krusemark, A. Fiedler, Ravenkamp were provided in the director packet.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Chris Johnson and Matt Weinandt.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Condon to adjourn the meeting at 4:15 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Johnson and Weinandt. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Myles Lammers, Water Resources Coord.
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coord.
Reed Trenhaile, Information & Ed Technician
Colton Krusemark, Bazile Area Technician
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Coord.
Jeanne Rosen, Program Assistant
Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant
Ariel Fiedler, NACD Technical Assistant
Brandon Rosberg, NRCS Field Technician
Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Lisa Lauver, BGMA Coordinator
Taylor LeTexier, Soil Conservationist

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 15, 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