

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

August 23, 2018

Chairman Fuchtman called the August 23, 2018 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 pm. The meeting was held at the Jeff Steffen residence, 55472 888 Road, Crofton NE. 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 and changes were noted. It was moved by Hoelsing, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the July 26, 2018 board meeting and the August 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: Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-3).

NRCS REPORT

Tyler Specht, DC for NRCS reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding between the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District.

RURAL WATER REPORT

Matt Weinandt and Terry Johnson reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting held on August 9. The following recommendations were made by the Committee.

1. Approve the minutes of the July 12, 2018 rural water meeting including changing the word "rates" to "minimums and maintenance fees".
2. Approve the expenses for August as presented
3. Renew the contract with Omni-Tech Inc. with the same rent of \$100 per month for one year starting September 1, 2018.
4. Recommend appointing Terry Zavadil as Rural Water Advisory Committee member to start in November 2018. (Terry will replace Lawrence Zavadil who has indicated his desire to resign from the board).

The Rural Water Committee also recommended staff should pursue grants and loans as follows:

- DHHS security grant application for a 20'x20' chemical storage building on the north side of the plant for \$10,000 with a \$2,000 match make
- a \$24,000 grant application with a \$6,000 match to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund for a planning grant to be used for planning activities to address TTHMs and investigate groundwater as a water source by drilling test holes, development of observation wells, and/or related activities.
- A Nebraska Environmental Trust grant application could be made for the drilling of test holes, observation wells, and related activities in groundwater areas of interest if time allows with rural water match of \$6,000.
- NDEQ recycling grant application for \$5,000 will be made this fall to purchase a baler for at the plant for lime and carbon bags.
- A State Revolving Fund pre-application to be submitted to Nebraska DHHS regarding potential system changes for future need.

Other Items discussed were: Late Fee Policy, FY 19 Budget, Crofton Fire District application, water lines needing to be reburied and Bartlett & West will be taking over engineering responsibilities due to retirement of Ted McIntyre. DHHS informed the Project that the Administrative Order for TTHMs has been removed.

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Howey to approve the rural water report and recommendations as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-3).

NARD CONFERENCE RESOLUTION AND DELEGATES

No resolutions were received for the September Nebraska Association of Resources Districts conference. Chairman Fuchtman appointed Gary Howey as Voting Delegate and Marcel Kramer as Alternate Voting Delegate for the Business Session of the NARD Conference.

DIRECTORS ACTIVITY

Director Howey had no report for Wau-Col Rural Water System as no meeting had been held. Director Howey reported Jan Jorgensen will be retiring December 31, 2018 from the Northeast Nebraska RC&D and a job description is being prepared for this part time position.

Jeff Steffen reported Natural Resources Commission met August 15th in Kearney. Steffen was appointed Vice Chairman for the ranking committee for Water Sustainability Fund and the committee will be meeting in Gothenberg October 22 to 24. Election for representative on the Basin committee will be in January 2019 and Steffen would need to be re-elected at that point to the Natural Resources Commission.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY

Manager Sudbeck reported on possibility of UNL placing on employee to assist in the Bazile Groundwater Management Area and possibly contributing \$25000 to \$30000 for this position. The FY19 budget was reviewed and it was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to approve the Fiscal Year 2019 budget of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resource District as presented and to authorize management to make final changes based on auditor recommendations. Roll call vote: AYE: Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-3).

The board discussed the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center (CDWC) and Carolyn Heine reported on the recent CDWC council meeting she attended. Jack Fuchtman appointed Carolyn Heine to represent the Lewis & Clark NRD on the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center Council. The NRD Office Manager will continue to attend meetings and to do the books for the Center.

Grant funding for the USGS stream gauge on Bow Creek may not be a possibility in the future and the NRD board discussed continuing payment for this without current IDEP funding from DNR. No decision and will discuss again in 2019.

Missouri River Sedimentation Action Coalition approached the Lewis & Clark NRD for assistance in funding sedimentation study and/or dues. It was moved by Kramer seconded by Schmidt to approve payment of \$500 for MSAC Sedimentation Study and \$500 for dues. Roll call vote: AYE: Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Fuchtman, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Johnson. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Sudbeck discussed with the board submitting a grant application to NET and consensus of the board was to submit a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant application for assistance in drilling wells for up to \$250,000

for 2 years with NRD share at \$30,000 per year and Cedar Knox Rural Water Project share at \$3,000 per year.

Technician Myles Lammers and Joslynn VanDerslice reported to the board on their activities in August.

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Directors Armstrong, Christensen and Johnson had contacted the office prior to the meeting and are excused from the meeting.. Meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Fuchtman, Jack
Heine, Carolyn
Hoelsing, Leroy
Howey, Gary
Kramer, Marcel
Schmidt, Russ
Steffen, Jeff
Weinandt, Matt

GUESTS PRESENT

Tyler Specht, NRCS
Jolene Steffen
Terry Johnson, CKRWP
Annetto Sudbeck, Manager
Joslynn VanDerslice, Res Tech
Myles Lammers, 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 August 23, 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.

Secretary-Treasurer