

**MINUTES OF
LOWER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

7:30 p.m., Thursday, September 26, 2013

Lifelong Learning Center

601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Joel Hansen on Thursday, September 26, 2013 at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Hansen informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on September 20, 2013 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Programs Secretary Linda Unkel with 15 of 15 Directors present. Present: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: None.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Zessin to adopt the agenda. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the August 22, 2013 and September 12, 2013 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Schultz and seconded by Huntley that the minutes of the August 22, 2013 and September 12, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved as printed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Treasurer Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Zessin to approve income in the amount of \$928,071.35 and expenses in the amount of \$452,856.36 as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Tighe to approve income in the amount of \$94,099.04 and expenses in the amount of \$33,103.05 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Tighe to approve the income in the amount of \$4,663.74 and expenses in the amount of \$5,121.33 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Zessin to approve the income in the amount of \$2,663.74 and expenses in the amount of \$5,690.00 for the Lower Elkhorn NRD Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely, Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant Manager Ken Berney.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Ken Peitzmeier. He reported on the Annual Conference held in September in Kearney.

The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission report was given by Garry Anderson. He reported on the last commission meeting and the Water Policy Task Force.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service report was given by Robin Sutherland, District Conservationist. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Loess Hills RC&D report was given by Gary Loftis, Bob Huntley reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D and Chris Carlson reported on the PrairieLand RC&D.

The Administrative Report was given by staff employees.

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Zessin to begin the first phase of working with Bartlett-West on updating the Logan East Rural Water System's maps. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Krueger to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 9, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Garry Anderson. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Kluthe to approve the agreement with CHS (Wausa Coop) for supplying electrical power to the Wausa meter pit. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Anderson and seconded by Zessin to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 12, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The new Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Director Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Tighe to approve the amendment to JEO Consulting group agreement to evaluate the feasibility and cost associated (\$6000) with providing water to the City of Clarkson from the proposed rural water system. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Zessin to accept the Lower Elkhorn NRD Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of September 3, 2013. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Information, Planning & Programs Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee

Chairman Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Wesely to allow no new groundwater irrigation acres, and under the expedited variance process, allow no new acres, no new or supplemental irrigation wells and no transfer of irrigated acres district-wide for 2014.

Discussion followed.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Peitzmeier to table the motion. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Krueger, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Tighe, Wesely. Nay: Huntley, Kluthe, Loftis, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: None. MOTION FAILED.

Discussion continued.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Riley to table the motion. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Tighe, Wesely. Nay: Huntley, Schultz, Shafer, Zessin, Hansen. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Projects, Equipment and Legislation Subcommittee report was given by Subcommittee Chairman Tim Tighe. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to authorize the staff to contract or hire a well driller to renovate the Willow Creek pressure relief wells one at a time, with a limit of \$10,000. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to accept the low bid of \$10,967.95 from Platte Valley Implement for the purchase of a new John Deere 1445 riding mower with the trade in of our 2010 1445 mower. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: Riley. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Shafer to accept the low bid of \$2660 by J.P. Electric, West Point, for lighting upgrade for the Maskenthine maintenance building. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to approve the easement for the City of Norfolk to install water lines crossing the Cowboy Trail and authorize the Chairman to sign it. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Riley, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: None. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Wesely to purchase the damaged maple Creek Recreation Area boat dock from the insurance company for \$1500, repair it for a cost not to exceed \$4500, and install it at Willow Creek State Recreation Area. Aye: Anderson, Carlson, Huntley, Kluthe, Krueger, Loftis, Meyer, Peitzmeier, Schultz, Shafer, Tighe, Wesely. Zessin, Hansen. Nay: Riley. Absent: None. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Vice-Chairman Danny Kluthe. No action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 9:48 p.m.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on September 26, 2013 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior

to said meeting, the minutes of the Chairman and the Board were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Dennis Schultz, Secretary

Others Present:

Attendance list attached to official minutes