

# LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

January 18, 2018

Chairman Fuchtman called the January 18, 2018 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 12:40 pm. Chairman Fuchtman stated prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the Board and announced to the public present that a copy of the Open Meeting Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room, Hartington NE.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda additions were distributed and changes were noted. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2017 board meeting and the December consent agenda which includes the treasurer's report, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Fuchtman, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

## **NRCS REPORT**

Tyler Specht introduced Jeni Olsen, Lewis & Clark NRD Program Assistant at Ponca NRCS. Specht reviewed EQIP ranking and upcoming EQIP local work group meeting to set priority ranking. Specht also discussed staffing shortages in area offices. There is a meeting with contractors to review wetland requirements and tiling February 15<sup>th</sup> at two locations.

## **DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES**

Jeff Steffen reported on the Natural Resources Commission meeting and discussed proposed legislation for state budget funding cuts and the impact to the Water Sustainability Fund.

Marcel Kramer reported on the upcoming Legislative Conference January 23-24. Chairman Fuchtman appointed himself as the Lewis and Clark NRD Voting Delegate and Carolyn Heine as alternate.

Gary Howey reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D. Glenn Anderson of Coleridge has resigned as the Cedar County representative on the RC&D. Howey reported on upcoming events of the RC&D. The RC&D is looking for office space and it was questioned whether they would want to rent the office space at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center. Howey stated this wouldn't work for the RC&D as all of the present staff is from the Plainview area. There was no Wau Col meeting but Manager Sudbeck did share Lower Elkhorn NRD is continuing to work with a landowner on the installation of a line versus planned installation location along the Wau-Col rural water system.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the 6 month budget figures. The 2018 NSWCP rates were reviewed. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to adopt the 2018 Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program rates as presented on the attached document. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Fuchtman, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Manager Sudbeck reviewed NACD Contract for funding to allow technical assistance hiring. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Schmidt authorizing management to sign NACD Contract to hire a Resource Conservationist for NRCS. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Fuchtman, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Manager Sudbeck discussed with the board the potential for a government shutdown affecting the Lewis & Clark NRD employees housed in government offices. The board discussed the issue and due to workload limitations at this time, it was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Howey for FY18 to allow Program Assistants in Knox and Cedar County to utilize either sick or annual leave during a government shutdown and to allow the newly hired Dixon County Program Assistant to work at the NRD office in Hartington and reimburse mileage or to use annual or sick leave as needed. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Fuchtman, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Delinquent accounts for the NRD were reviewed and it was consensus to send letter to Fleming, Pick and Potts on making payments to avoid further action. Board also instructed manager to send letter to David Merrick asking for payment of cost to rekey the office and plant as needed due to failure to return key upon resignation as project manager. This letter will be sent once work is completed and billing is received.

AEM survey grant to fly a 3 mile grid over northern Cedar and Knox County had been awarded to ENWRA with a required match of \$200,000. Board reviewed AEM survey needed to define aquifers of interest for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project. Sudbeck reviewed the options which are no long being considered and the options still under consideration for the rural water system water source. It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Schmidt to approve management signing \$500,000 contract for ENWRA AEM Flights and \$150,000 Contract with Aqua Geo Framework to conduct an AEM Survey based on Sue Lackey, Katie Cameron and Bill Christensen developing a plan for areas to survey in 2018 to investigate groundwater sources for the Rural Water System. . Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Fuchtman, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Washington DC trip in March was discussed and board members supported sending a support staff employee every year on a rotation based on years of service in addition to the manager and directors. Rural water project manager should also attend in 2018. (Jeff Steffen leaves the meeting)

Myles reported on 2 expanded acre permits received. Lammers reviewed both of the requests and information from Sue Lackey on the X17017 Epic Land & Cattle. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Christensen to approve Jack Fuchtman Expanded Acres request X18001 for 17 acres in Section 35 T29N-R5W and Epic Land & Cattle X17017 for 160 acres in Section 4 T31N-R3W based on Letter from Sue Lackey (Attached). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Fuchtman, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Steffen. Motion carried (9-0-2). Myles reported on irrigation monitoring well pumping, chemigation, flow meter reports, and water quality results.

Joslynn VanDerslice reported on the NRD Year in Review included in Directors packet, Bazile 2018 crop reporting forms are being mailed to cooperators, Nitrogen Certification letters and there will be a Bazile Open House in Osmond, February 7<sup>th</sup>. VanDerslice is working on National Ag Day with Hartington Schools and Cedar County Extension.

The new forester, Jorden Smith will be starting at the NRD on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **RURAL WATER REPORT**

Matt Weinandt reported on the January 11 meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project at which the following recommendations were made. (Jeff Steffen enters the meeting)

- To approve the minutes of the December 7, 2017 rural water meeting.
- To approve the expenses for January 2018 as presented. (Budget figures for the first 6 months was reviewed)
- To change the Cedar Knox Rural Water Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship eligibility criteria. The scholarship is available to High School Seniors who are rural water customers, children or grandchildren of rural water customers, or children or grandchildren of CKRWP employees.
- to approve the hookup request from Mitchell Sudbeck (Sec 36, T32N, R3E, Cedar County) dependent upon receipt of hookup applications, hookup fees, paperwork and engineering approval.

The rural water committee reviewed 5 engineering options for continued quality water service.

- Option 1: Constructing a horizontal collector well on Lewis and Clark Lake with water treatment plant improvements, Option 2: Extending the existing screen with water treatment plant improvements. Neither option is viable long term.
- Option 3: Constructing a horizontal collector well and new water treatment plant near South Yankton on the Missouri River is too costly.
- Option 4: Finding a new groundwater source with a treatment plant and Option 5: Purchasing finished water from Yankton were discussed by the committee. The next step is to identify areas

where suitable ground water sources may be found and investigate the potential sources using Aero-electromagnetic (AEM) technology and water sampling to determine the best areas for further investigation. Once the research is complete, engineers will evaluate feasibility.

Board Consensus to donate \$500 to Yankton Emergency Management as their diving team inspected the system intake this spring and fall. Consensus was to charge David Merrick with the costs incurred to change the tumblers in the locks due to this. After hours service number has been established 402-373-2426. (copy of report attached to file copy of minutes) It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Heine to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Fuchtman, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing. Motion carried (10-0-1). Manager Johnson reported plant is pumping 270,000 to 300,000 gallons per day and reported on maintenance issues at the plant

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Director Hoelsing had contacted the office prior to the meeting and is excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm

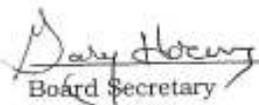
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Armstrong, Curtis  
Christensen, Bill  
Fuchtman, Jack  
Heine, Carolyn  
Hoelsing, Leroy  
Howey, Gary  
Johnson, Chris  
Kramer, Marcel  
Schmidt, Russ  
Weinandt, Matt

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Tyler Specht, NRCS  
Jenni Olsen, NRCS  
Terry Johnson, CKRWP  
Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Joslynn VanDerslice, Res Tech  
Myles Lammers, Water Res Tech  
Marilyn Schumacher, Office Mgr

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 18, 2018 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 Chairman 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

