

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

Chairman Baumeister called the meeting to order at 7:00 P.M. 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 OCTOBER 7, 2019 MEETING MINUTES

Motion by Liewer and second by Engelhaupt to approve the minutes of the October 7, 2019 meeting as provided to the Directors. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Connell, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir, Baumeister) Absent: (Hoffman, Holtgrew, Janzing, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Manager Julesgard's report was mailed for Directors to review. An update was given on the condition of the Programs Assistant daughter. The Water Resources Coordinator also will not be attending the meeting as his sons had a doctors appointment in Omaha today. The letter regarding the Great Plains National Park designation discussed last month was passed and can be signed by the Chairman if it meets board approval. Information on the LR241 Senator tour of the Spencer Dam & Hwy 281 Bridge construction tomorrow was mailed (3 senators will tour). Manager Julesgard reported on Congressman Smith's tour of the area. (Hoffman entered at 7:09 P.M.) The Bazile GWMA minutes were mailed in the packets. A copy of the NCORPE clarification of issues relative to taxes and land ownership and the GMDA newsletter were passed to Directors.

WATER RESOURCES COORDINATOR REPORT

Wade's report was mailed prior to the meeting.

PROGRAMS ASSISTANT

Connie's report was also mailed prior to the meeting.

ASSOCIATION REPORT

Wendt was unable to attend as she had attended the NARD meeting today and had another meeting to attend. She indicated in the phone conversation she will report next month.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS—Jim Mathine's report was mailed. Jim mentioned this time of year they are busy checking and making payments on Conservation Stewardship Program Contracts. There were over 30 cover crop contracts under all the programs this year. Acres planted prior to September had excellent results. Fields planted later should still have benefits early next spring. A copy of the Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS and the LNNRD was mailed out in the packets for review. Plans are to have an official signing at the NARD Conference in January. Nothing has changed, some items were just clarified. Motion by Engelhaupt and second by Higgins to approve the Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS and the Lower Niobrara NRD. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Connell, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir, Baumeister) Absent: (Holtgrew, Janzing, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

Niobrara Council—Connell reported the cooperative agreement with the National Parks Service was discussed; visitor use was tapering off to USFWS areas; NGPC gave an update on elk harvest, fire projects, collared mountain lions. The meeting was held at the Nature Conservancy and they toured the new building – solar powered.

NE RC&D—Pavlik reported a new employee was hired and they are working on projects to raise funds.

North Central RC&D—A copy of the minutes was in the packets.

Friends of the Missouri—Meeting is November 13th at the National Parks Service Office in Yankton at 1:00 P.M.

Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition – No information has been received.

APPROVE WEST KNOX RWS OCTOBER 16, 2019 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

A copy of the minutes was mailed. The meeting was held to discuss the \$370,000 40 year loan needed in order to make necessary repairs to lines at creek crossings due to the flood. FEMA funds have been applied for, but word is it could take up to 10 years to receive these funds. Motion by Uhlir and second by Pavlik to approve the WKRWS

October 16, 2019 Special Meeting Minutes as presented. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Connell, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir, Baumeister) Absent: (Holtgrew, Janzing, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

NSWCP ACTIVITIES

A copy of the NSWCP Report was available. Vivian reported Jim Mathine presented two applications prior to the meeting for approval. An extension and cancellation was listed. Motion by Uhlir and second by Engelhaupt to approve the **Applications** for: Richard Zeisler-pipeline-\$1,984.00 & Brad Mahon-trees, mulch-\$1,994.00; **Extension** for: Eugene Holmberg and the **Cancellation** for: Larry Smith. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Connell, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir, Baumeister) Absent: (Holtgrew, Janzing, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER'S REPORT (copy attached to the official copy of the minutes)

The expenditures were reviewed by Higgins. Vivian drew attention to the attached sheet on the Treasurer's Report showing checks written to cover bills that came in after the Treasurer's Report was printed. Motion by Higgins and second by Hoffman to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented with the additions listed on the attached sheet and also approve payment of the standard predetermined mileage for directors along with paying the mileage for Wendt to attend the NARD Conference in Kearney. Roll Call Vote, Aye: (Connell, Engelhaupt, Higgins, Hoffman, Kaczor, Klawitter, Liewer, Naprstek, Pavlik, Randa, Uhlir, Baumeister) Absent: (Holtgrew, Janzing, Marcellus, Morrow, Wendt). MOTION CARRIED.

SPENCER HYDRO FACILITY

There will be a Niobrara Alliance meeting on November 19th at the Middle Niobrara NRD Office in Valentine at 11:00 A.M. to discuss approval of the agreement. NPPD is working with FEMA to decommission the site and cleanup, but in order to come up with a figure they have to determine what cost would be to repair the dam. A consulting firm to assist with this has been hired by NPPD.

COMMENT PERIOD—none

EXCUSE ABSENT DIRECTORS

Janzing contacted the office indicating he was combining. Morrow had been asked to teach a class and that happened to be tonight. Wendt attended the NARD Meeting and had another meeting to attend tonight. Nothing was heard from Holtgrew or Marcellus, but anticipate they are combining also.

The meeting was declared adjourned at 7:42 P.M. by Chairman Baumeister.

ATTENDANCE

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

Staff: Terry Julesgard, Vivian Frasch

Visitors: Jim Mathine

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 November 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