

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, April 27, 2017

Lower Elkhorn NRD

601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska

The Board of Directors Meeting of the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Dennis Schultz on Thursday, April 27, 2017 at the Lower Elkhorn NRD, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Schultz informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on April 21, 2017 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 13 of 15 Directors present. Present: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Absent: Hansen, Kathol.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Korth to excuse the absence of Joel Hansen and Dave Kathol. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by McHenry to adopt the agenda. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger. Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

The Public Hearing on Amending the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget to reflect refinancing the debt of the Logan East Rural Water System Project was held. Notice of the budget hearing was in Norfolk Daily News on April 19, 2017, Wayne Herald on April 20, 2017 and West Point News on April 19, 2017.

Motion was made by Barr and seconded by Gustafson to approve the amended Fiscal Year 2017 Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District budget to reflect refinancing of the debt of the Logan East Rural Water System. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger. Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

The Public Hearing on the amendments to the Groundwater Management Area Rules & Regulations Hearing was held. The amendments propose to required flow meters to be installed on all public water supply, commercial, industrial, and livestock wells that are designed to pump more than 50 gallons per minute.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by McHenry to close the Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations Public Hearing. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Barr to adopt the Order of Designation which will be attached to the minutes of this board meeting and to approve the proposed amendments to the Lower Elkhorn Natural Resources District Groundwater Management Area Rules and Regulations, and to make the amended Rules and Regulations effective May 26, 2017. Aye: Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Schultz. Nay: Allemann, Korth, Steffen. Absent: Hansen, Kathol.

Motion Carried.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the March 23, 2017 Board of Directors meeting was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Hall and seconded by Barr that the minutes of the March 23, 2017 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Korth to approve income in the amount of \$490,524.85 and expenses in the amount of \$441,866.16 as printed and distributed and transfer of \$350,000.00 to the building sinking fund. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Loftis to approve income in the amount of \$71,824.67 and expenses in the amount of \$127,265.93 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Barr to approve income in the amount of \$5,868.90 and expenses in the amount of \$4,213.04 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

The conservation cost share report was given by Assistant Manager Ken Berney. A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Kurt Janke. He reported on the upcoming events and legislation. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

A written report was received from Garry Anderson on Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

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

Gary Loftis reported on the Loess Hills RC&D and Bob Huntly reported on the Northeast Nebraska RC&D.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project written report was received from Tanner Jenkins, Bazile GMA Project Coordinator. (A copy of the report is attached to the official minutes.)

The Administrative Report was given General Manager Mike Sousek. It was announced that Assistant Manager Ken Berney will be retiring as of April 30, 2017. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by RWS Manager Shawn Blahak and RWS Chairman Ron Dierking. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Steffen to accept the Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 10, 2017. Aye:

Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

The Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee report was given by RWS Manager Ken Bloomquist. Motion was made by Allemann and seconded by Huntley to accept the Wau-Col Regional Water System Advisory Committee minutes of April 6, 2017. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Vice-Chairman Mike Krueger. Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Loftis to financially support the 2020 North American Envirothon in the amount of \$5761 per year for three years, total commitment \$17,283. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: Korth. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Huntley to approve funding for the City of Randolph – US Army Corps of Engineers Section 205- Middle Logan Creek channel enlargement / floodplain reduction project in the following amounts:

- 50% of the local cost of channel enlargement, Letter of Map revision (LOMR) and Floodplain Management Plan up to a maximum of \$1,674,838
- 50% of the local cost of bridge replacement up to a maximum of \$295,318
- Total \$1,970,156

Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by McHenry to approve the Village of Howells request to fund 50% of the local cost of easements, engineering and construction of the Pokorny Dam, up to a maximum of \$40,720.00. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

Motion was made by Krueger and seconded by Loftis to allow for the consideration of transfers of irrigated acres under the expedited variance process. Aye: Allemann, Barr, Gustafson, Hall, Huntley, Janke, Korth, Krueger, Loftis, McHenry, Noonan, Steffen, Schultz. Nay: None. Absent: Hansen, Kathol. Motion Carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:21 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 April 27, 2017 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.

Mark Hall, Secretary

Others Present:
Ron Stech, Osmond
Jim Herian, Pierce