

## **LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES**

**May 18, 2023**

Chair Weinandt called the May 18, 2023, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Hartington VFW Club, 226 East Main Street, in Hartington, NE. Chair Weinandt stated to the public present that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board. 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, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Condon

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

Consent agenda reviewed. It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Heine to approve minutes of the April 20th, 2023, board meeting and the April 21 to May 18, 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: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

### **PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT**

Heine reported on and presented recommendations of the planning committee.

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to approve the second amendment to the Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) grant contract for the Bow Creek Watershed Project with NET reference number 20-175-3 which extends the termination date to December 31, 2023. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kollars to approve an amendment to the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) Inter-Governmental Agreement for Bow Creek Watershed Project activities which extends the termination date to June 30, 2024, increases the amount of funds awarded by \$63,000.00, and increases the match funds by \$42,000.00. Roll call vote: AYE Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

I was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Kollars to approve moving forward with the National Water Quality Incentive (NWQI) program planning phase with the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and other partners for the Bow Creek Watershed. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Johnson to approve the FY2024 planning committee report, draft budget items, proposed special projects, and recommendations as stated below.

1. Estimated 5% increase for health insurance premiums.
2. Proposed wage increases.
3. Proposed FY2024 Planned Projects including QuickBooks cloud version, new server with FY2025 install, move pickup purchase from FY2023 to FY2024 and service contract for heating and cooling units.
4. FY2024-FY2027 CKRWP Lease Agreement for office space.

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

### **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Schmidt reported on and presented recommendation of the water resources committee, it was moved by Kramer, seconded by Christensen to approve the Water Resources Committee report and the recommendations stated below.

1. Alan & Jean Hoelsing well permit LC-404 for a well in the CenNW Section 23, T30N, R1E.
2. Marlin & Cynthia Kraemer well permit LC-405 for a well in the SWSW Section 22, T29N, R4E,

