

Chairman Steffen called the April 17, 2019 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 pm at the Lewis & Clark NRD Office, Hartington NE. Chairman 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 Meeting Act is located on the west wall of the meeting room.

CONSENT AGENDA

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the consent agenda which included rural water bills received after the rural water meeting which needed to be paid to avoid additional charges. Sudbeck reviewed the special project items on the agenda. It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Schmidt to approve the minutes of the March 21, 2019 board meeting and the March 22 to April 18, 2019 consent agenda which includes the financial reports and cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager Sudbeck reported on the two-year Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant received for drilling test holes, developing observation wells and investigating a water source for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project. The first-year grant is for \$75,100 from NET with \$11,000 UNL match, \$4000 from Cedar Knox Rural Water Project, and the \$28,000 balance from the NRD. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to authorize staff to sign the grant documents and enter into the contract with the Nebraska Environmental Trust for Grant #19-122, Investigation of Groundwater for the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District and the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project for year 2019 in the amount of \$75,100. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1). Manager Sudbeck reviewed the work timeline with planning steps for the project.

An amendment #3 has been provided by UNL Conservation and Survey Division to include additional drilling and other work in the original agreement. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Schmidt to approve amendment #3 to cooperative agreement signed May 21, 2013 with UNL Conservation and Survey Division and authorize management to sign the agreement. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Manager Sudbeck reviewed with the board the Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalitions solicitation for membership for the upcoming year. The committee discussed the upcoming meeting and public input session scheduled for April 23 at Niobrara.

Reviewed the Northeast Nebraska Resources Conservation and Development annual dues membership request. It was moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Christensen to approve payment of the membership dues for the Northeast Nebraska Resources Conservation and Development for this next year in the amount of \$1000. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Office Technician, Elle Bermel reviewed with the board the final rankings for the Patefield Green Scholarship. Two \$1000 scholarships are awarded with the scholarship. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to award a \$1000 Patefield Green Scholarship to Ireland Billoft and \$1000 scholarship to Trisha Dybdal. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Bazile GMA Coordinator, Phil Steinkamp's report was included in directors' packet. Sudbeck also reported that Jeremy Milander was hired as the UNL educator for the Bazile Groundwater Management Area. His focus at this time will be setting up demonstration projects in each of the three NRDs (Lower Elkhorn, Lewis & Clark, Upper Elkhorn) to utilize grant funds received from the Nebraska Environmental Trust and to develop

relationships with BGMA producers.

Creighton has applied to NDEQ for a source water grant to address water concerns and contacted Lewis & Clark NRD for assistance. At this time the Lewis & Clark NRD has committed to cost share assistance for well decommissioning.

Water Resources Technician, Myles Lammers reviewed the well permits and other requests received as part of permits. It was moved by Schmidt, seconded by Johnson to approve the following:

- Well permit LC233 for Mark Hans for a well located in Center of S1/2 of Section 1, T32N, R1E, expanded acres permit X19009 for 136 acres located in the E1/2 SW1/4 & W1/2 SE1/4 of Section 1, T32N, R1E and FMLC233 flow meter cost share request.
- Well permit LC234 for Eric Jacobsen for a well located in NESW Section 32, T29N-R1W, expanded acres permit X19010 for 250 acres in N1/2 of Sections 31, T29N, R1W.
- X19007 Expanded acres permit for Gary Eckmann for 40 acres located in the E1/2 SE1/4 Section 27, T32N, R4W and Pooling Agreement P19002 between Eckmann and Sea View Investments.
- X19008 expanded acres permit for Sea View Investments, for 32 acres located in the W ½ SE ¼ Section 27, T32N, R4W.

Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Manager Sudbeck reported on flooding in NRD and levees that had failed. Board consensus was to send letter to communities in NRD letting them know that the NRD could assist with future planning towards preventing flooding in communities. NACD grant funding for next year has not been awarded but additional funds were tentatively confirmed to keep staff employed until awards are made. Knox County Economic Development Director continues to work on finding a use for the CDWC building. Plan to reach out to local Tribes on the potential to use the building for a cultural resource center.

Baldwin, Lammers, Bermel, and Schumacher reported on their activities this past month.

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

Washington DC: Jeff Steffen, Matt Weinandt, Marcel Kramer and Russ Schmidt reported on the Washington DC Legislative conference attended in March. All commented the presenters at the conference were excellent and the additional meetings set up by Manager Sudbeck with Senator Sasse, Senator Fischer and Representative Smith's offices as well as NRCS staff were very important to the NRD. Steffen attended a planning meeting to discuss the potential of a NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant (CSI) for Nebraska:

RC&D & Wau Col: Gary Howey reported Ponca has offered the RC&D office space which will work better for the RC&D director who lives in Sioux City. RC&D Council approved the Ponca Farmers Market project and a Prairie Chicken tour and a Wine & Beer Festival.

Wau Col Rural Water System approved water service for Jerod Gillian. Howey reported main issue during recent flooding was flooded meter pits.

Marcel Kramer gave a brief update on the Nebraska Association Resources District activities and Jeff Steffen provided a report on the Natural Resources Commission.

CEDAR KNOX RURAL WATER PROJECT REPORT

Matt Weinandt reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee meeting held Tuesday April 9th and the following recommendations were made for the Lewis & Clark NRD board to act on.

1. Approve the minutes of the March 19th, 2019 rural water meeting
2. Approve the expenses from March 14th 2019 - April 11th, 2019 as presented.

3. Approve the Engineering Review Application for Kuchta Enterprises LLC (Sec 3, T32N, R1W, Cedar County).
4. Approve providing \$6,000 match for the Nebraska Environmental Trust grant 19-122 over 2 years.

Scott Fiedler and Matt Weinandt also reported on items reviewed at the rural water meeting. (Copy of report attached to file copy of minutes). *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Johnson to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendations stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).*

NRCS REPORT

No report

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Director Armstrong had called the office prior to the meeting so his absence is excused. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 9:27 pm.

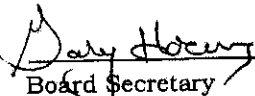
MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP
Elle Bermel, Office Program Tech
Connor Baldwin, 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 April 17, 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