2024-2025
STATE OF NEBRASKA
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

Lewis & Clark NRD

This budget is for the Period JULY 1, 2024 through JUNE 30, 2025

Upon Filing, The Entity Certifies the Information Submitted on the Form to be Correct:

The following **PERSONAL AND REAL PROPERTY TAX** is requested for the ensuing year:

$	1,741,345.04	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
$	-	Principal and Interest on Bonds
$	1,741,345.04	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

$ 5,240,769,546.00	**Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

*(Certification of Valuation(s) from County Assessor **MUST** be attached)*

County Clerk's Use ONLY

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of JULY 1, 2024

Principal	$ -
Interest	$ -
Total Bonded Indebtedness	$ -

Report of Joint Public Agency & Interlocal Agreements

Was this Subdivision involved in any Interlocal Agreements or Joint Public Agencies for the reporting period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Interlocal Agreement Report by September 30th.*

Report of Trade Names, Corporate Names & Business Names

Did the Subdivision operate under a separate Trade Name, Corporate Name, or Business Name during the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024?

[X] YES [ ] NO

*If **YES**, Please submit Trade Name Report by September 30th*

APA Contact Information

Auditor of Public Accounts
PO Box 98917
Lincoln, NE 68509

Telephone: (402) 471-2111 **FAX:** (402) 471-3301

Website: auditors.nebraska.gov

Questions - E-Mail: Jeff.Schreier@nebraska.gov

Submission Information

Budget Due by 9-30-2024

Submit budget to:

1. Auditor of Public Accounts -Electronically on Website or Mail
2. County Board (SEC. 13-508), C/O County Clerk

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2022 - 2023 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2023 - 2024 (Column 2)	**Adopted Budget 2024 - 2025** (Column 3)
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**			
2	Net Cash Balance	$ 1,604,598.00	$ 1,527,885.00	$ 2,012,828.00
3	Investments	$ 758,403.00	$ 591,625.00	$ 307,077.00
4	County Treasurer's Balance	$ 7,696.00	$ 14,129.00	$ 15,277.00
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	**$ 2,370,697.00**	**$ 2,133,639.00**	**$ 2,335,182.00**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	$ 994,708.00	$ 1,058,460.00	$ 1,724,104.00
7	Federal Receipts	$ 164,370.00	$ 169,385.00	$ 17,109,025.00
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	$ 2,432.00	$ 2,494.00	$ 2,400.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid (State Statute Section 77-27,136)	$ -	$ -	
10	State Receipts: Other	$ 226,859.00	$ 337,825.00	$ 1,812,000.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	$ 106,336.00	$ 131,104.00	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	$ 29,168.00	$ 24,160.00	$ 10,000.00
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax	$ -	$ -	$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	$ 1,789,742.00	$ 1,799,248.00	$ 1,768,327.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	$ 1,175,252.00	$ 1,016,561.00	$ 600,000.00
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	**$ 6,859,564.00**	**$ 6,672,876.00**	**$ 25,361,038.00**
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**			
19	Operating Expenses	$ 3,169,231.00	$ 3,167,042.00	$ 4,511,728.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	$ 366,254.00	$ 115,439.00	$ 19,094,500.00
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	$ -	$ 38,652.00	$ -
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	$ 15,188.00	$ -	$ -
23	Debt Service: Payments to Retire Interest-Free Loans **(Public Airports)**			
24	Debt Service: Payments to Bank Loans & Other Instruments **(Fire Districts)**			
25	Debt Service: Other	$ -	$ -	$ -
26	Judgments	$ -	$ -	$ -
27	Transfers Out of Surplus Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
28	Transfers Out Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers In on Line 16)	$ 1,175,252.00	$ 1,016,561.00	$ 600,000.00
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	**$ 4,725,925.00**	**$ 4,337,694.00**	**$ 24,206,228.00**
30	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	**$ 2,133,639.00**	**$ 2,335,182.00**	**$ 1,154,810.00**
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			26%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	$ 1,724,104.00
County Treasurer's Commission at 1% of Line 6	$ 17,241.04
Total Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,741,345.04

