

Chairman Fuchtman called the October 18, 2018 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 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.

## **CONSENT AGENDA**

The consent agenda additions were distributed. *It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the September 17, 2018 board meeting and the October consent agenda which includes the treasurer's report, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions with correction to Ed Lammers payment which should be \$1000.00 not \$246.03. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried 6-0-5.*

## **FY 2018 AUDIT**

Donita Pokorny, Dana F Cole reviewed the FY 18 Audit with the board. Pokorny reviewed statements from the audit, the profit and loss statement and balance sheet figures for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project and Lewis and Clark NRD. Pokorny also reviewed with the board deficiencies they found which she stated are generally found in smaller business with smaller number of staff to segregate the duties for accounting procedures. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the FY 2018 Lewis and Clark NRD audit as prepared by Dana F Cole & Co. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried 6-0-5.*

## **NRCS REPORT**

Caleb Rawson, NRCS Compliance Specialist, reported Tyler Specht, DC has completed performance reviews of staff. The Bloomfield NRCS is working on a pilot program to share work with FSA to improve customer service efficiency. All offices are participating in workload time cycle program to assist with reduced staff members. Rawson reported on training seminars and the upcoming all employees meeting. Rawson also reported on a change in structure of wetland certification staff.

## **NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE FIRE WISE ACTIVITY**

Jorden Smith, Fire Wise Forester, reported that a complete survey of trees in Devils Nest is being compiled into a document to be shared with Devils Nest representatives on October 26. In previous months Smith was in Colorado assisting in controlling fires and in Utah attending a grant workshop. Smith discussed with the board a proposal for creating a nursery in the Lewis & Clark NRD to provide trees for communities or urban residents to plant in anticipation of Green Ash removal due to the Emerald Ash Borer advance. Smith is proposing construction of three beds at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center with the main cost being watering the trees. He will primarily use leftover trees from NRD tree planting program and Smith requires the NRD provide additional seedlings and pay the cost of watering for the program. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve NRD assist in funding for creation and support of a Nursery to provide trees to communities and urban residents. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried 6-0-5.*

## **RURAL WATER REPORT**

Jorden Smith reported on the Management Plan he has prepared to assist in removing trees growing over Cedar Knox Rural Water Project main line to west tanks. CKRWP would pay 25% of the cost and the additional funding will be provided by the Nebraska Forest Service. The area is approximately 2.95 acres and contractor fee is estimated to be \$700 per acre.

Terry Johnson reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting held on October 11. The following recommendations were made by the Committee.

1. Approve the minutes of the September 13, 2018 rural water meeting.
2. Approve the expenses for October as presented.
3. Have management sign agreement with the Nebraska Forest Service to remove trees over portions of the CKRWP water line and provide 25% match

Johnson reported grant for compactor has been submitted and staff will also research conversion from lime bags to a bulk feed system to reduce waste. Chlorine Dioxide line inspection by DHHS has been completed, leaks on system lines were discussed, water loss continues to be a major concern and staff is working to locate leaks. Microcystin sampling of lake water for DEQ is finished for this year and no positive samples were reported. Aqua-Geo Frameworks will deliver AEM survey report to the committee in February, Lawrence Zavadil is retiring from the Advisory Committee and the committee and staff thanked Lawrence for all he has done to create and advance the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to approve rural water report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried 6-0-5). Johnson also reported DHHS conducted the Sanitary Survey of the system this week and the corrections needing to be made to the system.

## **DIRECTORS ACTIVITY**

Marcel Kramer reported Nebraska Association of Resources District will have a board meeting in November. At the September NARD Board meeting, the NARD board reviewed the audit of the risk pool.

The NARD Annual Conference was held in Kearney in September and Kramer commented on seminars about Lincoln Premium Poultry and plant nutrition. Leroy Hoelsing reported on the Dams and Flood Risk seminar. Gary Howey stated the conference was excellent this year and reported on water scarcity and Bazile seminars. At the Conference Leroy Hoelsing and Jeanne Rosen were acknowledged for years of service and Dan Kathol received the Community Conservation Award.

Carolyn Heine reported on the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center planning meeting and their discussion on getting community support for the center and maybe modifying focus to a more educational facility.

Gary Howey reported Wau-Col water system received notice from Coleridge and Wausa that they will be raising water rates effective January 1. Northeast Nebraska RC&D had their 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration and held a Cemetery and Churches Tour. The RC&D will be meeting with Shannon Trail to look at options for working together.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY**

Manager Sudbeck presented a contract from USGS for stream gage station near Niobrara. The board

reviewed the contract and it was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to approve and authorize management signing the Joint Funding Agreement NO 19NRJFA00100 for the operation of the stream gage at Bazile Creek near Niobrara. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Johnson, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. Motion carried 6-0-5).

November board meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> in conjunction with NRD awards banquet. Board consensus was to hold event at the Historic Hotel in Hartington and a humanities speaker will be contracted for the event.

Myles Lammers, Water Resource Technician, reported he has been focusing on maintenance in Aowa Watershed and pumping Observation Wells.

Interviews for the Resources Technician position were conducted but no one was hired, The Resources Technician position and the Program Technician position will be advertised in November. The Water Quality Management Plan meeting of stakeholders will be October 22<sup>nd</sup> with open house to follow. A Bazile Crop Consultant meeting is scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> at Lower Elkhorn NRD. Bazile position through UNL should have a Memorandum of Understanding next month for consideration.

Manager will attend a meeting with Santee scheduled for October 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss water and wastewater systems. . The NRD along with Sue Lackey met with Martinsburg to discuss water quality results of Dakota formation Observation well the NRD drilled for use in the area. Based on test results, Martinsburg decided to drill a Dakota well and blend water from existing wells to meet DHHS water requirements.

Sudbeck reported construction on the end point of the Meridian Trail has started.

An anonymous complaint was received on erosion. Contacted landowner and he is willing to do what needs to be done to get the issue corrected.

## **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Directors Johnson, Steffen, Armstrong and Weinandt had contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 9:18 pm. The next meeting will be November 15 at 5:30 pm at Historic Hotel.

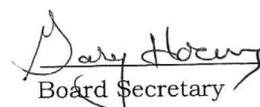
### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

Fuchtman, Jack  
Heine, Carolyn  
Hoelsing, Leroy  
Howey, Gary  
Johnson, Chris  
Kramer, Marcel  
Schmidt, Russ

### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Caleb Rawson, NRCS  
Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Terry Johnson, CKRWP  
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 October 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