

# LOWER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

September 26, 2019

Ord, Nebraska

The September meeting of the Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District was held at the Headquarters Office, 2620 Airport Drive, Ord, Nebraska, on September 26, 2019. Chairman Citta called the meeting to order at 5:07 p.m.

## CALL TO ORDER

### Directors in attendance:

James C. Adams  
Darwin B. Anderson  
Beth Boesch  
John Coffey  
N. Richard Hadenfeldt  
Gary A. Kruse  
Larry Mohrman  
Chad J. Podolak  
Dean G. Thede  
Rick Vlach

Rollie D. Amsberry, Treasurer  
Timothy E. Bartak  
Joseph L. Citta, Chairman  
Jim Eschliman, Vice Chairman  
Randy Kauk  
Matt Lukasiewicz  
Alan D. Petersen  
Gerald Smith  
Henry J. Thoene, Secretary

### Director absent:

Robert L. Bauer

### Staff in attendance:

Russell G. Callan, General Manager  
Irene F. Kreifels, Administrative Assistant  
Larry D. Schultz, I&E Coordinator  
Dell R. Harris, Water Resources Specialist  
Cam Conrad, Water Modeling Coordinator

Tylr Naprstek, Assistant General Manager  
Kim A. Lyons, Financial Secretary  
Cheryl Hornickel, Programs Assistant  
Jane Klanecky, Receptionist  
Brian Kolar, Projects Technician

### Guests in attendance

Bryce Bauer, Liaison DC, NRCS, Ord  
Todd Nitsch, Boelus

Jim Nelson, Cairo  
John Kriha, Ravenna

## NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW POSTING

Chairman Citta referred those in attendance to the open meeting law information posted in the Board room and that meeting material was available at the entrance to the Board room.

## VERIFICATION OF MEETING NOTICE AND ADOPTION OF AGENDA

Chairman Citta asked for verification of the meeting notice. General Manager Russell Callan stated that the agenda was current, and that the meeting notices were properly published in all newspapers, posted at the NRD Headquarters office in Ord, on the NRD web site, and in the eight field office locations.

## ROLL CALL AND EXCUSED ABSENCES

Roll Call was conducted electronically. Directors present: Adams, Amsberry, Anderson, Bartak, Boesch, Citta, Coffey, Eschliman, Hadenfeldt, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Mohrman, Nelson, Petersen, Podolak, Thede, Thoene, and Vlach. Director absent: Bauer.

Citta stated that Director Bauer had asked to be excused.

**Smith motioned, seconded by Anderson, to excuse absent directors. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

## MINUTES

Chairman Citta asked for corrections and/or additions to the August 22, 2019, Board meeting minutes. Podolak asked about budget percentage and it was determined that the minutes were correct indicating that there was a 19% increase in the property tax request for FY2020, and no corrections were needed.

**Boesch motioned, seconded by Coffey, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Russell Callan, General Manager, highlighted expenditures on the Treasurer's Report of \$23,176.62 to HDR for the South Loup Water Availability Study and GEO tech work on the Lillian Creek project; \$6,909.80 to HDR for the Columbus Project; \$1,222.00 to the Lincoln Journal Star for Engineer position ad; \$3,398.60 and \$7,669.99 to Cornhusker Press for newsletter publication; \$9,045.00 to USGS for operation of stream gages; and \$222,167.75 to Frahm Construction for the final payment on the Pibel Lake auxiliary pipe replacement.

Kauk asked if the stream gage expense was for new gages or for operations, and Callan replied operations. Boesch asked about the \$23,176.62 to HDR and Callan replied the amount included both South Loup and Lillian Creek work. He said staff was hoping to see the report soon. Vlach asked about the Treasurer's Report Approval Policy in the minutes of last month and what would be done if all the directors had a claim. Callan explained that directors must abstain when they would receive a payment (e.g. buffer strip payment) other than a normal monthly payment (e.g. per diem). He said legal counsel advised that the statement be included each month.

**Eschliman motioned, seconded by Bartak, to approve the September 26, 2019, Treasurer's Report and pay all bills. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Anderson, Amsberry, Bartak, Boesch, Citta, Coffey, Eschliman, Hadenfeldt, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Mohrman, Petersen, Podolak, Smith, Thede, Thoene, and Vlach. Director abstaining: Adams. Director absent: Bauer.**

The Treasurer's Report Approval Policy states that the approved expenditures are to be published and each director who has per diem and/or reimbursement of expenses included in such financial reports, abstains from voting for the approval of his or her own per diem and/or expense reimbursement.