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

If no official address, please provide address where correspondence should be sent

NAME	**Lewis & Clark NRD**
ADDRESS	**8 N. Robinson Ave, PO Box 518**
CITY & ZIP CODE	**Hartington, NE 68739**
TELEPHONE	**402-254-6758**
WEBSITE	**lcnrd.nebraska.gov**

	BOARD CHAIRPERSON	CLERK/TREASURER/SUPERINTENDENT/OTHER	PREPARER
NAME	Mathias Weinandt	Christopher Johnson	Annette Sudbeck
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Secretary/Treasurer	Manager
TELEPHONE	402-254-6758	402-254-6758	402-254-6758
EMAIL ADDRESS	lcnrd@hartel.net	lcnrd@hartel.net	asudbeck@lcnrd.org

For Questions on this form, who should we contact (please √ one): Contact will be via email if supplied.

- [ ] Board Chairperson
- [ ] Clerk / Treasurer / Superintendent / Other
- [x] Preparer

Lewis & Clark NRD

2024-2025 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements		(1)	$ 1,741,345.04
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate		(2)	$ 2,400.00
In-Lieu of Tax Payments		(3)	$ -
Transfers of Surplus Fees		(4)	$ -
Prior Year Budgeted Capital Improvements that were excluded from Restricted Funds.			
Prior Year Capital Improvements Excluded from Restricted Funds (From Prior Year Lid Exceptions, Line (10))	$ -	(5)	
LESS: Amount Spent During 2023-2024	$ -	(6)	
LESS: Amount Expected to be Spent in Future Budget Years	$ -	(7)	
Amount to be included as Restricted Funds **(Cannot be a Negative Number)**		(8)	$ -
Nameplate Capacity Tax		(8a)	$ 10,000.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)		(9)	**$ 1,753,745.04**

Lid Exceptions

Capital Improvements (Real Property and Improvements on Real Property)	$ -	(10)	
LESS: Amount of prior year capital improvements that were excluded from previous lid calculations but were not spent and now budgeted this fiscal year *(cannot exclude same capital improvements from more than one lid calculation.)* Agrees to Line (7) above.	$ -	(11)	
Allowable Capital Improvements		(12)	$ -
Bonded Indebtedness		(13)	
Interlocal Agreements/Joint Public Agency Agreements		(14)	$ 833,977.00
Judgments		(15)	
Refund of Property Taxes to Taxpayers		(16)	
Repairs to Infrastructure Damaged by a Natural Disaster		(17)	
Ground Water Management Activities *(Amount exceeding FY 2003-04)*		(18)	$ 79,500.00
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)		(19)	**$ 913,477.00**

TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS **For Lid Computation (To Line 9 of the Lid Computation Form)** *To Calculate: Total Restricted Funds (A)-Line 9 MINUS Total Lid Exceptions (B)-Line 19*	**$ 840,268.04**

*Total Restricted Funds for Lid Computation **cannot** be less than zero. See Instruction Manual on completing the Lid Supporting Schedule.*

LID COMPUTATION FORM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024-2025

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) of last year's Lid Computation Form — 816,881.05 (1)

CURRENT YEAR ALLOWABLE INCREASES

1 **BASE LIMITATION PERCENT INCREASE (2.5%)** — 2.50 % (2)

2 **ALLOWABLE GROWTH PER THE ASSESSOR MINUS 2.5%** — - % (3)

47,297,514.00	/	4,517,594,934.00	=	1.05 %
2024 Growth per Assessor		2023 Valuation		Multiply times 100 To get %

3 **ADDITIONAL ONE PERCENT BOARD APPROVED INCREASE** — 1.00 % (4)

8	/	8	=	100.00 %
# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase		Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting		Must be at least .75 (75%) of the Governing Body

ATTACH A COPY OF THE BOARD MINUTES APPROVING THE INCREASE.

