

**Minutes of the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources
Board of Directors Meeting
October 2, 2023**

The meeting of the Lower Niobrara Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Engelhaupt at 7:00 P.M. at the Butte Community Center. Chairman Jack Engelhaupt called attention to the Open Meeting Law and statement of advertisement throughout our district.

Directors Present:

Shaun Higgins	Linda Hoffman	Don Holtgrew	Brian Kaczor
Shane Lechtenberg	Curt Morrow	Ray Naprstek	J.J. Pritchett
Kevin Randa	Larry Baumeister	Karl Connell	Deborah Hansen
Jack Engelhaupt			

Directors Absent: Charles Zegers, Randy Klawitter, Steve Mahlendorf, Dwain Marcellus

Staff Present: Wade Ellwanger Britanie Brewster Connie McCarthy Gary Richardson

Guests Present: Adam Nolan, John Kreiger

Approval of Agenda:

Motion was made by Hansen and seconded by Pritchett to approve the October 2, 2023 agenda, **Aye:** Higgins, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Lechtenberg, Naprstek, Pritchett, Randa, Baumeister, Connell, Hansen, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Zegers, Klawitter, Mahlendorf, Marcellus, Morrow. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of the September 7, 2023 Minutes :

Motion was made to approve the September 7, 2023 minutes by Kaczor seconded by Higgins. **Aye:** Higgins, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Pritchett, Randa, Baumeister, Connell, Hansen, Engelhaupt, **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** Lechtenberg, Naprstek. **Absent:** Zegers, Klawitter, Mahlendorf, Marcellus, Morrow. **MOTION CARRIED**

Morrow Arrived: 7:05pm

Staff and Agency Reports:

Manager's Report : Ellwanger's report was mailed to the directors prior to the Board meeting and a copy attached to the official minutes. Ellwanger reported West Knox Rural Water has received the contract from Groundwater Solutions Group with rehabilitation on well #2 to be completed January, 2024. Ellwanger stated that they have a demo date set September, 2024 for the Spencer Dam. Ellwanger handed out the LNNRD Long Term Implementation Plan for Director review.

Programs Assistant Report: McCarthy's report was mailed to directors prior to the Board meeting and a copy is attached to the official minutes. McCarthy stated she has been working with the BGMA on the PIP plan. The BGMA meeting will be held Friday October 6, 2023 at the Lower Niobrara NRD Office. McCarthy reported that on September 19, 2023 the LNNRD hosted Range Judging by Naper. There were

182 students from 8 different schools in attendance. 8th Grade conservation day will be held at the Butte Golf Course on October 16, 2023.

Water Resources Report: Richardson report was mailed to directors prior to the Board meeting and a copy is attached to the official minutes.

BGMA Coordinator Report: No Report

Association Report: Hansen reported the Annual Conference was held September 24-26, 2023. 7 people from our district were present 4 LNNRD Employees and 3 Directors. Hansen reported on the NE Rain project that she attended, demonstrated the rain gauges that are available and how precipitation is to be reported daily if you choose to participate in the NE Rain project. Gauges are available at LNNRD office.

Agency Reports:

Natural Resources Conservation Service: Nolan reported the NRCS has been certifying EQIP contracts and working with protentional 2024 applicants. They have been finalizing CSP, and CRP contracts as the Fiscal Year ended last month. Nolan reported the Natural Resources Specialist position has been filled by Angela Schaecher.

Niobrara Council: Connell reported the Park Service has been issuing Hunting Permits, they completed the Buffalo Round Up for this year. They held a Deer and Turkey Habitat workshop at Ohiya Casino. They are working on a 3-year interlocal agreement for weed control.

NE RC&D Report: Hansen reported that the Deer and Turkey Habitat workshop at Ohiya Casino was well attended.

NC RC&D Report: Connell reported that they approved the Treasury Report. Connell stated they are working on the 2024 Tire Amnesty for 600 ton, planned for late March early April. The paper shredding truck will be going down HWY 20 on October 16, 2023, and HWY 12 on October 23, 2023. The NC RC&D is looking for a part time position to replace Kim Burge. The next meeting will be October 11, 2023.

Friends of the Missouri: Ellwanger reported they held a meeting to review the 3 options they have for the organization.

Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition: Nothing to Report

Approval of the Tree Plant Agreement:

Motion was made by Lechtenberg seconded by Randa to approve the updated Tree Planting Agreement.

Aye: Higgins, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Lechtenberg, Morrow, Naprstek, Pritchett, Randa, Baumeister, Connell, Hansen, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Zegers, Klawitter, Mahlendorf, Marcellus. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Updated Price List:

Motion was made by Holtgrew seconded by Baumeister to approve the Updated Price List. **Aye:** Higgins, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Lechtenberg, Morrow, Naprstek, Pritchett, Randa, Baumeister, Connell,

Hansen, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Zegers, Klawitter, Mahlendorf, Marcellus.
MOTION CARRIED

NSWCP Activities: McCarthy reported that they had 4 completions and 2 cancellations. Discussed the approval of application #2373 for Helen Davis planned grazing well and solar pump.

Approval of NSWCP activities:

A motion was made by Naprstek and seconded by Hansen to approve the motion to fund contract #2373. **Aye:** Higgins, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Lechtenberg, Morrow, Naprstek, Pritchett, Randa, Baumeister, Connell, Hansen Engelhaupt. **Nay:** None. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Zegers, Klawitter, Mahlendorf, Marcellus. **MOTION CARRIED**

Approval of Treasurer Report:

A motion was made by Randa seconded by Holtgrew to approve the October 2, 2023 treasurer's report. **Aye:** Higgins, Hoffman, Holtgrew, Kaczor, Lechtenberg, Morrow, Naprstek, Pritchett, Randa, Baumeister, Hansen, Engelhaupt. **Nay:** Connell. **Abstain:** None. **Absent:** Zegers, Klawitter, Mahlendorf, Marcellus.
MOTION CARRIED

Comment Period:

Nolan asked if the LNNRD carries or will continue to carry grass seed. Ellwanger stated we can order it as needed.

Excused absent Directors: Zegers, Klawitter, Mahlendorf, Marcellus were excused.

Chairman Engelhaupt declared the meeting adjourned at 7:56PM.

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 October 2, 2023 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.

Larry Baumeister, Secretary