

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES

July 18, 2019

Chair Steffen called the July 19, 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. 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 west wall of the meeting room.

Chair Steffen stated NRCS report has been moved up on the agenda to accommodate Tyler Specht.

NRCS ACTIVITIES

Tyler Specht, NRCS DC, reported on extended EQIP applications period for the Nebraska Water Quality Initiative area and preventive plant applications due to the flooding disaster. He also reviewed CRP weed issues across the district. (Specht leaves the meeting at 7:08 pm)

CONSENT AGENDA

The consent agenda and financial reports were reviewed. It was moved by Heine, seconded by Kramer to approve the minutes of the June 20, 2019 board meeting and the June 21 to July 18, 2019 consent agenda which includes the financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, cancellations, and 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).

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Committee Chair Heine reported on the budget committee meeting which was held prior to the board meeting.

Heine reported the committee reviewed the budget and the 1% budget authority. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Weinandt to approve the 1% allowable increase on base restrictions for Fiscal Year 2020. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Scott Fiedler, Project Manager reviewed the Cedar Knox Rural Water proposed budget including changes made from last month and planned improvements for the year.

Heine reviewed the proposed budget which included special projects for 2020, and potential projects for the following two years. Two bids were received for front office modifications. Another estimate will be obtained for consideration. Purchase of a pickup and four-wheeler are included in the budget. A credit line with the Bank of Hartington was reviewed for FY 2020 renewal. It was moved by Howey, seconded by Schmidt to approve recommendations of the budget committee which includes renewal of the \$125,000 credit line at the Bank of Hartington with a variable 4.10% interest rate and approve tentative FY 2020 budget with revisions and authorize management to make balancing adjustments as needed following the audit. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey, Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

DIRECTORS ACTIVITIES

RC&D and Wau-Col RWS: Director Howey reported the Northeast Nebraska RC&D meeting was held at the Antelope County Court House in Neligh. Household hazardous waste collections are scheduled in September in Wayne and Niobrara. The Wau-Col Rural Water System continues to have high water use at McLean.

Natural Resources Commission: Steffen reported the meeting for August has been cancelled due to flooding in Kearney. Next meeting will be in December

NARD: Kramer reported no meeting has been held. Recent discussion has involved the September Conference at the Younes Center in Kearney and whether the venue will be recovered from the flooding in time for the event.

CEDAR KNOX RURAL WATER PROJECT REPORT

Director Weinandt reported the following recommendations made by the Advisory Committee at the July 11, 2019 meeting.

1. Approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 rural water meeting.
2. Approve the expenses from June 14, 2019 – July 11, 2019 as presented.
3. Approve the tentative 2019-2020 fiscal year budget as presented.

4. Approve the Engineering Review Application for John Aschoff (Sec 18, T33N, R2W, Knox County) for 9 BUs with onsite storage and flow restriction required as a condition of connecting to the system, Ron Nohr (Sec 22 T33N R3W, Knox) for 2 BUs, and Jason Erb (SW ¼ Sec 14 T33N, R2W, Autumn Oaks Lots 3 & 4, Knox) for 1 BU.
5. Approve the refund of Initial Connection Fee and Additional Connection Fees collected from Kuchta Enterprises LLC.

Weinandt discussed customer use exceeding benefit unit gallons. Discussion was held on progress with groundwater investigation. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Hoelsing to approve the Cedar Knox 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).

Due to a conflict Jorden Smith, Wildland Urban Interface Forester could not attend the meeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

BAZILE REPORT: Phil Steinkamp's report is included in the packet. Jeremy Milander continues to work on demonstration sites. Sudbeck and Baldwin will be attending a meeting in Norfolk with NRCS to work on ways to improve effectiveness in the Bazile Groundwater Management Area. The NWQI deadline has been extended and Baldwin and Steinkamp have been focusing on this work.

Sudbeck reported on NARD Resolution introduced by Upper Niobrara White NRD concerning representation on Natural Resources Commission. Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition is looking for stakeholders to participate in scoping efforts to develop a sediment management plan for the Lewis & Clark Lake and Watershed. The upcoming meeting is on July 25 in Niobrara.

Drawdown has begun on Powder Creek Lake by Nebraska Game & Parks Commission to improve the fisheries habitat.

Lammers, Water Res Coord, reported on one late well permit. Sally Zavadil's well had received a board approved permit in July 2017. When the new well was drilled the old well was not decommissioned as required. The well couldn't be registered as a replacement well for this reason. Zavadil's application is for a late well permit for the well drilled that replaced the permit approved in 2017. It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Johnson to approve Sally Zavadil well permit LC-239L located in the NESW Section 27, T31N, R2E. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Lammers, Baldwin, and Schumacher reported on their activities. Bermel's report was included in the director's packet

CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Director Armstrong informed the office prior to the meeting that he would be absent.

It was moved by Howey, seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Heine, Hoelsing, Howey Johnson, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong. Motion carried (10-0-1).

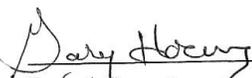
MEMBERS PRESENT

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

GUESTS PRESENT

Tyler Specht, NRCS
 Annette Sudbeck, Manager
 Scott Fiedler, CKRWP
 Connor Baldwin, Resources Tech
 Myles Lammers, Water Resources Coord
 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 July 18, 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 Chair 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