4 **SPECIAL ELECTION - VOTER APPROVED % INCREASE** — % (5)

Please Attach Ballot Sample and Election Results OR Record of Action From Townhall Meeting

TOTAL ALLOWABLE PERCENT INCREASE = Line (2) + Line (3) + Line (4) + Line (5)	3.50 % (6)
Allowable Dollar Amount of Increase to Restricted Funds = Line (1) x Line (6)	28,590.84 (7)
Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7)	845,471.89 (8)
Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule	840,268.04 (9)
Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9)	5,203.85 (10)

LINE (10) MUST BE GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO ZERO OR YOU ARE IN VIOLATION OF THE LID LAW.

The amount of Unused Restricted Funds Authority on Line (10) must be published in the Notice of Budget Hearing.

Lewis & Clark NRD

To Assist the County For Levy Setting Purposes

The Cover Page identifies the Property Tax Request between Principal & Interest on Bonds and All Other Purposes. If your NRD needs more of a breakdown for levy setting purposes, complete the section below.

Property Tax Request by Fund:

	Property Tax Request
General Fund	$ 1,741,345.04
Bond Fund	$ -
_____ Fund	
_____ Fund	
_____ Fund	
_____ Fund	
Total Tax Request	** $ 1,741,345.04

** This Amount should agree to the Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required on the Cover Page (Page 1).

Cash Reserve Funds

Statute 13-503 says cash reserve means funds required for the period before revenue would become available for expenditure but shall not include funds held in any special reserve fund. If the cash reserve on Page 2 exceeds 50%, you can list below funds being held in a special reserve fund.

Special Reserve Fund Name	Amount
Sinking Fund - Aowa &/or Water Resources	$ 121,491.00
Sinking Fund - Resource conservation &/or er	$ 231,941.00
RW Sinking Fund	$ 89,385.00
LCNRD for Water Resources	
LCNRD for Water Resources (2)	
Total Special Reserve Funds	$ 442,817.00
Total Cash Reserve	$ 1,154,810.00
Remaining Cash Reserve	$ 711,993.00
Remaining Cash Reserve %	16%

Levy Limit Form
Natural Resources Districts

Lewis & Clark NRD

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Request		$ 1,741,345.04 (1)
Less Personal and Real Property Tax Request for:		
Judgments (not paid by liability insurance coverage)	( ) (A)	
Preexisting lease-purchase contracts approved prior to **July 1, 1998**	( ) (B)	
Bonded Indebtedness	( ) (C)	
Ground Water Management Activities (Exceeding FY 2003-2004)	($ 79,500.00) (D)	
	($ -) (E)	
Interstate Compact (LB 701)	( ) (F)	
Total Exclusions		($ 79,500.00) (2)
Personal and Real Property Tax Request subject to Levy Limit		$ 1,661,845.04 (3)
Valuation (Per the County Assessor)		$ 5,240,769,546.00 (4)
Calculated Levy for Levy Limit Compliance [Line (3) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.031710 (5)
Calculated Ground Water Management Activities Levy *(Shall Not Exceed 1 Cent)* [Line (D) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.001517 (6)
		0.000000 (7)
Calculated LB 701 Interstate Compact Levy *(Shall Not Exceed 10 Cents)* [Line (F) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.000000 (8)
Total Calculated Levy for Limit Compliance [Line (5) **Plus** Line (6) **Plus** Line (7) **Plus** Line (8)]		0.033227 (9)

Note : **Levy Limit established by State Statute Section 77-3442:**
Natural Resources District (NRD) - 4.5 Cents
PLUS Ground Water Management Activities as allowed by State Statute Section 2-3225. Ground Water Management Activities shall not exceed 1 Cent.
PLUS Interstate Compact as allowed by LB 701, shall not exceed 10 Cents.

Attach supporting documentation if a vote was held to exceed the levy limit.