### PUBLIC COMMENTS

Citta asked for public comments. None were heard. Citta announced that at 5:15 p.m. the Board will enter the public hearing for setting the final property tax request.

### FORESTER'S REPORT

Richard Woollen, District Forester, was not present for the meeting. Callan reviewed the summary provided in the agenda. Adams stated that Doak Nickerson, former Lower Loup NRD Forester, had received the Tree Planter of the Year award at the recent NARD Annual Conference.

### PUBLIC HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST FOR FY 2020

Citta opened the hearing to set the final property tax request for FY 2020 at 5:16 p.m.

Citta asked for comments from the public. None were heard.

Citta asked for comments from the directors. None were heard.

With no further comments, Citta closed the hearing at 5:17 p.m.

Citta introduced Resolution 2020-004:

### **RESOLUTION TO SET THE PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601.02 provides that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year for purposes of the levy set by the County Board of Equalization unless the Governing Body of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a special public hearing was held as required by law to hear and consider comments concerning the property tax request; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District that the property tax request for the current year be a different amount than the property tax request for the prior year;

WHEREAS, the total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by -2 percent;

WHEREAS, the tax rate which would levy the same amount of property taxes as last year, when multiplied by the new total assessed value of property, would be \$0.030005 per \$100 of assessed value;

WHEREAS, the Lower Loup Natural Resources District proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be \$0.035736 per \$100 of assessed value;

WHEREAS, based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Lower Loup Natural Resources District will exceed last year's by 23 percent;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Governing Body of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District, by a majority vote, resolves that:

1. The 2019-2020 property tax request be set at \$5,853,609.54.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the Platte County Clerk on or before October 13, 2019.
3. Any levy which is not in compliance with this section and section 77-1601 shall be construed as an unauthorized levy under section 77-1606.

This Resolution was adopted at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District held on September 26, 2019, by electronic vote, on a motion by Director Lukasiewicz, seconded by Director Mohrman.

Electronic Vote: 15-Yes      4-No      1-Absent

**Kruse motioned, seconded by Podolak, to adopt Resolution 2020-005: Resolution to Set Levy for the Lower Loup Natural Resources District for Fiscal Year 2020.**

Callan explained that Resolution 2020-004 to set the property tax request was the resolution to be acted on.

Citta said a motion was on the table to adopt the Resolution 2020-005 to set the levy and asked directors to vote. There was an electronic vote malfunction.

**Motion to adopt Resolution 2020-005 was rescinded by Kruse and Podolak.**

Citta said the floor was open for a motion to adopt Resolution 2020-004 Set the Property Tax Request.

**Lukasiewicz motioned, seconded by Mohrman, to adopt Resolution 2020-004: Resolution to Set the Property Tax Request at \$5,853,609.54. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Adams, Amsberry, Anderson, Citta, Coffey, Eschliman, Hadenfeldt, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Mohrman, Petersen, Podolak, Thoene, and Vlach. Directors voting no: Bartak, Boesch, Smith, and Thede. Director absent: Bauer.**

Citta introduced Resolution Number 2020-005:

**RESOLUTION TO SET LEVY FOR THE LOWER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020**

WHEREAS, the Lower Loup Natural Resources District has completed work on and published their Budget for Fiscal Year 2020; and

WHEREAS, said Budget calls for a property tax \$5,853,609,54; and

WHEREAS, the valuation reported to the Lower Loup Natural Resources District by sixteen (16) County Assessors within the District, shows a total valuation of \$16,380,300,696.00; and

WHEREAS, the District has by public notice stated that it will set its own levy at a figure different from what the Platte County Clerk established;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the levy for Fiscal Year 2020 be established by the District at \$0.035736 per \$100.00 of valuation as is calculated by dividing the property tax requirement by the total valuation.

This Resolution was adopted at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District held on September 26, 2019, by roll call vote, on a motion by Director Kruse, seconded by Director Podolak.

Electronic Vote: 13-Yes      6-No      1-Absent

Boesch commented that she thought the budget was high and would like to see some projects put on the back burner to lower costs.

