

**LOWER NIOBRARA NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 4, 2019**

Vice Chairman Engelhaupt called the meeting to order at 1:02 P.M. in the absence of the Chairman. He called attention to the Open Meeting Law poster on the wall in the meeting room and stated notices of the meeting were published in newspapers of general circulation throughout the District.

APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 11, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Holtgrew and second by Liewer to approve the minutes of the February 11, 2019 meeting as provided to the Directors. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Uhlir, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor) Abstain: (Engelhaupt, Wendt) Absent: (Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Janzing, Klawitter, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa).
MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Julesgard's report was mailed for Directors to review. He reported the Friends of the Missouri are working on promoting activities along the river such as the Cardboard Boat Races. The Bazile Area Winter Informational Meeting will be held March 13th from 10:00-3:00 at the Osmond City Auditorium. A meeting was held with Phil Steinkamp the coordinator to review expectations of his position and to be sure he is meeting the obligations within the NRCS agreement. (Naprstek entered at 1:05 P.M.) The UNL Extension position will be offered to Jeremy Milander. A meeting will be held at the G & P Office in Lincoln on March 25th to discuss if a sediment mobilization study is needed. Nothing has been heard on the surface water appropriation issue. (Klawitter entered at 1:16 P.M.) Spencer Dam flow and sedimentation was discussed. The application for the Water Sustainability Funds will be discussed also on the 25th.

WATER RESOURCES COORDINATOR REPORT

Wade's report was mailed prior to the meeting. He thanked the directors who attended the Hearing for attending. 10 constituents attended along with 4 staff and directors. 2018 Clearing House data has been submitted. Wade mentioned interest in Ray Ward from WARD Laboratories presentation at UENRD Nitrogen Certification class. He will be speaking at the Bazile Winter Informational Meeting. The letter has been received informing us the Environmental Grant Application has been approved and he will need to attend a seminar in early April to receive the grant contract. The Central Plains Irrigation Conference he attended revealed there is an endless amount of information and technology available. Wade plans to attend the Nitrogen Certification class in Creighton on the 12th and his Nitrogen Certification class will be here in the office on the 14th.

PROGRAMS ASSISTANT

Connie's report was also mailed prior to the meeting. She reported she was able to get the John Shald acre certification this past month. The other individual is still an issue. She has sent letters to the schools for class presentations and has heard back from one school already.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Wendt reported it seems bills of interest to the NRDs are in committee. She will have more information to report next month after the NARD meeting in Lincoln on the 11th.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS—Jim's report was mailed prior to the meeting. Jim indicated they are awaiting word to be able to obligate EQIP contracts. There are not a lot of significant changes in the new farm bill. There will be a new tool used for ranking EQIP contracts called CART. CRP acreage cap gradually increases to 27 million by 2023 and the rental rates will change. The Quality Assurance Review is currently underway at the Spencer Office.

Niobrara Council—No report

NE RC&D—No report

North Central RC&D—No report

Friends of the Missouri—reported earlier in the meeting.

MSAC-no meeting has been held.

WATER SCARCITY-HOW MUCH TIME DO WE HAVE

Larry Reynolds contacted the office and is calving as many of you are and due to the cold did not want to leave. This presentation will be rescheduled.

MOTION TO ADOPT THE HEARING ORDER

Manager Julesgard reported the hearing was held and there was no oral or written testimony presented. A letter of approval from DNR has been received. Marcellus indicated there are a lot of new things out there that need to be explored before we enter into a Phase III area and review those Rules and Regulations. Liewer mentioned there is new technology becoming available each day. Motion by Holtgrew and second by Marcellus to Adopt the Order Approving the Repeals, Amendments and Additions to the Rules and Regulations for the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan and Groundwater Management Plan & Phase II Designations. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Naprstek, Uhlir, Wendt, Engelhaupt, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Klawitter) Nay: (Kaczor) Absent: (Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Janzing, Pavlik, Randa). MOTION CARRIED.

NSWCP ACTIVITIES

A copy of the NSWCP Report was available. Motion by Wendt and second by Klawitter to approve the following applications: Christine Kreycik-trees, mulch-\$516.80; Michael Zerbe-trees, mulch-\$248.20; Harlan Schrunk-trees, mulch-\$2593.50; Frank Hanzlik-trees, mulch-\$306.00; Neil Ammon-trees, mulch-\$954.56; Russ Wentworth-trees, mulch-\$1,133.55; Clay Beck-trees, mulch-\$2174.90. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Naprstek, Uhlir, Wendt, Engelhaupt, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Klawitter) Absent: (Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Janzing, Pavlik, Randa). MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Hoffman and Liewer reviewed the expenditures. Vivian mentioned additions to the NRD Report: Simple Solutions-\$11.90 for AVG Cloud; Rock County Leader-\$5.24 for a meeting notice and to the Water Quality Report: Simple Solutions-\$76.90 for AVG and Website Host. Manager Julesgard mentioned Vivian has been having problems with her computer and it is the oldest in the office, so a new computer along with a monitor has been ordered. Motion by Wendt to approve the Treasurer's Report with the additions mentioned and approval of the mileage to Uhlir for attending the NARD Conference, seconded by Holtgrew & Hoffman. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Liewer, Marcellus, Morrow, Naprstek, Uhlir, Wendt, Engelhaupt, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Klawitter) Absent: (Baumeister, Connell, Higgins, Janzing, Pavlik, Randa). MOTION CARRIED.

WEST KNOX RURAL WATER SYSTEM UPDATE

The check was mailed by certified mail with a return receipt along with the Attorney's statement. The check has not come back through the bank. Wendt asked what was paid -- only what was due from the original contract.

OPEN COMMENTS-none

EXCUSE ABSENT DIRECTORS

Connell, Pavlik, Randa, Baumeister-calving and due to weather didn't want to leave. Janzing-road conditions, Higgins at winter home.

Next Meeting—April 1, 2019 at 7:00 P.M.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 2:04 P.M. by Vice Chairman Engelhaupt.

ATTENDANCE

Directors: Jack Engelhaupt, Linda Hoffman, Don Holtgrew, , Brian Kaczor, Randy Klawitter, Marvin Liewer, Dwain Marcellus, Curt Morrow, Ray Naprstek, Jeff Uhlir, Diana Wendt **Staff:** Terry Julesgard, Vivian Frasch, Wade Ellwanger, Connie McCarthy **Visitors:** Jim Mathine, Bradley Mahon

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 March 4, 2019. 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.

Marvin Liewer, Secretary