Lewis & Clark NRD

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 19 day of September 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., at Lewis & Clark NRD board room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 4,725,925.00
2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 4,337,694.00
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 24,206,228.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 1,154,810.00
2024-2025 Total Resources Available	$ 25,361,038.00
Total 2024-2025 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,741,345.04
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 5,203.85
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 1,741,345.04
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 19 day of September 2024, at Immediately following budget hearing , at Lewis & Clark NRD board room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	14,218,650.00	24,206,228.00	70%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,248,803.39	$ 1,741,345.04	39%
Valuation	4,517,594,934	5,240,769,546	16%
Tax Rate	0.027643	0.033227	20%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.023829		

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Lewis & Clark NRD

SUBDIVISION NAME

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4)
Lower Elkhorn NRD Lower Niobrara NRD	N/A	Share NRCS Clerical salary payment on staff common to mutual counties	$ 52,928.00
NET 20-175 - Bow Creek grant	2020-2024	Implement conservation practices in the watershed	$ 150,000.00
U.S. Geological Survey	10/1/2016 to 10/01/2023	Provide Funding to continue stream gauge on Bazile and Bow Creeks and Nitration on Bazille Creek	$ 30,380.00
ENWRA Multiple NRDs, NE Dept. Nat. Res., USGS & UNL Conservation	10-2017 to 9-2023	Investigation and documentation of connected water resources and Chalkrock Weather Station	$ 9,150.00
Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition	2022-2023	Annual support of MSAC activities	$ 1,000.00
Bazile Groundwater Management Area with 4 NRDs	2018-2023	Coordinate Groundwater Management Between Districts to address groundwater nitrogen contamination	$ 5,018.74
NARD Tree Program	prior to 2016 - renewal planned for 2023	Provide Trees for conservation planting	$ 15,556.00
Implement Water Quality Management Plan DEE-319	2020-2024	Bow Creek Watershed Management Program utilizing 319 funds - E.Coli	$ 100,000.00
Game & Parks Habitat	2019-2024	Habitat payments for Chalkrock	$ 9,271.65
Santee agreement	2020-indefinite	Nitrate streamgaging Bazile	$ 6,000.00
Buffer Strips	2016-Indefinite	Dept. of Ag Program	$ 4,637.89
NRD - Groundwater Management Act Coalition	2017 to indefinite	Annual support of Coaltion activities	$ -
CKRWP	indefinite	Agreement for utilities and building maintenance	$ 20,800.00
NRCS Technician	2021-2023	Conservation position with focus on water quality and/or quanity concerns liked to soil health, soil erosion and soil conservation	$ 69,864.00
NACD Resource Conservationist	2019-2023	Soil Conservationist position working out of Hartington and Bloomfield offices	$ 83,386.00
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	N/A	Provide dues payment, retirement plan, and health plan	$ 273,548.00
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD FROM INTERLOCAL PAGE 2			$ 2,437.00

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ 833,977.28

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Lewis & Clark NRD

SUBDIVISION NAME

COUNTY

Parties to Agreement (Column 1)	Agreement Period (Column 2)	Description (Column 3)	Amount Used as Lid Exemption (Column 4)
National Association of Conservation Districts	2022-2023	Annual support of NACD activities	$ 775.00
Northeast Nebraska RC&D	2022-2023	Annual support of RC&D activities	$ 1,000.00
Nebraska Water Resources Association	2022-2023	Annual support of NWRA activities	$ 662.00

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ 2,437.00

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2023 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2024

Lewis & Clark NRD

SUBDIVISION NAME

List all Trade Names, Corporate Names and Business Names under which the political subdivision conducted business.

