

LOWER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

October 24, 2019

Ord, Nebraska

The October 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 October 24, 2019. Vice Chairman Eschliman called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

Directors in attendance:

James C. Adams
Darwin B. Anderson
Beth Boesch
Jim Eschliman, Vice Chairman
Gary A. Kruse
Todd Nitsch
Chad J. Podolak
Dean G. Thede
Rick Vlach

Rollie D. Amsberry, Treasurer
Robert L. Bauer
John Coffey
Randy Kauk
Matt Lukasiewicz
Alan D. Petersen
Gerald Smith
Henry J. Thoene, Secretary

Director absent:

Timothy E. Bartak
N. Richard Hadenfeldt

Joseph L. Citta, Chairman
Larry Mohrman

Staff in attendance:

Russell G. Callan, General Manager
Irene F. Kreifels, Administrative Assistant
Larry D. Schultz, I&E Coordinator
Brian Kolar, Projects Technician
V. Anne Freeman, Water Programs Secretary
Dell R. Harris, Water Resources Specialist

Tylr Naprstek, Assistant General Manager
Kim A. Lyons, Financial Secretary
Cheryl Hornickel, Programs Assistant
Jason Moudry, Water Programs Specialist
Dan Ruterbories, Rangeland Mgmt. Spec.
Richard L. Woollen, District Forester

Guests in attendance

Bryce Bauer, Liaison DC, NRCS, Ord
Bruce Lammers, Severson, Lammers & Abel CPAs, Ord

John Engel, HDR, Lincoln

NOTICE OF OPEN MEETING LAW POSTING

Chairman Eschliman 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 Eschliman asked for verification of the meeting notice. General Manager Russell Callan stated that the agenda was current with one correction to Item VII to reflect the FY 2019 audit, 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, Bauer, Boesch, Coffey, Eschliman, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Nitsch, Petersen, Podolak, Smith, Thede, and Vlach. Director not present during roll call: Thoene. Directors absent: Bartak, Citta, Hadenfeldt, and Mohrman.

Eschliman stated that Directors Bartak, Citta, Hadenfeldt, and Mohrman had asked to be excused.

Boesch motioned, seconded by Smith, to excuse absent directors. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Adams, Amsberry, Anderson, Bauer, Boesch, Coffey, Eschliman, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Nitsch, Petersen, Podolak, Smith, Thede, and Vlach. Director absent during vote: Thoene. Directors absent: Bartak, Citta, Hadenfeldt, and Mohrman.

MINUTES

Chairman Eschliman asked for corrections and/or additions to the September 26, 2019, Board meeting minutes. None were heard.

Kauk motioned, seconded by Kruse, to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019, Board meeting as presented. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Adams, Amsberry, Anderson, Bauer, Boesch, Coffey, Eschliman, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Nitsch, Petersen, Podolak, Smith, Thede, and Vlach. Director absent during vote: Thoene. Directors absent: Bartak, Citta, Hadenfeldt, and Mohrman.

Thoene arrived in meeting at 5:10 p.m.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Russell Callan, General Manager, highlighted expenditures on the Treasurer's Report of \$63,750.00 to Cornerstone Mapping for infrared photography; \$37,117.24 to HDR Engineering

for work on the Columbus Project; \$47,600.00 to Champlain Tires for tire recycling expenses; and \$80,000.00 to Loup Valleys Rural Public Power District (LVRPPD) for electricity to Davis Creek.

Smith asked if the NRD would recoup some of the money paid to LVRPPD if someone else hooks into the line. Callan replied that the District would if additional uses come on-line.

Callan also highlighted expenses of \$9,000.00 to Robert Bagwell for concrete picnic tables for Davis Creek that was reissued due to the original check being lost in the mail; \$5,990.00 to Severson, Lammers, & Abel for audit services; \$233,000.00 to Aqua Geo Frameworks, LLC for half of the AEM work in Buffalo County; \$4,966.00 to FYRA Engineering for work on Duncan East; and \$6,435.00 to Klimek Konstruction for installation of a drain in the east parking lot.

Tohne motioned, seconded by Thede, to approve the October 24, 2019, Treasurer's Report and pay all bills. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

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

There were no public comments.

