

Chair Steffen called the November 21, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 5:35 p.m. Chair Steffen 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 Meetings Act is located on the east wall of the meeting room at Nissen Winery, 88973 Hwy 57 Hartington, NE. Chair Steffen conducted roll call of members present. Roll call: Present: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Steffen. Absent: Armstrong, Hoelsing.

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda was reviewed. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Christensen to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2019 board meeting and the October 18, 2019 to November 21, 2019 consent agenda less the October 23, 2019 payroll, financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections and additions. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, and Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Hoelsing, Armstrong. Motion carried (9-0-2).

FY 2019 Audit

Following discussion, it was moved by Howey and seconded by Kramer to approve the FY 2019 Audit as prepared by Dana F Cole, O'Neill, NE. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Condon, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities

Weinandt reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Advisory Committee Meeting held November 14, 2019. (Draft minutes and financial report attached to file copy of minutes).

November 14, 2019 recommendations:

1. Approve the minutes of the October 10, 2019 Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from October 11, 2019 – November 14, 2019 as presented.
3. Approve LCNRD Board of Directors adopt a resolution to request \$20,000 grant funding from the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Planning Grant to drill test holes and construct observation wells for investigation of groundwater for CKRWP.
4. Approve Engineering Review Application for Gary Guenther (Sec 10, T32N, R2E, Knox County) 1BU.

It was moved by Schmidt and seconded by Johnson to approve each of the rural water recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Heine, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Condon, Christensen, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-2). (Copy attached to file copy of minutes.)

It was moved by Weinandt and seconded by Condon to adopt the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Resolution number LCNRD 11-2019. Roll call vote: AYE: Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-2).

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported he attended the NRC meeting in Gothenburg to rank Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) applications. Steffen also attended the recent Soil Health Task Force meeting and discussed how NRDs could potentially be part of the outcome identified by the committee although much more discussion needs to happen before suggestions are made.

NE RC&D and Wau-Col RWS: Howey introduced the new Northeast Nebraska Resource Conservation & Development (NE RC&D) executive director Phyllis Frederick. Last month's NE RC&D meeting was held at the Ponca Tribe Powwow grounds outside of Niobrara. Frederick, Executive Director, presented a program on potential sponsors and potential grants at that meeting. The NE RC&D board is short two board members in Dixon County and one board member in Knox County. NE RC&D's five year plan was discussed at their meeting. The next board meeting is scheduled for November 25th at the LCNRD office in Hartington at 7:00 p.m. and a meal at the Historic Hartington Hotel at 6:00 p.m.

NARD: Kramer had no report for the Nebraska Association of Resources District activity at this time.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Manager's Report: Manager Sudbeck's report was sent out earlier in the week and is included in the file copy of the minutes.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meters: *It was moved by Kramer and seconded by Howey to approve well permit LC-241 for James Gubbels, in the SW Section 10-29N-1E, Expanded Acres Permit X-19015 in SW Section 10-29N-1E to irrigate 133 acres, and Flow Meter Cost Share application FMLC-198. Roll call vote: AYE: Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Steffen. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

Staff Updates: Reports for Schumacher, Lammers, and Bermel were sent out earlier in the week and are attached to the file copy of the minutes.

NRCS Report

Tyler Specht, District Conservationist, reported NRCS staff has attended training sessions in Norfolk dealing with agricultural production. NRCS staff will be attending additional training sessions through December on the Conservation Desktop which will replace the Tool Kit Program for conservation planning and contracting. Specht reported on the November 7th Cover Crop Day in the Bazile area and the Soil Health Demonstration Farm day held near Crofton on November 8th.

State Soil Conservationist, Craig Derickson, thanked the LCNRD board members and praised NRCS employees for working as partners, and indicated there are many opportunities to help producers.

NEBRASKA FOREST SERVICE

Jorden Smith, WUI Forester, reported on the 2nd Annual Eastern Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy in Ponca. There were around 150 students in attendance including some from Montana, Iowa, and Kansas. The training was a success and feedback suggested continuing with these trainings. Next month there will be more work on the South Shore Project.

BAZILE REPORTS

Bazile Extension Educator: Jeremy Milander reported on finalizing treatments for the Bazile farm demonstration sites. There will be 20-25 treatments on each site for the first year. Milander reported he has been to conferences including an Impact Collaborative Summit. This summit was to better understand communication opportunities and hopefully get communities and schools involved in the Bazile Area.

Bazile Coordinator: Baldwin reported working on 319 contracts. Baldwin will be attending trainings for NRCS Conservation Desktop and other training. Baldwin started as the Bazile Coordinator on November 4, 2019.

EXCUSED ABSENSES & CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Director Armstrong contacted the office prior to the meeting. Armstrong and Hoelsing are excused from the meeting.

Information on the NRD retirement program and upcoming NE RC&D meeting was included in the meeting packet and attached to the file copy of the minutes.

Next meeting will be at 1:30 p.m. December 19th at the LCNRD office.

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Howey to adjourn the meeting at 6:15 p.m. Roll call vote. AYE: Kramer, Schmidt, Weinandt, Condon, Christensen, Heine, Howey, Johnson, Steffen. NAY: None. Absent: Armstrong, Hoelsing. Motion carried (9-0-2).

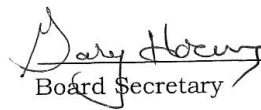
MEMBERS PRESENT

Christensen, Bill
Condon, Dave
Heine, Carolyn
Kramer, Marcel
Schmidt, Russ
Steffen, Jeff
Chris Johnson
Gary Howey
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Myles Lammers, Res Coord
Elle Bermel, Office Tech
Jordan Smith, WUI Forester
Tyler Specht, NRCS District Conservationist
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Manager
Connor Baldwin, BGMA Coordinator
Craig Derickson, NRCS State Conservationist
Jeremy Milander, BGMA Extension Educator
Phyllis Frederick, NE RC&D Executive Director
Tom & Reta Moser
Sheila Kramer
Denny & Karen Tilton
Jolene Steffen

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 November 21, 2019 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