

**LOWER NIOBRARA NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 6, 2020**

Manager Julesgard encouraged the Directors when making a motion and seconding a motion to please state their name. He also indicated the agenda items needing approval will be handled first and if time allows the additional agenda items would be discussed.

Chairman Baumeister called the meeting to order at 1:01 P.M. in the Lower Niobrara NRD Office located in Butte, Nebraska. Due to the COVID-19 virus outbreak, the meeting was conducted via teleconference as provided for by the executive order issued by Governor Ricketts 20-03, issued on March 17, 2020. Members of the public were not allowed into the Board meeting room. This measure was being taken to protect the health and welfare of all Nebraskans. Details for public monitoring and participation in the Board meeting via teleconference could be found at the NRD's website: lnnrd.org or by calling: (402) 775-2343 for instructions prior to the meeting. An agenda of the minutes to be considered at such time, date, and place was kept continually current and was available for public inspection during normal business hours at the District Office in Butte. Individuals with disabilities were encouraged to request additional auxiliary aids and service necessary for participation, by contacting the Lower Niobrara NRD at the phone number listed above prior to the meeting. Chairman Baumeister called attention to the Open Meeting Law poster on the wall in the meeting room and stated notices of the meeting were also published in newspapers of general circulation throughout the District.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 2, 2020 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Engelhaupt and second by Randa to approve the March 2, 2020 meeting minutes as circulated to Directors. (Kaczor connected 1:02 P.M.) Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Baumeister, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir) Absent: (Connell, Holtgrew, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

NSWCP ACTIVITIES

A copy of the NSWCP Report was available on the reverse side of the agenda. Motion by Liewer and second by Higgins to approve the following **Applications**: Andrew Marshall-trees,mulch-\$1,551.00; Bryan Corkle-trees,mulch-\$1,341.19; Paul Corkle-trees,mulch-\$1,304.32; Quana Laursen-trees,mulch-\$3,881.22; Willie Peterson-trees,mulch-\$2,498.05; Carl Dobias-trees,mulch-\$1,337.15; Linda Peterson-trees,mulch-\$5,376.74 also approve the **Amendment**: Jerome Fuchtmann additional \$442.50 (total application \$2,787.75). Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Baumeister, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir) Absent: (Connell, Holtgrew, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Manager Julesgard informed the Directors that Hoffman had reviewed the expenditures prior to the meeting. Motion by Engelhaupt and second by Uhlir to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented excluding approval of Directors Expense Voucher payments. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Baumeister, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir) Absent: (Connell, Holtgrew, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Naprstek and second by Klawitter to approve payment of Director Expense Vouchers for Baumeister, Engelhaupt, Hoffman and Holtgrew as listed on the Treasurer's Report. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Higgins, Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir) Abstain: (Baumeister, Engelhaupt, Hoffman) Absent: (Connell, Holtgrew, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Naprstek and second by Randa to approve payment of Director Expense Vouchers for Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter, Marcellus and Morrow as listed on the Treasurer's Report. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Baumeister, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir) Abstain: (Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter) Absent: (Connell, Holtgrew, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

Motion by Engelhaupt and second by Kaczor to approve payment of Director Expense Vouchers for Naprstek, Randa, Uhlir and Wendt as listed on the Treasurer's Report. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Baumeister, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Janzing, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Pavlik) Abstain: (Naprstek, Randa, Uhlir) Absent: (Connell, Holtgrew, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Julesgard's report was mailed for Directors to review. He questioned if there were any questions to his report. He explained the stay at home order and necessity for the essential employee order he will have the Chairman sign. This is needed for employees traveling while under the stay at home order while performing their duties.

WATER RESOURCES COORDINATOR REPORT

Wade's report was mailed prior to the meeting. Manager Julesgard asked if there were any questions to the Water Coordinators Report.

PROGRAMS ASSISTANT REPORT

Connie's report was also mailed prior to the meeting. Manager Julesgard asked if there were any questions on Connie's Report and asked if she had anything to add to her report. She informed the Directors the National Envirothon to be held later in July has now been cancelled. The NARD would like to host it for 2021 if possible.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Liewer indicated he was unable to attend but the report mailed in the packets was good information.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS—Jim Mathine mailed his report to the Directors. Jim asked if there were any questions on his report.

Niobrara Council—Higgins said he had been contacted to attend the next meeting, which will probably be a go-to meeting also.

NE RC&D—Pavlik indicated he was unable to attend the meeting.

NC RC&D—No report.

Friends of the Missouri—Manager Julesgard reported he was unable to attend the meeting and is awaiting a copy of the minutes.

Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition—Manager Julesgard reported no information was available.

SPENCER HYDRO FACILITY

Question was raised as to the status of the purchase. Manager Julesgard reported with everyone working from home the application is awaiting when everyone will be able to get together to finalize it.

OPEN COMMENTS

Question was raised if DNR is in the process of hiring a new Director. Also questioned was status of tree arrival.

It was mentioned the next board meeting will also have to be held as the meeting today was. Directors indicated the time of 1:00 P.M. as today worked well.

EXCUSE ABSENT DIRECTORS

Marcellus contacted the office and indicated he was having medical tests so would not be able to participate in the meeting.

Directors thanked the office for setting up the meeting today.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 1:30 P.M. by Chairman Baumeister.

PARTICIPATION IN THE TELECONFERENCE

Directors: Larry Baumeister, Jack Engelhaupt, Tom Higgins, Linda Hoffman, John Janzing, Brian Kaczor, Randy Klawitter, Marvin Liewer, Ray Naprstek, Kent Pavlik, Kevin Randa, Jeff Uhlir

Staff: Terry Julesgard, Vivian Frasch, Wade Ellwanger, Connie McCarthy

Visitors: Jim Mathine, West Knox RWS

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District hereby certify the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on April 6, 2020. That all subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to the meeting. The minutes of the Chairman and Board of Directors were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body. All news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting were notified.

Brian Kaczor, Secretary