FY 2019 AUDIT REPORT – BRUCE LAMMERS

Bruce Lammers of Severson, Lammers and Abel, stated he appreciated the work NRD staff put into compiling the information for the audit to be completed and complimented the Board of Directors on their monthly review of expenditures. Lammers gave a detailed explanation of the audit to the Directors and answered questions that were presented. He stated the audit turned out well with no discrepancies. The full audit report can be viewed at the office of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District during regular business hours.

Smith motioned, seconded by Boesch, to approve the FY 2019 Audit as presented. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

Callan informed the Board that he had spoken with Bruce Lammers about the possibility of conducting a Schedule 1 Audit if federal grant funds exceed the \$750,000 limit per year. Lammers stated that the Schedule 1 Audit is not only a financial audit, but a compliance audit to make sure the entity is doing everything it said it would do in order to receive federal money. Callan said it was uncertain if the audit would be required. Lammers agreed to do it if necessary.

FORESTER'S REPORT

Richard Woollen, District Forester, reported that he had visited tree sites with possible herbicide damage and noted the website www.driftwatch.org where cooperators can highlight on a map sensitive vegetation, making herbicide applicators aware of the areas before spray is applied. He said windbreak planning had begun. Woollen showed the Board a website from the National Agroforestry Center depicting a Story Map that revealed the history and current uses of Great Plains windbreaks from the 1930s to present. He noted the Prairie States Project, initiated during the Franklin D. Roosevelt presidency, and a map showing where trees were to originally be planted for the project.

NRCS REPORT

Bryce Bauer, NRCS, reported that their FY 2020 project list was being collected and cost estimates being put together. He reported that staff had been checking on cover crops that were planted in the summer/fall. He also reported that they had started making CSP payments and that there would be a new CRP signup in December and training the end of November. He said several acres were expiring but producers would most likely re-up their acres. He said one million more acres would be added but didn't know if it would be through the general process or the continuous process. Bauer reported that, as producers were harvesting, NRCS was receiving calls on erosion, gullies and washouts and that NRCS staff was working to find programs to assist them.

Callan stated that the NRCS and NRD have a memorandum of understanding and the manager's group had some suggested changes that would be brought up to the Programs/Projects Committee meeting in October, then have something signed at the Legislative Conference in January. Bauer said the last agreement was ten years ago, but each district had their own agreement, but now they're working to get a consolidated agreement. Callan said it would be an umbrella agreement with appendices under that to take care of individual items. It was reported that it was not legally binding, but just stated that the two entities would work together.

Callan stated that soon the NRD would begin advertising for three interns for the internship program. Bauer reported that NRCS had continued contract work with Abagaile Hill and that she was applying for permanent work with the NRCS.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION REPORT

Land Judging

Larry Schultz, I&E Coordinator, reported that the Lower Niobrara NRD hosted the North Central Land Judging Contest. He said that a team from Fullerton placed first and that John Wetovick from that team was the winner at the State Land Judging Contest held recently in the Nemaha NRD. Schultz said that the Fullerton team placed first at the state contest and would go on to nationals in Oklahoma.

Statewide I&E Staff Quarterly Meeting

Schultz reported that the statewide I&E staff met in North Platte recently. The group attended a photography workshop and discussed accomplishments of the year including state fair. He said that even though fair attendance was down this year, there was increased student attendance at various educational booths, also known as the world's largest classroom.

Annual Awards Dinner/December Meeting Time

Schultz announced that the December meeting would be held on the 19th at the Trotter Event Center and it was suggested to set the meeting start time to 4:00 p.m. to account for the awards dinner afterwards.

Thede motioned, seconded by Anderson, to set the start time for the December Board of Directors meeting to 4:00 p.m. Motion carried by electronic vote. Directors voting yes: Adams, Amsberry, Anderson, Bauer, Boesch, Coffey, Eschliman, Kauk, Kruse, Lukasiewicz, Nitsch, Petersen, Podolak, Smith, Thede, and Vlach. Director absent during vote: Thoene. Directors absent: Bartak, Citta, Hadenfeldt, and Mohrman.

NWRA/NSIA Convention & GMDA Conference

Schultz reported that the NWRA/NSIA Convention would be held November 24-26, 2019, in Kearney and the GMDA Conference would be held January 12-15, 2020, in Florida.