Cedar Knox Rural Water Project

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

*{format for all political subdivisions **other than** (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts, and (e) community colleges.}*

TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

TO: LEWIS & CLARK NRD
PO BOX 518
HARTINGTON, NE 68739

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: CEDAR

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value Attributable to Growth	Total Taxable Value
LEWIS & CLARK	N.R.D.	19,037,990	2,202,074,512

**Value attributable to growth is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes real and personal property and annexation, if applicable.*

I BECKY DRESDEN, CEDAR County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Becky Dresden
(signature of county assessor)

8/15/24
(date)

CC: County Clerk, CEDAR County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts, and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

TO: LEWIS & CLARK NRD
TOM MOSER
PO BOX 518
HARTINGTON, NE 68739

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: DIXON

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value Attributable to Growth	Total Taxable Value
LEWIS & CLARK NRD	N.R.D.	11,285,207	1,235,731,854

**Value attributable to growth is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes real and personal property and annexation, if applicable.*

I AMY WATCHORN, DIXON County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Amy Watchorn
(signature of county assessor)

8/12/24
(date)

CC: County Clerk, DIXON County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND VALUE ATTRIBUTABLE TO GROWTH

{format for all political subdivisions other than (a) sanitary improvement districts in existence five years or less, (b) counties, (c) cities, (d) school districts, and (e) community colleges.}

TAX YEAR 2024

{certification required on or before August 20th, of each year}

TO: LEWIS & CLARK NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT
ANNETTE SUDBECK, MNGR
PO BOX 518
HARTINGTON NE 68739-0518

TAXABLE VALUE LOCATED IN THE COUNTY OF: KNOX

Name of Political Subdivision	Subdivision Type (e.g. fire, NRD, ESU)	Value Attributable to Growth	Total Taxable Value
LEWIS AND CLARK	N.R.D.	16,974,317	1,802,963,180

**Value attributable to growth is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes real and personal property and annexation, if applicable.*

I CHRISTA M BECKMANN , KNOX County Assessor hereby certify that the valuation listed herein is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the true and accurate taxable valuation for the current year, pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §§ 13-509 and 13-518.

Christa M Beckmann
(signature of county assessor)

Aug 13, 2024
(date)

CC: County Clerk, KNOX County
CC: County Clerk where district is headquarter, if different county, _____ County

Note to political subdivision: A copy of the Certification of Value must be attached to the budget document.

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES September 19, 2024

Chair Weinandt called the September 19, 2024, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:01 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. Chair Weinandt stated that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board and that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. Absent: Kollars.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Heine to approve minutes of the August 15, 2024, board meeting and the August 16 to September 19, 2024, consent agenda. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Weinandt welcomed the public in attendance and opened the floor to public comment. No comments were made.

PLANNING/BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS

Weinandt reported on and presented recommendations from the planning/budget committee. Matt Lawyer and Nick Lawyer were present at the board meeting to review and answer questions pertaining to ESCA 2024-2. Consensus of the board was to have Lawyer's continue working with NRCS to develop a plan that meet tolerable soil loss requirements. *It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Budget Committee report and recommendations stated below:*

1. *Approve agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to utilize ARPA grant funds in the amount of $46,812.83 to deploy telemetry and data loggers for LCNRD monitoring wells.*
2. *Approve the FY 2024 Long-Range Implementation Plan.*
3. *Approve the purchase of a tractor & tiller from Kayton International for $38,250, a tree planter that meets the need of the district, and a 24-foot trailer from D&K Trailers for $12,300 to be used for the tree program and other district needs.*
4. *Approve the following tree rates for the 2025 tree season: $1.30 per seedling tree, $32.50 per 25 bundle of seedlings, price to be determined by management per native plant plugs, $1.30 per seedling tree for planting with a minimum stop charge of $325, tillage charges of $0.20 per linear foot and a go back charge of $4.00 per mile. Weed barrier 500-foot roll $225, weed mats with 5 staples $3.50 each and staples $0.20 each, coconut mulch mats are available with the price to be set at no more that $75.00 per bundle of 25 with 4 staples unless shipping and availability necessitates a rate increase to be adjusted by management.*
5. *Approve the signing of conservation plans for ESCA complaint number 2024-3.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).

