

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

January 19, 2023

Chair Heine called the January 19, 2023, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 1:35 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. Directors elected in the November 2022 election took the oath of office prior to the meeting. Roll call of members. Present: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, and Kramer.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chair Election: Weinandt was nominated for Chair from the floor. It was moved by Steffen and seconded by Schmidt that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Weinandt as Chair of the LCNRD Board. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Weinandt. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, and Kramer. Motion carried (6-0-1-4).

Vice Chair Election: Schmidt was nominated for Vice Chair from the floor. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Steffen that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Schmidt as Vice Chair of the LCNRD Board. Roll call vote: Aye: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Schmidt. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, and Kramer. Motion carried (6-0-1-4).

Secretary/Treasurer Election: Johnson was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer from the floor. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Steffen that nominations cease, and a unanimous ballot be cast for Johnson as Secretary/Treasurer of the board. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Johnson. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, and Kramer. Motion carried (6-0-1-4).

Committee Appointments: Chair Weinandt made appointments as follows: Directors appointed to the Budget and Financial Committee are Heine, Armstrong, Kollars, Schmidt, and Johnson. Planning and Personnel Committee are Weinandt, Heine, Kramer, Schmidt, and Steffen. Operation and Maintenance Committee are Weinandt, Hoelsing, and Kollars. Water Resources Committee are Weinandt, Christensen, Condon, Schmidt, and Steffen. Kramer was appointed to continue serving as the LCNRD Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Representative and Weinandt as alternate NARD Representative. Heine was appointed to represent LCNRD on the Wau-Col Rural Water Project Committee and Weinandt on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee. No appointment to the Northeast Nebraska RC&D board was made.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Kollars to approve minutes of the December 20, 2023, board meeting and the December 16 to January 19, 2023, 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: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing and Kramer. Motion carried (7-0-4).

RURAL WATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the January 12, 2023; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve minutes of the December 8, 2022, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from December 9, 2022, to January 12, 2023, as presented.
- To accept the bid from Downey Drilling Inc for \$198,176.00 for work to begin in Spring of 2023, for seven (7) test holes up to 350 feet deep, installing four (4) 2-inch diameter observation wells, and installing one (1) 6-inch test well and related work.

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Heine to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing and Kramer. Motion carried (7-0-4).

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Schmidt to approve the 2023 Land Rental Agreement between LCNRD and Dale and Mary Burbach in the amount of \$4540.50, to be paid in two installments of \$2270.25 each on March 1, 2023, and September 1, 2023, respectively. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, and Kramer. Motion carried (7-0-4).

AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Jeff Steffen gave a brief review of the NRC responsibilities and upcoming meetings.

RC&D & Wau-Col Activities. No report for RC&D or Wau-Col.

NARD Activity: Kramer and Sudbeck reviewed the schedule for the upcoming NARD Legislative Conference to be held Lincoln, January 24 & 25, 2023.

Water Resources Committee: Schmidt reported on and presented recommendations of the water resources committee, it was moved by Heine, seconded by Kollars to approve the Water Resources Committee report and each recommendation as stated below.

1. Gail Milander Trust expanded acres permit X-23001 for 68 acres in the E1/2NE Section 6, T29N, R1E.
2. Harold & Betty Eickhoff expanded acres permit X-23002 for 20 acres in the S1/2NE Section 5 & S1/2NW Section 4, T31N, R1E.
3. Joel Karnes expanded acres permit X- 23003 for 14 acres in the NWNW Section 16, T30N, R3E.
4. Dean & Darlo Jansen expanded acres permit X-23004 for 70 acres in the E1/2SW Section 17, T32N, R1E.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing, Kramer. Motion carried (7-0-4).

NRCS Report: Brandon Rosberg, NRCS Field Technician, reviewed current NRCS activities, a report was provided in the director packet from Rebeka Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist.

Bazile GMA Updates: Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator and Jeremy Milander, UNL Bazile Extension Educator, provided reports that were included in the director packet.

Nebraska Forest Service: Chris Wood, Conservation Forester, was unable to attend due to the weather.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

NSWCP 2023 Average Cost Adjustments – The 2023 docket for Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) was reviewed including proposed changes. It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to adopt the 2023 NSWCP docket as presented with modification; change Windbreaks to 65% or 50% cost-share depending on Nebraska Forestry Restoration Partnership (NFRP) eligibility per application, change Mulch (Mats) to \$3.00 each, change Weed Barrier to \$0.80/lf, change to include practice for Well<100 feet at \$70.24/lf. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing and Kramer. Motion carried (7-0-4).

FY2023 Mid-Year Budget Review: Sudbeck presented the FY2023 mid-year budget review which was included in the director packet.

Manager's Report: Sudbeck provided an update and reviewed items from the Manager's Report attached to file copy of the minutes.

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None, Trenhaile discussed that the NRD App will be up and running soon and that certification of irrigated acres will be resuming once the App is fully functional and training has been

completed with Longitude 103.

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

Chair Weinandt welcomed public in attendance and provided time for comments. Bill Christensen, Hartington and Casey Christensen, Hartington provided comments on their experiences with irrigation development and climatic conditions in the district.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing and Kramer.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Steffen to adjourn the meeting at 3:35 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Condon, Hoelsing and Kramer. Motion carried (7-0-4).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Carly Christensen
Carolyn Heine
Chris Johnson
Dan Kollars
Russ Schmidt
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Reed Trenhaile, I & E Technician
Colton Krusemark, Bazile Area Technician
Brandon Rosberg, NRCS Field Technician

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 19, 2023 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