

# LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

February 15, 2018

Chairman Fuchtman called the February 15, 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 including additional bills for Cedar Knox Rural Water which need to be paid prior to next month. (Weinandt and Heine enter the meeting. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 board meeting and the February 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, Heine, Hoelsing Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Weinandt. NAY:None. Abstain: Johnson. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

## **NRCS REPORT**

Tyler Specht reported on program changes, meeting on cover cropping systems, upcoming tiling meeting with contractors and NRCS meeting to discuss staffing needs as well as Pathways Employment. Manager Sudbeck reviewed the NACD funding received for hiring a part time Soil Conservationist position at the NRCS.

## **FORESTRY**

Jorden Smith, Wildland Urban Interface Forester for the Nebraska Forest Service introduced himself to the board. Smith is stationed out of the Lewis and Clark NRD office and reported his primary role is to reduce the hazardous fuels in the area.

## **BAZILE GMA YOUTH CORN CHALLENGE**

Amy Timmerman, Extension Educator for Holt and Boyd County addressed the board (via Zoom online) to discuss two programs which could benefit the Bazile area. They were Youth Corn Challenge and TAPS. (Schmidt enters the meeting). Youth Corn Challenge is a contest open for 4-H and FFA members and where they are challenged to produce the most economical, highest yielding corn on a minimum of two, two-acre plots. The TAPS program has producers competing against each other for most profitable farm, highest input use efficiency and greatest grain yield. This would be a team representing the Bazile Area on the existing TAPS program based out of North Platte. After discussion by the board it was consensus to participate in both programs and provide \$50 to the Youth Corn Challenge and for it to be open to all of Lewis & Clark NRD and Jack Fuchtman will represent Lewis & Clark NRD, Bazile GMA in TAPS program.

Joslynn VanDerslice reported on attendance at the Bazile GMA Open House held March 7 in Osmond and development of a survey to be sent to producers in the Bazile groundwater management area.

## **RURAL WATER REPORT**

Director Weinandt reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting held on February 8 and the following recommendations were made by the Committee.

1. Approve the minutes of the January 11, 2018 rural water meeting.
2. Approve the expenses for February as presented.
3. Approve the hookup request from Gary Manning (Sec 19, T33N, R3W, Knox County) dependent upon receipt of hookup applications, hookup fees, paperwork and engineering approval

Other Items discussed by the Committee were Source Water/AEM Survey and a draft CKRWP Implement Schedule for Source Water Change. A meeting was held February 5 with Terry Johnson, Katie Cameron, Sue Olafsen Lackey, Annette Sudbeck and Bill Christensen to discuss potential areas for source water investigation. Manager Sudbeck also advised the board Gary Eckmann is considering retirement. Terry Johnson reported on plant maintenance, issues with new pickup, Crofton leak, Grade III classes attended and tour of Blair NE treatment plant. It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Howey to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Report and each of the recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Johnson, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. Abstain: ABSENT: Christensen, Steffen. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the locations selected for AEM surveys to assist in determining feasibility of groundwater as a water source for the system.

## **DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES**

NARD Legislative Conference: Matt Weinandt reported on meeting with UNL departments, Extension, Water Center and NDEQ to discuss nitrate issues in BGMA and how to move the project forward in controlling Nitrates in groundwater and more participation from UNL. Weinandt also reported on visit with Craig Derickson, NRCS.

Marcel Kramer reported on Legislative Bills (LB 758, LB1123 and LB1124) and NCorpe. Carolyn Heine reported on Nebraska Corn Board and their emphasis on farmer stewardship.

Manager Sudbeck reported on state budget and possible impact to funding NRD receives and the NRC Water Sustainability Fund.

Wau-Col and NE Nebraska RC&D: Gary Howey reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D office rental and upcoming planned events and tours including household hazardous waste collection. Wau-Col Rural Water System has implemented an 8% rate increase and Gary Howey, Joel Hansen and Angie Ohlrich were reappointed to the advisory committee.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES**

Manager Sudbeck discussed with the board the 9 element watershed plan being prepared with Dept. of Environmental Quality. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Schmidt authorizing staff to sign contract and amendment on NDEQ funding match for the Nine Element Watershed Plan. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Weinandt. NAY: None. Abstain: Johnson. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

Sudbeck advised the board there are three outstanding accounts for the Lewis & Clark NRD. After discussion, it was moved by Howey, seconded by Weinandt to send letter to these accounts and advise if payment is not made account will be turned over to collection agency. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Weinandt. NAY: None. Abstain: Johnson. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

Annette Sudbeck reported on permits received and permits prepared by Lammers. Well permit for Bill Davis, and expanded acres permit for 155 acres; and expansion for Boyd and Val Ebberson of 30 acres. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Hoelsing to approve Bill Davis Well Permit LC205 located in the NE Section 15, T30N, R3W, expended Acres Permit X18002 for 155 acres in NE Section 15, T30N, R3W and FMLC205 Flow Meter Cost Share and Boyd and Val Ebberson Expanded Acres Permit X18003 for 30 acres in Section 7-R30N-T3E. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Weinandt. NAY: None. Abstain: Johnson. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

Dept. of Transportation plans to let bids on Meridian Trail in April and hoping work done by end of July. Plan to discuss this with Senators in DC on the issues with the trail and discuss maintenance concerns.

Myles Lammers wasn't in attendance and Sudbeck reported Lammers has sent out chemigation permits and has

been taking water samples from observation wells. Joslynn VanDerslice reviewed the new website being designed by Nebraska Interactive. Board also discussed the need to update the logo for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project and consensus was to have Nebraska Interactive create a new logo and NRD will cover the expenses are part of the website development.

Sudbeck reported due to budget limitations UNL may be closing Haskell Lab which is where Sue Olafsen Lackey, Conservation and Survey Hydrogeologist is housed. Lower Elkhorn NRD has space available for Lackey and Sudbeck asked the board if they would consider contributing approximately \$500 towards the rent and consensus was utilize information and education funds as needed.

Two applications for the Siphoning Nitrates with Irrigated Pasture have been received for the program which is \$100 per acre payment for the first and fifth years of utilizing Alfalfa as the cover in the Bazile Area of Lewis & Clark NRD. These applications will use a considerable amount of the budgeted funds, so the board was asked for guidance. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to approve SNIP Program applications for Milton Ober and Tyler Abbenhaus. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Heine, Hoelsing Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Weinandt. NAY: None. Abstain: Johnson. ABSENT: Christensen, Schmidt, Steffen. Motion carried (8-0-1-2).

Sudbeck also updated board on recent bill from Phoenix Group for certifying acres form change and need to replace one of the heating/AC units at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center. (Copy of staff and manager report attached to file copy of minutes).

### **CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Directors Christensen and Steffen had contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 4:45 pm

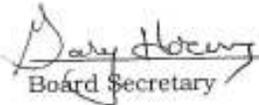
#### **MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

#### **GUESTS PRESENT**

Tyler Specht, NRCS  
Terry Johnson, CKRWP  
Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
Joslynn VanDerslice, Res Tech  
Jordan Smith, UNL Forestry  
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 February 15, 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