ASSISTANT GENERAL MANAGER'S REPORT

Davis Creek Update

Tylr Naprstek, Assistant General Manager, reported that Gene's Electric had hooked up power to the rest of the sites and that reservations were now \$25. He said some sites had already been reserved for 2020.

Pibel Lake Update

Naprstek reported that Pibel Lake was at its wintering level and the newly-planted area was showing good emergence. He said he was not anticipating any further fluctuations and was expecting the lake to remain stable until spring.

Columbus Area Water Resources Assessment Study Update

Naprstek reported that staff was working on obtaining final easements to get access for water retainment structures for the old Lost Creek channel and also for water ponding.

Callan stated there had been complications with the Federal grant received from the Bureau. He said the NRD would need to have an airport certified biologist review FAA requirements regarding potential bird impacts to the area. He said he had been in touch with

HDR to get a cost estimate. Callan reported that it shouldn't be much of an issue, since water had been there before. The area is 5,000 linear feet from the airport.

Buffalo County – Aerial Electromagnetic Survey (AEM)

Naprstek reported that AEM flyovers were being conducted and should be finished tomorrow. He said they had originally planned to be finished last week but wind had hindered progress. He reported that the NRD had received several calls from people interested in the data. Naprstek said that the final report should be done in April and would be reviewed by the Water Resources Committee, then presented to the full Board, and finally passed on to the public.

Cover Crop Study

Naprstek reported that staff had been working with EA Engineering and producers to get the cover crop study underway. He said the areas were planted and that EA and staff would collect soil samples and install the equipment next week.

Naprstek said the technicians were currently monitoring the District's 444 static water level sites and reported that water levels were up in many areas from the spring readings due to the wet season. He said staff was also collecting flow meter data.

Coffey asked what cover crops were being planted and Naprstek reported that rye was currently being planted and it was not cost-shareable.

Naprstek said that the Area 28 cover crop applications require a multiple-species mix and the deadline for sign-up was tomorrow. He said the average nitrate parts per million was 23. Coffey asked if radishes or turnips were being planted and Dan Ruterbories, Rangeland Management Specialist, stated that there were some. It was discussed that some may sprout yet this year and that the seed would survive if the temperatures don't fall under 20°F. for three consecutive nights. Kauk stated that there was a possibility of seed germination but then dying due to cold temperatures. Coffey felt it was kind of late in the year to discuss cover crops. Callan stated that the process would begin sooner next year; however, the current budget needed to be completed and approved first. Naprstek stated there had been interest in cover crops on dryland, but Callan said that, due to a limited budget, staff was targeting high impact areas for now.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

2019 New Irrigated Acres Applications

Naprstek gave a powerpoint presentation on the new irrigated acres applications that were received showing analyses through the GET model. He discussed distribution throughout the basins where applications were received and reported that there was not much difference in impact to the stream from last year's total. He said the Middle Loup Basin received more applications than would be approved. Naprstek highlighted the low water area previously discussed with issues arising between landowners irrigating at the same time. Naprstek showed that there were four applications received that fell inside of the area of concern. Staff has looked

at the potential impact of different wells in the area. Naprstek also highlighted applications received on the east side of Genoa. It was reported that the well logs look okay.

Kauk asked if there was a halt on applications where the water was scarce. It was reported that there was discussion about approving everything outside of the low transmissivity area. He said Cam Conrad, Water Modeling Coordinator, had run the applications through the accounting system. Naprstek reported that if the Board goes with staff recommendation, the approved applications would deplete another 244 acre-feet, which is about 30 acre-feet less than last year.

Naprstek reviewed each individual basin and showed a layout of where the acres would be granted and reviewed the scores of each application and staff's recommendation for approval. He reported that there was one application that would be referred to the variance process.

Naprstek said staff recommendation for approval of 2,367 new irrigated acres include: 1,103 acres in the North Loup; 699 acres in the Beaver; and 564 acres in the Middle Loup.

Smith motioned, seconded by Thoene, to approve 2,367 new irrigated acres for 2019 – 1,103.06 in the North Loup-Spring Creek-Loup River Basin; 699.33 acres in the Beaver-Plum-Loup River Basin; and 564.93 acres in the Middle Loup-Oak Creek Basin.