- expanded acres permit X-23020 for 172 irrigated acres in the SW & NWSE Section 22, T29N, R4E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-405.
3. Marlin & Cynthia Kraemer well permit LC-406 for a well in the SENW Section 29, T29N, R5E.
  4. Joann Rathgerber well permit LC-407 for a well in the NWSW Section 31, T30N, R2E, expanded acres permit X-23021 for 65 irrigated acres in the W1/2SW Section 31, T30N, R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-407.
  5. Christopher & Michaela Jessen well permit LC-408 for a well in the SESW Section 3, T32N, R4W, expanded acres permit X-23022 for 45 irrigated acres in the SW & S1/2NW Section 3, T32N, R4W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-408.
  6. Kurt & Lynn Thoene well permit LC-409 for a well in the NWSE Section 5, T31N, R2E.
  7. Anthony & Carol Thoene expanded acres permit X-23023 for 135 irrigated acres in the E1/2NW & W1/2NE Section 7, T31N, R2E and pooling agreement P-23001.
  8. Orville & Patricia Steffen etal/John Steffen well permit LC-410 for a well in the SESW Section 18, T30N, R2E, expanded acres permit X-23024 for 105 irrigated acres in the SW Section 18, T30N, R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-410.
  9. Al Kruger Trustee replacement well permit LC-411R for a well in the SESE Section 10, T29N, R1W and flow meter cost share FMLC-411R.
  10. Joseph & Amanda Potts well permit LC-412 for a well in the NESE Section 25, T32N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-23025 for 63 irrigated acres in the N1/2N1/2SE & SWNE Section 25, T32N, R1W and flow meter cost share FMLC-412.
  11. Gerald & Donna Fischer Trustee well permit LC-413 for a well in the SENW Section5, T30N, 2E, expanded acres permit X-23026 for 103 irrigated acres in the NW Section 5, T30N, R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-413.
  12. John & Sheila Lange well permit LC-414 for a well in the SWNW Section 28, T32N, R1E, expanded acres permit X-23027 for 110 irrigated acres in the W1/2NW Section 28 & E1/2NE Section 29, T32N, R1E and flow meter cost share FMLC-414.
  13. Kenneth Becker replacement well permit LC-415R for a well in the NENE Section 27, T30N, R3W.
  14. Jody & Chrys Koch well permit LC-416 & LC-417 for wells in the NWSW Section 17, T31N, R3E and SWSW Section 17, T31N, R3E, expanded acres permit X-23028 for 36 irrigated acres in the W1/2SW Section 17, T31N, R3E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-416.
  15. Daryl & Jennifer Sudbeck expanded acres permit X-23029 for 35 irrigated acres in the NENW Section 29, T32N, R2E.
  16. GJRJ Farm LLC C/O Gary Jessen well permit LC-418 for a well in the SENE Section 35, T31N, R3W.
  17. GJRJ Farm LLC C/O Gary Jessen well permit modification on LC-386 to comingle with well G-178893 not well G-165378 as previously approved.
  18. Ryan Lammers well permits LC-419 & LC-420 for a wells in the NENW Section 19, T31N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-23030 for 133 irrigated acres in the NW Section 19, T31N, R1W.
  19. Rhonda & Kevin Schieffer well permits LC-421 & LC-422 for wells in the SESW Section 18, T31N, R1W.
  20. Daniel & Lisa Sudbeck well permits LC-423 & LC-424 for wells in the NWNE Section 12, T31N, R1E & NWNE Section 12, T31N, R1E.
  21. Craig & Anne Wuebben well permits LC-425 & LC-426 for wells in the NESE Section 34, T32N, R1W & NESE Section 34, T32N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-23031 for 60 irrigated acres in the SENE & NESE Section 34, T32N, R1W and flow meter cost share FMLC-425.
  22. Robert & Linda Wuebben well permits LC-427, LC-428 and LC-429 for wells in the SWSE Section 35, T32N, R1W, SWSE Section 35, T32N, R1W and SESE Section 35, T32N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-23032 for 66 irrigated acres in the S1/2SE Section 35, T32N, R1W and flow meter cost share FMLC-427.
  23. Steven & Brenda Stewart well permit LC-430 for well in the NWNW Section 3, T31N, R3E.

Roll call vote: AYE Armstrong, Christensen, Heine Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent NRD and CKRWP activities and the report is included in the director's packet. The Subdistrict 5 director vacancy has been advertised and accepting applications for consideration through June 9<sup>th</sup>.

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

## **AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS**

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen had no report, and the next meeting will be in June.

Wau-Col Activities. Heine had no report, and the next meeting will be on July 6<sup>th</sup>.

NARD Activity: Kramer had no report, and the next meeting will be on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

RC&D Activities: No report.

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

NRCS Report: Taylor LeTexier, Resource Conservationist in Ponca, reviewed NRCS activities.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the May 11, 2023; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- To approve minutes of the April 13, 2023, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.
- To approve expenses from April 14, 2023, to May 11, 2023, as presented.
- To approve the annual office lease agreement with LCNRD for \$20,800.00.
- To approve moving Water Service Connection A145 for William Nohr to Sec 18 T33N R1W in Cedar County at his own expense.
- To approve 12 additional benefit units for water service connection A699 Meridian Bridge RV Resort.
- To conduct additional groundwater investigation in the Lindy area.
- To switch priority from the Dolphin area and to conduct additional groundwater investigation in the Aten area.

It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Kollars to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above, BUT excluding the recommendation "to conduct additional groundwater investigation in the Lindy area". Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

## **EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Excused absences – Condon

## **ADJOURN**

It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Condon. Motion carried (9-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT

Curtis Armstrong  
Carly Christensen  
Carolyn Heine  
Chris Johnson  
Dan Kollars  
Marcel Kramer  
Russ Schmidt  
Jeff Steffen  
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP  
Myles Lammers, Water Resources Coordinator  
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator  
Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Creek Watershed Coordinator  
Taylor LeTexier, Resource 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 May 18, 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.

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Board Secretary