**Kruse motioned, seconded by Podolak, to adopt Resolution 2020-005 to Set Levy for the Lower Loup Natural Resources District for Fiscal Year 2020 at \$0.035736 per \$100 of assessed value. Motion carried by roll call vote. Directors voting yes: Amsberry, Citta, Eschliman, Coffey, Hadenfeldt, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Mohrman, Petersen, Podolak, Thoene, and Vlach. Directors voting no: Adams, Anderson, Bartak, Boesch, Smith, and Thede. Director absent: Bauer.**

## NRCS REPORT

Bryce Bauer, NRCS, reported on FY 2020 compliance. He said administration was leaning toward a more customer service oriented approach and that new variances would be more flexible than in the past. He said that a Source Water EQIP Fund code had been announced and that all Phase II and III areas in the state and wellhead protection areas would compete in their own fund pool statewide. He also reported that NRCS would be getting new software for mapping and writing contracts. Bauer also informed directors that Mark Sintek, RC in Ord, was retiring on September 27<sup>th</sup> after 37 years with the Bureau of Reclamation and NRCS. He said they hope to replace Sintek within a year; until then, Bauer would be handling his responsibilities.

## INFORMATION & EDUCATION REPORT

### Area IV Range Judging Contest

Larry Schultz, I&E Coordinator, reported that the Area IV Range Judging Contest, held September 19<sup>th</sup> in Greeley County, was a success with 388 competitors. He reviewed the winners of the contest. Schultz reported that there were 555 competitors at the State Range Judging Contest on September 25<sup>th</sup> in Holt County.

### North Central Land Judging

Schultz reported that the North Central Land Judging Contest would be held October 9<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Niobrara NRD and the State Land Judging Contest would be in the Nemaha NRD on October 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

### Davis Creek Update

Tylr Naprstek, Assistant General Manager, reported that Loup Valleys RPPD had installed the electricity but were waiting for the electrician to install the transformer to handle the transfer; then all 67 sites would be electric hook-up. He reported that the upcoming weekend currently had 15 sites reserved. Naprstek also reported that he had run the annual report and the NRD had received \$2,000 more than last year for site reservations. Naprstek reported that the wintering elevation was at 2,055 feet and winterization would be completed the middle of October, depending on weather.

### Pibel Lake Update

Naprstek reported that Pibel Lake was currently at full capacity and work had been completed on the auxiliary spillway. He reported that the auxiliary pipes were two to three inches above the lake holding capacity and that the pipe leaks had sealed themselves by the time the contractor went to fix them.

### Columbus Area Water Resources Assessment Study Update

Updates in Water Resources Committee

### Buffalo County – Aerial Electromagnetic Survey (AEM)

Naprstek reported that Cam Conrad, Water Modeling Coordinator, had been in touch with the pilots and they were planning to do the AEM flights October 7<sup>th</sup>. He said postcards had been sent out and people were showing interest in the results.

### Cover Crop Study

Naprstek reported that Jason Moudry and Dan Ruterbories had been working with the study. He said crop monitoring equipment was tested all summer and would be deployed to fields in Buffalo County after harvest. He stated that they were expected to show what impact cover crops had on water quantity, anywhere from 3 to 15 feet underground.

Podolak asked about the public interest on AEM information results and protocol for sharing information with the public. Naprstek said that the report should be finished in January or February and information would be distributed to interested parties after the Water Resources Committee had reviewed the report.

## WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

### Columbus Area Recharge Project Update

Naprstek reported that staff had met with the City of Columbus, Platte County Supervisors, and Christopher's Cove to discuss the NRD's decision to use the tailrace water pumping option and also structure layout options. They also reviewed water outlet options. Naprstek reported that the bids for construction would go out approximately February 1<sup>st</sup> and construction should be finalized in August, 2020, if all goes as planned. Callan reported that the NRD and HDR were still in the process of obtaining all the required easements. He said the NRD was acquiring the easements for the channel.

Mohrman asked about the timeline for the well for Christopher's Cove, and Callan replied that it would most likely be toward the end of the project since operation of the well would occur toward the end. Callan stated it could be built but not operated until needed and that the NRD didn't want to pump water until it was being recharged. Coffey asked about an agreement with Loup Power for pulling water out of the canal and Callan stated there would be

an agreement and steps to follow. Naprstek reported that there had been concerns that trenching would cause an erosion problem. Kauk asked what level Christopher's Cove is at and Naprstek replied it was topped out at an elevation of 1,426 feet right now. Callan stated that the wet year had shown the elevations were higher than the system would regularly be operated at.

