

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

7:30 p.m., Thursday, June 23, 2016
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 Danny Kluthe on Thursday, June 26, 2016 at the Lifelong Learning Center, 601 East Benjamin, Norfolk, Nebraska. Chairman Kluthe informed the Board and those attending of the Publication of Meeting Notice in the Norfolk Daily News on June 17, 2016 and the Nebraska Open Meetings Act information posted.

Roll call was taken by Administrative Assistant Vickie DeJong with 9 of 15 Directors present. Present: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to excuse the absences of Mike Krueger, Bob Noonan, Dennis Schultz and Dave Shelton. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Huntley to adopt the agenda. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The reading and/or action on the minutes of the May 26, 2016 and June 9, 2016 Board of Directors meetings was next on the agenda. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen that the minutes of the May 26, 2016 and June 9, 2016 Board of Directors meetings be approved as printed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Finance Subcommittee report was given by Treasurer Bob Huntley. Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Hansen to approve income in the amount of \$721,968.71 and expenses in the amount of \$490,292.56 as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Krueger to approve income in the amount of \$72,003.73 and expenses in the amount of \$29,222.54 for the Logan East Rural Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Otten to approve the income in the amount of \$6,218.32 and expenses in the amount of \$4,529.50 for the Wau-Col Regional Water System as printed and distributed. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Huntley and seconded by Otten to approve the Fiscal year 2016 audit

agreement with Dana F Cole & Company. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The conservation cost share report is attached to the official minutes.

The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report was given by Kurt Janke. He reported on the NARD meeting held in York in conjunction with the Basin Tour. Also attending the tour was General Manager Mike Sousek and Director Tim Tighe.

There was no report from Garry Anderson for the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

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

Bob Huntley gave the Northeast Nebraska RC&D report and Gary Loftis gave the Loess Hills RC&D report.

The Bazile Groundwater Management Area Project report was given by Brian Bruckner. He announced that the Bazile GMA Project Coordinator, Stephanie Butler, will be resigning effective July 22. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Administrative Report was given by the staff. General Manager Mike Sousek gave a manager's report. (A copy of the report attached to the official minutes.)

The Logan East Rural Water System Advisory Committee report was given by Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to accept the Logan East Rural Water System minutes of June 13, 2016. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Committee of the Whole report was given by Secretary Gary Loftis.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Tighe to approve the purchase of a used 2002 Kohler 50 KW towable generator from JP Electric, Inc. for a total cost of \$18,500, as replacement of the generator lost in the 2014 tornado. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Tighe to approve the job descriptions of the Grant Coordinator and Projects Manager and fill positions when appropriate. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The Executive Board report was given by Secretary Gary Loftis. Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Hansen to approve the Salary Allowance Adjustment of 0.8% for Fiscal Year 2017. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Motion was made by Loftis and seconded by Tighe to approve the step and grade changes

proposed by management for Fiscal Year 2017. Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

Director Chris Carlson submitted his resignation, effective July 15. Mr. Carlson will be moving out of his Subdistrict. Motion was made by Tighe and seconded by Jansen *to accept the resignation of Chris Carlson, Subdistrict 2 with regret and authorize the staff to advertise the position.* Aye: Carlson, Gustafson, Hansen, Huntley, Janke, Loftis, Otten, Tighe, Kluthe. Nay: None. Absent: Korth, Krueger, Noonan, Schultz, Shelton, Winkelbauer. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 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 June 23, 2016 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.

Gary Loftis, Secretary