FINAL ACTION ON FY2025 BUDGET & LEVY RESOLUTIONS

Weinandt stated the budget hearing was held on September 19th at 6:05 pm with the tax levy hearing following the budget hearing. No public was in attendance. *It was moved by Condon, seconded by Steffen to approve the FY2025 budget and levy resolution 2024-2 as stated:*

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of Lewis & Clark NRD passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Lewis & Clark NRD resolves that:

1. *The 2024-2025 property tax request be set at:*

   General Fund: $ 1,741,345.04

2. *The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 16.01 percent.*

3. *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 0.02389 per $100 of assessed value.*

4. *Lewis & Clark NRD proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.033227 per $100 of assessed value.*

5. *Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Lewis & Clark NRD will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 70.24 percent.*

6. *A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2024.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on NARD conference coming up September 23 and reviewed proposed two resolutions 2024-1 and 2024-2.

Natural Resources Commission Activity (NRC): Steffen reported on NRC activities with the next meeting on October 2, 2024.

Wau-Col Rural Water Activity: Heine had no report, and the next meeting will be at 7:00pm on November 7th at the Belden Library.

Northeast Nebraska RC&D activity: Open

NRCS activity: Taylor LeTexier, NRCS Soil Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities. Program assistant Holly Gregg, Ponca NRCS office, reported on activities for the third quarter. Gregg's report was included in the director packet

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator, was provided in the director packet.

CKRWP Advisory Committee Recommendations: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the September 12, 2024; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

1. *To approve the minutes of the August 8, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
2. *To approve the expenses from August 9, 2024 – September 12, 2024, as presented.*
3. *To approve the 2 Year contract with Aqua Pure.*
4. *To approve applying for a $10,000 Security Grant for a permanent structure for the chlorine injection pump at booster 1.*
5. *To approve the rural water application for a half price easement connection for Arthur O'Connor in Sec 21 T33N R2W, Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, approve the rural water applications for Arthur O'Connor in Sec 21 T33N R2W, Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit, and Mariah Nelson in Sec 14 T33N R2W Lot 625, HideAway Acres 6th Addition for 1 Benefit Unit, to approve the Forfeiture of Water Service for Margaret Blomberg for water service connection D004, and to approve the request for an additional Benefit Unit for John and Jode Aschoff for water service connection A757 located on Lot 7 in Cedar Ridge Estates.*

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It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Schmidt to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report, each recommendation stated above and CKRWP check #18636 to Peitz Service Inc. in the amount of $46,900.00 for the purchase of a 2024 pickup. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent LCNRD and CKRWP activities and a copy of the report is included with the meeting minutes.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Lammers reviewed permits and discussion followed. *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kramer to approve the permit applications as stated below:*

1. *Daniel Kienow Trustee well permit LC-500NF for a well in the SENE Section 16 T29N R5W.*
2. *Farmers Farm LLC well permit LC-501 for a well in the SENW Section 10 T30N R2E.*
3. *Farmers Farm LLC well permit LC-502 for a well in the NWSW Section 10 T30N R2E, expanded acres permit X-24031 for 79 irrigated acres in the N1/2SW Section 10 T30N R2E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-502.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: Sudbeck presented the irrigated acres report for certification. *It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Johnson to approve certification of 4,269 groundwater irrigated acres on 36 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).*

Bow Creek Project Update: Ravenkamp reported on and presented a power point on activities of the Bow Creek Water Project.

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, C. Fiedler, Weinandt, Trenhaile, Ravenkamp, and A. Fiedler were provided in the director's packet.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences – Kollars

ADJOURN

It was moved by Armstrong, seconded by Lamb to adjourn the meeting at 9:29 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kramer, Lamb, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars. Motion carried (10-0-1).

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT
Curtis Armstrong	Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Carly Christensen	Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP
Dave Condon	Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Carolyn Heine	Taylor LeTexier, NRCS Soil Conservationist
Chris Johnson	Myles Lammers, Asst. Manager
Marcel Kramer	Holly Gregg, Program Assistant Ponca Office
Carl Lamb	Becky Ravenkamp, Bow Watershed Coordinator
Russ Schmidt	Dustin Weinandt, Water Resources Technician
Jeff Steffen	
Matt Weinandt	

I, the undersigned Secretary for the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on September 19, 2024 and that all of the subject included in the foregoing proceeding were contained in the agenda for at least

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twenty four hours prior to said meeting; the minutes of the Chair and Board of Directors of said district were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subject to be discussed at said meeting.