### Groundwater Management Plan Update

Naprstek reported that new rules and regulations changes to the Groundwater Management Plan were adopted in April and stated that the last revision to the Groundwater Quantity portion of the plan was done in 1993. He said LiDAR, Area 28 Models, and watershed studies needed to be implemented into the plan to reflect changes. He said the Committee had reviewed the plan and recommended hiring a consultant to assist in updating the plan to match current NRD actions and authorities.

Callan stated that the Groundwater Quality portion of the plan was updated in 2002. Callan stated that, statutory-wise, the Groundwater Management Plan was the NRD's strategic plan going forward and contains the data that supports it. Callan said that, regarding water quantity, the current plan simply stated that the NRD would 'continue to monitor' but he said that several issues needed more attention now than they did in 1993. Callan said that the plan has objectives and goals and supporting data.

Naprstek reported that certified acres and the ELM Model were not included in the original plan and would need to be added as well.

**Smith motioned, seconded by Hadenfeldt, to seek RFPs for the Lower Loup NRD Groundwater Management Plan update. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

### Genoa Area Water Quantity Issue

Naprstek reported that producers near Genoa approached the Committee with a potential well interruption issue. He said there were two wells that were having a potential impact to one another even though they were located over three times the state required spacing from one another. He said logs had been put together and sent to a hydrogeologist at the Conservation & Survey Division. The preliminary data shows that there was a 20-foot vein of water-yielding material going through both sites. He said the final report would be forthcoming.

Mohrman asked if, in the future, there would need to be a geology study done before granting acres. Callan replied that staff was working on plans to bring to the Committee next month. Podolak questioned the NRD's risks and liabilities. Callan stated that the NRD's responsibility was to prevent conflicts between users and that may include working out a schedule between the two producers. Naprstek said that the rules state that any acres allocated after 2016 can be treated differently. Callan said more information would be available later.

### 2019 New Acres Allocation Update

Naprstek handed out summaries of the new irrigated acres allocations for 2019. He reported that 50 applications were received. Applications were received for 1,193.39 acres in the North Loup Basin; 841.62 in the Beaver Basin; and 1,057.60 in the Middle Loup Basin for a total of 3,092.61 combined acres. Naprstek reported that the applications would be reviewed and brought in front of the Water Resources Committee in October.

### Long-Range Implementation Plan

Naprstek reported that he had reviewed the NRD's Long-Range Implementation Plan and put together proposed numbers for each category based on the priorities set at the Board Retreat. He said the revision of the plan would go through both Committees for review in the following months.

## PROGRAMS/PROJECTS COMMITTEE

### Recreation Area Fees

Kruse reported that recreation fees for Davis Creek and Pibel Lake were discussed at the Committee meeting and a recommendation made to not have fees charged at Pibel Lake at the present time, but to increase the rate at Davis Creek to \$25 per night.

**Kruse motioned, seconded by Boesch, to increase the Davis Creek electrical camping fees from \$19 to \$25 per night for electrical sites.**

Citta commented that he felt the increase was reasonable based on current fees charged by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Smith added that a park sticker was not required for entrance, so he felt the increase was reasonable.

**Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

### North Loup Flooding

Kruse reported that the Committee discussed the flooding problems North Loup has had and recommended that staff work with North Loup and Valley County officials to discuss the issues in North Loup and the Mira Creek Basin, then seek RFPs.

**Kruse motioned, seconded by Vlach, to authorize staff seek RFPs for flooding/drainage issues in North Loup and the Mira Creek Basin. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

## Sargent Area Drainage

### *Village of Sargent*

Kruse reported that Sargent has had extreme issues of continuous flooding with no underground drainage system. He said the streets are currently used as drainage canals due to the absence of a storm sewer system. He said Sargent had been working with Miller and Associates to identify the drainage problems in the community and said that during Committee discussion, it was suggested that the NRD work with Miller and Associates. He said after the meeting, Sargent had requested that RFPs be sought from other engineering firms.