Lukasiewicz asked why the recommendation for the one application would be to go through the variance process. Naprstek explained that it was a large application, there was a large drop off in points scored, and it also exactly matches some of the other variances that the Board had approved. Callan stated that the application was better suited for a variance and if the producer goes through the variance process, there wouldn't be an additional charge.

Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

Callan explained to the Board that if a producer inquired about an area before submitting an application, staff had GIS ability to determine the score immediately; and if there was no chance of the application getting approved, the producer wouldn't need to complete the process.

Nance County Area Water Quantity Issue

Naprstek said that the Committee discussed the Sprunk/Swanson well issue, including water yielding, and said that transfer recommendations might be forthcoming.

LLNRD Long-Range Implementation Plan - Water

Naprstek stated the *Water* portion of the Long-Range Implementation Plan would be discussed later in the meeting.

South Loup Basin Water Availability

John Engel, HDR, discussed the South Loup River excess flow analysis, stating the purpose of the analysis and looking at the historic period for the area. Engel presented a map of the Platte River that was done for the state and showed the flows by Louisville and North Bend. Engel discussed the daily instream flows from 1988 to 2011. He compared the flows near Genoa on the Loup Basin and looked at the demands from Loup Power District. Engel outlined the number of days and amount of water that was available in the basin as excess flows. He also showed comparisons on the South Loup at St. Michael to Genoa and showed flows at Ravenna. Engel also discussed the amount of runoff in various areas and showed a chart of the average monthly available excess flow historic data. The results showed that more than 15 days out of the month there are excess flows at Ravenna. He also showed the results at Pressey Park with nearly the same excess flows. Engel discussed the results at Callaway, which showed a few less days with excess flow. Arnold and Hoagland were shown to have excess flows of over 15 days a month on average. Engel also showed a comparison of the monthly averages for all locations.

Callan asked about the whisker plots that were shown for the Hoagland sites. Engel stated there was some uncertainty shown there and stated he was going to double check the chart. Engel stated that very little runoff occurred at Hoagland. Kauk asked if there was data prior to 1988. Engel explained that there was data starting in 1944 on the Platte. He explained that the more recent data was more unbiased due to less drought years. Engel stated he felt the years chosen showed a good representation of climate period and showed the land use changes. Kauk asked if South Loup flows were higher years ago and if agricultural impact had caused decline. Naprstek replied there was a lot more variability in the 1940s and 1950s, and that the agricultural impact came during the 1970s, and settled out as far as baseload depletions in the late 1980s and early 1990s.

PROGRAMS/PROJECTS COMMITTEE

Platte County Flood Zone Buyout

Kruse reported that the Platte County Emergency Management Director, Tim Hofbauer, was present at the Committee meeting and informed them that they received a grant for flood damage in the Platte County area. He said the buyout program was still being discussed and Callan said 78 letters would be sent out stating that the individuals were eligible to investigate the buyout program. Kruse reported that through the program they are looking at buying dwellings and businesses but no ag land unless it was just a small parcel around their home.

Loup Basin RC&D Council – Scrap Tire Collection

Kruse reported that Janet Sanders from the Loup Basin RC&D was present at the Committee and discussed that the scrap tire collection was so successful it went over budget by \$15,909.11. He said the RC&D requested that the LLNRD assist with additional funds to cover the collection. It was explained that there was a possibility the extra cost may be offset by unused

grant funding, if available. Kruse reported that the Committee recommended providing the additional funding as presented for the overage.

Kruse motioned, seconded by Petersen, to approve additional scrap tire funding, not to exceed \$15,909.11.

Smith stated that since the project has been started, the NRD, as sponsor, needs to cover the remainder.

Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

Ord-Dane Creek Flood Project

Kruse reported that the Dane Creek Flood Project representatives were seeking financial assistance to clear a portion of Dane Creek and stabilize parts of its banks. There would be more discussion in November.

LLNRD Long-Range Implementation Plan – Projects

Kruse said the *Projects* portion of the Long-Range Implementation Plan would be discussed as an agenda item later in meeting.

Sargent Area Drainage Issues

Village of Sargent

It was reported in Committee that requests for proposal had been sent out for both the Village of Sargent and Village of North Loup, and that proposals were due by November 1st.

Sargent East IPA

Adams reported that 19 of 20 petition signatures were received and Callan said that number was enough to meet the requirements and petition the Board for a study and design and indicated it would be on the November agenda.