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Board Secretary

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RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX

REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. 2023-2

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1632 provides that the Governing Body of Lewis & Clark NRD passes by a majority vote a resolution or ordinance setting the tax request; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, the Governing Body of Lewis & Clark NRD resolves that:

1. The 2023-2024 property tax request be set at:

   General Fund: $ 1,248,803.39

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 8.47 percent.

3. 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 0.02467 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Lewis & Clark NRD proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.027643 per $100 of assessed value.

5. Based on the proposed property tax request and changes in other revenue, the total operating budget of Lewis & Clark NRD will increase (or decrease) last year's budget by 18.31 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2023.

Motion by Heine seconded by Johnson to adopt Resolution #2023-2. Roll call vote: AYE: Armstrong, Christensen, Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (10-0-0).

Dated this 21st day of September 2023

Matthias Weinandt, Chairperson LCNRD Board

Lewis & Clark NRD

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 19 day of September 2024, at 6:00 o'clock P.M., at Lewis & Clark NRD board room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the following proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office of the Clerk during regular business hours.

2022-2023 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 4,725,925.00
2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 4,337,694.00
2024-2025 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 24,206,226.00
2024-2025 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 1,164,810.00
2024-2026 Total Resources Available	$ 25,361,038.00
Total 2024-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,741,345.04
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 5,203.85
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 1,741,345.04
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Section 77-1632, that the governing body will meet on the 19 day of September 2024, at Immediately following budget hearing , at Lewis & Clark NRD board room for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request.

	2023	2024	Change
Operating Budget	14,218,650.00	24,206,226.00	70%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,246,803.39	$ 1,741,345.04	39%
Valuation	4,517,594,934	5,240,769,546	16%
Tax Rate	0.027643	0.033227	20%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.023829		

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STATE OF NEBRASKA } ss
COUNTY OF **Cedar**

I, Trisha Benton, being first duly sworn on oath, depose and say that I am the editor of the Cedar County News, and that:

Said newspaper is and was printed and published in Hartington in Cedar County, Nebraska, and that said paper is printed in the English language and has a bona fide circulation of more than three hundred copies per week and has been published within said county for more than fifty-two successive weeks prior to the first publication of the attached notice and that said newspaper was printed in whole or in part in an office maintained in Hartington, Cedar County, Nebraska, that being the place of publication of said newspaper.

The annexed notice was printed and published in said newspaper for **1** consecutive weeks in all issues for said newspaper proper; that the first publication of said notice was on the **11th** day of **September**, 20**24**, and the last publication was on the **11th** day of **September**, 20**24**

Trisha Benton
Editor

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this **11th** day of **September** 20**24**.

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LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES June 20, 2024

Chair Weinandt called the June 20, 2024, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. Chair Weinandt stated that prior notice of the meeting had been publicized according to policy designated by the board and that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the west wall of the meeting room. Roll call of members. Present: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, and Weinandt. Absent: Armstrong, Christensen, Schmidt, and Steffen.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Kollars to approve minutes of the May 23, 2024, board meeting and the May 24 to June 20, 2024, consent agenda. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, Schmidt, and Steffen. Motion carried (7-0-4).*

Steffen entered the meeting at 7:05 p.m.

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES & REPORTS

Northeast Nebraska RC&D activity: Kristin Meyer reported on RC&D activities.

Wau-Col Rural Water Activity: Heine stated there was no activity to report and the next meeting would be August 1st in Belden.

Natural Resources Commission Activity (NRC): Steffen stated there was no activity to report and the next meeting would be August 15th.

NARD Activity: Kramer reported on the NARD meeting in McCook. Kramer and Weinandt reported on the Republican River Basin Tour.

