

Chairman Fuchtman called the December 20, 2018 meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 1:30 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 Kramer, seconded by Howey to approve the minutes of the November 15, 2018 board meeting and the December consent agenda which includes the treasurer's report, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, corrections. (Copy attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Fuchtman, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong and Steffen. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

**ENWRA REPORT**

Katie Cameron, ENWRA Coordinator spoke to the board on the Hydrogeologic assesment done to date in the Lewis and Clark NRD and northeast Nebraska (Jeff Steffen enters the meeting). Cameron reviewed the surveys conducted this year, types of flights and the work on age dating groundwater. Aqua Geo Frameworks will be at the NRD on February 14 for the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting to present results of the surveys done for Lewis & Clark NRD and Cedar Knox Rural Water Project.

**NRCS REPORT**

Diane Wieseler, NRCS Program Assistant, gave the Program Assistants quarterly report and a copy is attached to file copy of minutes. Tyler Specht, NRCS District Conservationist reported on EQIP contract rankings, January 24 local work group EQIP meeting, and current deadline and other activities of the NRCS Office.

**NE FOREST SERVICE FIRE WISE ACTIVITY**

Jorden Smith reported on Nebraska Wildlife Academy and Cedar Brush Management planned for Devils Nest. Devils Nest (SID 2) is the 3<sup>rd</sup> fire wise community in the state.

**RURAL WATER REPORT**

Scott Fiedler and Matt Weinandt reported on the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project meeting held on December 13. The following recommendations were made by the Committee.

1. Approve the minutes of the November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2018 rural water meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from November 9<sup>th</sup> to December 13<sup>th</sup> as presented.
3. Approve the hookup request for Ron Joslin (Sec 14 T33N R3W, Knox County) and Roger Larsen (Sec 8 T33N, R1E, Cedar County).

Other Items Reviewed were staffing changes: Scott Fiedler Project Manager, Nathan Fischer Field Supervisor and Vince Lammers Field/Plant Technician, continued water loss as well as these changes in staffing will impact the budget. New Accounting Software is being researched and will contact other companies. The new meter reading equipment has been ordered. Ted McIntyre, engineer for Cedar Knox Rural Water Project is retiring and donated his fees for 2018 engineering services to the Galen Jueden Memorial Scholarship fund.

Bartlett and West Engineering has taken over the engineering responsibilities(Copy of report attached to file copy of minutes).

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Schmidt to approve the rural water report and each of the recommendations stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Fuchtman, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

## **DIRECTORS ACTIVITY**

NARD: Marcel Kramer reported on the upcoming legislative conference in January. Chairman Jack Fuchtman appointed Marcel Kramer as NARD Voting Delegate and Gary Howey as Alternate Voting Delegate.

NRC: Jeff Steffen reported Executive Committee met on December 17 discussion included the need to educate Senators on Water Sustainability Fund. Steffen reviewed applications received for the Water Sustainability Fund.

RC&D – Wau-Col: Gary Howey reported Northeast Nebraska RC&D new Executive Director is Jocelyn Osborne. Howey also reported to the RC&D on the current situation of the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITY**

Manager Sudbeck reviewed the current situation with the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center and attorney recommendation to discontinue supporting the Center. There are two agreements which the NRD has commitments. The Attorney has advised that upon notice to the Nebraska Dept of Transportation. T NRD will not be required to pay back funds for the construction cost of the facility. Funding was initially provided by the Dept. of Transportation for construction. The committee discussed the NRD commitment to date as well as the CDWC Council's plans for the Center. It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson to send notification letters to Dept of Transportation and the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center Council notifying both parties the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District will be ending both Agreements effective January 31, 2019 which would provide the required 30 day notice. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Fuchtman, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1). (Diane Wieseler leaves the meeting)

Manager Sudbeck discussed with the board adopting a policy to pay certain bills prior to the regular board meetings. If approved by Legal Counsel to do so, It was moved by Howey, seconded by Schmidt to authorize staff to pay payroll and related expenses (FICA, Nationwide, State withholding, Aflac, Mid American, sale tax, bond payments, utilities, refund to village of the funds rural water collects for them and the credit to be paid at the time they are due and board review and approval of those payments at the following meeting. (Prior to payment these claims will be reviewed by management and NRD Board Treasurer). Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Fuchtman, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Manager Sudbeck asked the board to set protocol for the NRCS Program Assistants in case of a government shutdown in 2019. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to allow the program assistants to use sick leave or annual leave in case of a government shutdown. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Fuchtman, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Kramer, Johnson, Schmidt Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Sudbeck updated the board on:

- Fall Water Levels: Up from the Fall of 17 and Spring 18,
- Basin Caucus January 29th at Papio NRD. The Papio NRD Board supports re-appointing Jeff Steffen

- for the Missouri Basin position on the Natural Resources Commission,
  - Connor Baldwin has been hired for the Resources Technician position.
  - The Office Technician position applicants have been interviewed and wanted to clear hiring for this position with the board. Consensus was to do so.
  - Continue to encounter issues with the IT Service and bids are being sought from other firms,
  - NACD Technical Assistance Grant is again being offered and board okayed making the application. The committee also discussed keeping employee on if there is a gap in funding through NACD. Board advised if there is a gap in funding it will be discussed when that occurs.
  - Water Quality Management Plan and possibly partnering with Santee on their water issues.
- (Copy of managers' report attached to file copy of minutes)

Myles Lammers, Water Resources Technician reported on monitoring wells.

**CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW**

Director Armstrong had contacted the office prior to the meeting and is excused from the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 3:40 pm. The next meeting will be January 17<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm.

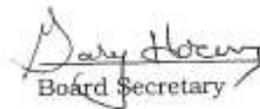
**MEMBERS PRESENT**

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

**GUESTS PRESENT**

Katie Cameron, ENWRA  
 Tyler Specht, NRCS  
 Diane Wieseler, NRCS  
 Scott Fiedler, CKRWP  
 Annette Sudbeck, Manager  
 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 December 20, 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