Lillian Creek Seepage Model – Preliminary Results

Kruse said that the preliminary results were received from HDR and being reviewed by staff. He said HDR would present the results to the Board in November.

Platte County Flood Zone Buyout

Thoene asked about the flood zone area buyouts. He had read about Central Platte NRD doing a buyout and inquired how it was funded. Callan stated that the buyout in Columbus is a FEMA grant and requires a 25% local match. Callan said the owners themselves could be required to supply the 25% match or entities such as city, county, and NRD can come together to

supply the 25%. Callan said homes also could be elevated or made flood resistant. Callan stated there are currently two buyout procedures going on in the District -- one in Dannebrog and one in Columbus. Podolak asked if there have been a lot of buyouts in the past across the state. Callan said the program is being pushed pretty hard, that there have been some in that past, and that he was involved in one in Seward. Boesch stated that the buyout near Beatrice years ago was very successful.

2019 LONG-RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN APPROVAL

Naprstek presented the Board with the 2019 Long-Range Implementation Plan and said that the *Water* and *Projects* portions had been discussed in Committee meetings. He explained that these portions were derivatives of the Master Plan that was approved in 2012. He said that once the annual budget was approved, the numbers were entered into the plan to see how the budget was achieving the goals that were set forth at the Board Retreat. Naprstek reviewed the plan and discussed the levy over the last ten years and showed the projections for five years in the future, figured in certain cases by adding an additional five percent each year. Naprstek highlighted a pie chart showing the percent of budget towards each category. Current staffing and open positions were discussed, as well as the current goals and objectives. Naprstek informed the Board that after final approval, the report would be sent to DNR, Game and Parks Commission, and Governor's Policy Research office, for their records.

Podolak asked which of the 11 goals and objectives were working well and which ones weren't. Naprstek stated that the goals and objectives were set forth in statute and could not be altered. He said that Nebraska was not a big outdoor recreation state. Callan stated the NRD used to have a better habitat program; however, the farm bill had changed the objectives. He stated staff had met with several groups including Nebraska Game and Parks and was trying to get ideas to bring a program back.

Smith asked if the Columbus Recharge and Lillian Creek projects met the plan priorities even though Lillian Creek was still in the investigative stage. Callan stated that the projects were included because the NRD had spent money on both. Smith expressed concern that the plan implied that Lillian Creek was an 'automatic go' project.

Smith stated that, from what he has heard and from the information the NRD is releasing, the public felt the NRD was more recreation based and it wasn't focusing as much on ag projects. He suggested that staff and directors need to point out that the NRD is involved in other areas besides recreation.

Adams asked about cost-share and if the NRD had tried to get NRCS to do dirt work and terracing. Callan stated that the NRD budgeted \$125,000 for the Area 28 cover crop program and also had flow meter cost-share. He said that \$100,000 was put into NSWCP for VRI. Adams stated he felt there should be other things made available. Callan stated that the NRD could add practices to the list at any time, but the dollars needed to be available, too. Smith suggested projecting the NRD's involvement in ag projects to the public more, and it was suggested to put articles in *Loup Lines*.

Bauer motioned, seconded by Amsberry, to approve the 2019 Long-Range Implementation Plan as presented. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE

Thoene reported that two variances were discussed.

Ron Reilly/Larry Smith

Thoene said it was a first hearing and that the area was located near the Columbus buyout area. More information was needed and would be discussed at November's Committee meeting.

IL&LL Whipple Family Trust (Vaughn Ross)

Thoene reported that the Whipple variance consisted of giving up 267 acres of surface water rights to gain groundwater irrigation rights and develop a pivot. He said part of the area was flood irrigated, so the NRD would have a gain of approximately 100 acres.

Thoene motioned, seconded by Adams, to approve the Whipple Family variance granting groundwater irrigation in exchange for relinquishment of the full 267.6-acre surface water right; and that the 169 irrigated acres be non-transferrable.

Lukasiewicz asked for further explanation. Thoene stated they were irrigating less acres than they had.

Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

MANAGER'S REPORT

Litigation Update

Callan stated staff was waiting to hear from DNR on the NRD's instream flow hearing request.