**Kruse motioned, seconded by Eschliman, to authorize staff to seek RFPs for drainage/flooding issues for the Village of Sargent. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

### *Sargent East*

Kruse said that Sargent East landowners were working on putting together an IPA. Naprstek said that Conrad had been working with residents to set up a map of the area and Bill Hart, Sargent, was working on collecting signatures.

There had been discussion of moving and/or cutting out some areas to require less signatures. Citta asked about “the one guy that got left out,” is he just ‘out’ or can he get in if he wants in? Conrad responded that the current discussion with the Sargent East landowners was to remove a few parcels in the southeast portion of the existing IPA boundary, resulting in 20 total private landowners affected, and by rule, would require signatures for 25% of all landowners on the petition (5 signatures total), rather than 10 signatures if affecting 21 or more private landowners. He said Hart did not expect that drainage improvements would be needed within the southeast parcels, a justification for removing them from the IPA boundary. Conrad said Hart would be visiting with him in the office within the next week to make revisions to the map and petition. He said Hart told him that he expected to collect many more than 5 signatures before turning in the final petition to LLNRD. Callan stated that once the residents get their boundary and signatures are acquired, then the NRD and engineers can become more involved and possibly change the boundaries.

Mohrman stated that he thought it would be beneficial to have more landowners included to spread out the cost for everyone. Callan stated he would like to have all landowners sign. Boesch expressed concern over conflicts caused by the NRD moving the boundaries that had originally been set. Callan stated that residents were aware that the NRD could change the boundaries if needed and include/exclude residents. Kauk said he thought if a landowner would be benefited, he should be included in the IPA

Eschliman asked what the process was after signatures were collected. Callan stated it would be brought in front of the Committees and the NRD would hire an engineer to do the boundaries and set up the IPA. Citta added that benefits and amounts would be assessed to the landowners based on benefit.

Mohrman asked when landowners could pull out of the agreement. Callan stated they could opt out any time before the contract was signed. He said that last time there were issues with the Corps of Engineers and the wetland areas which the Corps would not budge on, as well as assignment of benefits not being agreed upon. Kauk asked if the amounts are levied as a tax. Callan replied that it was assessed by the county.

#### Platte Valley Weed Management Area Request

Kruse reported that the Platte Valley Weed Management Area - Hall/Howard County Weed Superintendent had contacted staff requesting \$5,000 for noxious weed control along the Loup River.

**Kruse motioned, seconded by Mohrman, to approve \$5,000 to Platte Valley Weed Management Area – Hall/Howard Counties Weed Management.**

Lukasiewicz asked what amounts were given to other weed management areas. Callan stated the NRD currently budgets \$10,000 which covers most of the requests. Anderson questioned the amount based on the area of Hall County that is part of the District. Callan stated that Hall County does the spraying and that the weed management would be on the Loup River in both Hall and Howard Counties.

**Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

#### Platte County Weed Control Request

Kruse reported that Platte County Weed Control had requested an additional \$400 for noxious weed control in addition to what had previously been approved by the Board at their June, 2019, meeting.

**Kruse motioned, seconded by Boesch, to approve an additional \$400 to Platte County Weed Control. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.**

#### Platte County Flood Zone Buyout

Callan reported that Platte County Emergency Management Director Tim Hoffbauer had been awarded a Notice of Intent to apply for a grant for a buyout of properties in the flood zone south of the Loup River in Platte County. Callan said he would be meeting with Hoffbauer and the City on October 10<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. to see who was involved and how the process worked. He said Hoffbauer was scheduled to be present at the October Programs/Projects Committee.

Callan directed the Board's attention to a map showing the potential buyout area. Callan stated it still needed to be determined who was involved and who would get the land. Citta mentioned the area would provide great habitat development. Kauk asked how many acres were involved and Callan replied that entire sections were involved.

## VARIANCE COMMITTEE

Thoene reported that Ken Woitaszewski had made his second appearance to the Committee and had requested relinquishing surface water rights to Farwell Irrigation District in exchange for groundwater rights.

**Thoene motioned, seconded by Adams, to approve Ken Woitaszewski's variance request to grant groundwater acres in exchange for relinquishment of surface water acres; and that the irrigated acres in the entire half-section be non-transferrable.**

Lukasiewicz asked if there had been any discussion about future well use or drilling on the property and if there were any restrictions. Callan stated there were no restrictions because of the high water table in that area and that Woitaszewski could drill a new well; however, he would have to submit a new well application.

**Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Adams, Amsberry, Anderson, Bartak, Boesch, Coffey, Eschliman, Hadenfeldt, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Mohrman, Petersen, Podolak, Smith, Thede, Thoene, and Vlach. Director voting no: Citta. Director absent: Bauer.**

Thoene also reported that Vaughn Ross, representing the IL & LL Whipple Family Trust, was present at the Committee meeting and had also made a request to relinquish surface water acres for groundwater acres. Thoene said there would be more information next month.

## MANAGER'S REPORT

### Litigation Update

Callan said that the NRD had made application for a hearing on the instream flow denial. He said DNR had been in contact with attorney Blankenau.

### Subdistrict 3 Vacancy

Callan reported that two people had expressed interest in the Subdistrict 3 vacancy -- John Kriha and Todd Nitsch and that applications for each were included in the agenda.

Citta invited each the opportunity to address the Board.

John Kriha of Ravenna stated that he was retired after having farmed all his life. He said his land had been in his family 150 years.

Todd Nitsch said that he had appreciated attending the meetings the past few months and learning about the duties and responsibilities of the NRD.

Secret ballot vote was conducted. Ballots were collected and Citta said the winner would be announced later in the meeting after votes had been tallied.

Callan explained that the person appointed would finish out Jim Nelson's term and would need to run for election in 2020.

### New Hires

Callan said that the NRD had advertised for an engineer, but no one had applied. He said there would need to be further discussion on what route to take in getting the position filled.

### Non-action Reports

Callan reported that it was brought up at Annual Conference that emergency managers were not getting desired response from the NRDs, so staff drafted a letter inviting them, county commissioners and road superintendents from each county to a meeting at Headquarters on October 22<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. He said the NRD would focus on these people first and then go further if necessary. Callan said staff would inform them of what the NRD does and then let county personnel highlight problem areas on a map so staff can see where help could possibly be given.

### NARD REPORT

Eschliman reported that there was a good turnout at the Annual Conference in Kearney. He said both resolutions on the table were passed and the silent auction raised about \$21,000 for the Foundation. He said the next meeting would be in November, the Legislative Conference in January, the Washington DC Conference in March, the next Basin Tour would be hosted by Papio-Missouri River NRD in June, and the National Envirothon would be in Lincoln in July. He said enough money had been collected for the Envirothon, so NRDs wouldn't be contacted for the third payment.

Schultz said he would be emailing information on the NARD shirts.

### NRC REPORT

Hadenfeldt reported that 19 project applications were received totaling approximately \$29M. Kruse asked about the history of what had been granted and what had actually been paid, and Callan said that not all the money had been spent last year. Hadenfeldt stated there may be some big projects coming up that could take two years' worth of allocations. Lukasiewicz asked if there was a ceiling on the amount that could be applied for. Hadenfeldt replied that right now the ceiling was the maximum amount of money the Water Sustainability Fund receives each year. He stated that there may need to be conversations with Senators to get more money allocations. Citta asked when they would know what projects were awarded. Hadenfeldt stated that by December they would know, but they won't be able to disclose the information until at least February. Hadenfeldt stated they were not allowed to discuss the projects.

### RC&D REPORT

Thoene reported that the scrap tire collection was huge this year. He said, as of today, 400 ton had been loaded out, with 50 ton more yet to be loaded. He said the RC&D got approval

for 50 ton more. It was reported that most of the tires would be used for landfill cover, playground equipment, mats, benches, and picnic tables.

### ANNOUNCEMENTS / FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Citta announced that the results of the ballot for Subdistrict 3 vacancy had been tallied and Todd Nitsch had been appointed the new director starting in October. Citta thanked both applicants for applying.

### ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, Citta declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Roster for attendance of this meeting and tally of votes cast on motions at this meeting are being filed with the official minutes of this meeting at the Lower Loup Natural Resources District's Headquarters Office, 2620 Airport Drive, Ord, Nebraska. Publication notification of this meeting was made via a newspaper in each county within the District. The next Board of Directors meeting will be held October 24, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at the Headquarters Office in Ord, Nebraska.

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Henry J. Thoene  
Secretary