New Hires

None

Non-action Reports

Emergency Management/Flooding Meeting

Callan reported that a meeting was held with the emergency managers on the October 22nd and several city and county representatives were present. He said the major damages that were discussed had already been brought to the NRD's attention. He said that a St. Paul

representative talked about drainage in their town and would be coming to the Committee meeting again. Some of the emergency managers brought up the early warning system. They said they had gotten calls from each other but would like more communication and have the NRD develop and run some type of emergency management gaging system. Callan said that staff sat down with each individual and discussed their issues. He said that most of them were still working through the process with FEMA and NEMA.

Kruse asked if anyone had put together a timeline of when the flooding hit different communities. Callan stated that Simone Rock was putting together information from high water markings and there would be a meeting on Monday that Naprstek and Kolar will attend, but he didn't know if a timeline would be put together.

Boesch stated that there was a text messaging notification system put together for their area but that it would have been nice to have a heads-up when waters were heading toward Columbus from Ord. Podolak asked if there had ever been a story published of the levee in Columbus, the investments that have been made, and how it saved Columbus a lot of money. Callan stated that there was an article but there was no mention of the NRD's 30% contribution to the project. Smith asked if only the March flooding was discussed at the meeting or if everything through the summer was included. He stated that there were still many places with water over the highways. Callan said that all summer was discussed. Schultz stated that staff would reach out to the emergency managers that could not be present and do a one-on-one conversation with them.

DIRECTORS PER DIEM

Callan stated that the current per diem was \$35 for meetings up to three hours and \$70 for anything exceeding three hours, including meeting, travel, and preparation time. He said the Executive Committee recommended going to a flat \$70 for all meetings.

Smith motioned, seconded by Anderson, to increase the directors per diem to \$70 per meeting not to exceed \$3,600 in a calendar year. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

Callan said the change would become effective immediately and statute indicated that the per diem amount could not exceed \$70 per meeting.

RESOLUTION TO DESIGNATE HEARTLAND BANK

Callan explained that Heartland Bank was the only bank in Ord that was not included in the list of depositories used by the Lower Loup NRD. He said the bank does CDs and loans and are insured by FDIC. Kruse asked how many banks were used in the District and Eschliman stated they were listed in the audit documents. The following resolution was presented.

RESOLUTION FOR BANKING TRANSACTIONS
LOWER LOUP NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District, a political subdivision organized under the laws of the State of Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District wishes to expand the list of banks used as depositories for funds of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District designates Russell G. Callan, General Manager of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District, and Rollie D. Amsberry, treasurer of the Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District to deal generally with the bank with respect to depositing funds, requiring (2) signatures to deposit or withdraw funds; and

WHEREAS, said Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District authorizes Russell G. Callan, General Manager of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District, to deposit available District funds to benefit the District with said bank as per his decision, and to determine whether to reinvest or transfer said District funds back to the Lower Loup Natural Resources District's general fund account.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District wishes to add Kimberly A. Lyons and Irene F. Kreifels of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District, to those authorized to deal generally with the bank with respect to depositing or transferring funds, obtaining information, renewing Certificates of Deposit; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District assembled on the 24th day of October, 2019, do hereby authorize the Heartland Bank, Ord, Nebraska, to be added to the list as a depository for funds of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District.

This Resolution was adopted at a regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting of the Lower Loup Natural Resources District on October 24, 2019, on a motion by Director Boesch, seconded by Director Nitsch.

Boesch motioned, seconded by Nitsch, to adopt Resolution FY 2020-006, Resolution for Banking Transactions. Motion carried by electronic vote, all present voting yes.

NARD REPORT

Eschliman reported that there hadn't been a NARD meeting, and there was nothing to report from the recent financial meeting.

NRC REPORT

Hadenfeldt was not present to give a report.

RC&D REPORT

Thoene reported that there wasn't an RC&D meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS / FUTURE MEETING TOPICS

Kauk complimented staff on the efforts put forth on the new irrigated acres allocation review and staff looking at the situation closer in well interference areas where there might be an issue. Harris added that these denied applicants would receive their money back.

Eschliman announced that Nitsch would serve on the Water Resources Committee and Eschliman would serve on the Variance Committee.

ADJOURNMENT

With no further business before the Board, Eschliman declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 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 November 21, 2019, at 5:00 p.m., at the Headquarters Office in Ord, Nebraska.

Henry J. Thoene
Secretary