Rural Water Advisory Committee: Weinandt and Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities, indicated that legal counsel reviewed the contract documents recommended for approval, and presented recommendations from the June 13, 2024, meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- *To approve the minutes of the May 9, 2024, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve the expenses from May 10, 2024 – June 13, 2024, as presented.*
- *To approve Engineering Agreement for Phase 2 work with Bartlett & West for $1,188,000 pending legal counsel review.*
- *To approve the contract and notice to proceed for Tank 3 with Caldwell Tanks, Inc.*
- *To approve the contract and notice to proceed for the distribution system upgrades with Abbott, Arne, Schwindt, Inc.*
- *To recommend the appointment of Advisory Committee members, Joe Janssen and Paul Thoene, and pursue looking for someone to fill the 9th seat vacated by Dan Kollars, for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2028.*
- *To recommend the appointment of Advisory Committee member Terry Zavadil for a 4-year term ending June 30, 2028.*
- *To recommend committee chair remain Chuck Sudbeck.*
- *To approve ordering the new 2025 pickup from Peitz GMC for $46,500.*
- *To approve the rural water application for Larry Hessling in Sec 30 T33N R3W Lot 39 Devils Nest, Knox County for 1 Benefit Unit.*

It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Heine to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

NRCS Reports: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities and Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant in the Hartington NRCS office reported on program assistant activities for the second quarter.

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Lisa Lauver, Bazile Groundwater Management Area Coordinator, was provided in the director packet. Amy Timmerman, UNL Extension Educator and Madison Melcher, Extension Intern reported on on-farm research and educational activities taking place in the BGMA.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Budget Committee Secretary Heine reported recommendations for board consideration. *It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to approve Resolution 2024-1 for the 1% Lid Limit Allowance for FY2025 Budget as stated below.*

> *BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District in the County of Cedar, Knox, and Dixon with 75% of the board present voting aye, the district approved the additional 1% increase allowable on base restrictions for the Fiscal Year 2025 Budget of the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District in accordance with Nebraska Revised Statute 13-519 at the Lewis and Clark Natural Resources District Board Meeting held on June 20, 2024.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Johnson to approve the budget committee recommendations, LCNRD draft budget as reviewed, proposed special projects as reviewed, and the recommendations as stated below:

1. *To approve entering an agreement with Lower Elkhorn NRD for a Source Water Protection position, to work on conservation practices to mitigate nitrates for a cost of $368,470 with LCNRD portion being $55,000 over a 3-year period and the remaining covered by LENRD and NRCS.*
2. *To approve the purchase of a tractor, tree planter, tiller and all related equipment for tree planting needs by LCNRD staff in 2025.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Heine, seconded by Lamb to approve 1.5% cost of living salary increase for all staff and performance increases effective June 30, 2024. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Kramer, seconded by Heine to approve the CKRWP and CKRWP Source Solution draft budgets. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried)8-0-3).

AMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Manager's Report: Sudbeck reported on recent LCNRD and CKRWP activities. Sudbeck's report is included in the file copy of minutes.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Sudbeck reviewed permits and *it was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kollars to approve the permit applications as stated below:*

1. *Russell Schmidt expanded acres permit X-24024 for 7 irrigated acres in the SESW Section 6, T32N, R1W.*

2. *Joseph & Amanda Potts expanded acres permit X-24025 for 32 irrigated acres in the N1/2NESE & S1/2SENE Section 25, T32N, R1W.*
3. *David Nissen Trustee well permit LC-492 for a well in the SESE Section 6, T29N, R1W, expanded acres permit X-24026 for 133 irrigated acres in the SE Section 6, T29N, R1W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-492.*
4. *Gayle Becker ETAL well permit LC-493 for a well in the NWSE Section 30, T30N, R3W, expanded acres permit X-24027 for 130 irrigated acres in the SE Section 30, T30N, R3W, and flow meter cost share FMLC-493.*
5. *Kenneth & Andrea Koch Trustee well permit LC-494 for a well in the NWNE Section 5, T29N, R1E, expanded acres permit X-24028 for 65 irrigated acres in the N1/2NE Section 5, T29N, R1E, and flow meter cost share FMLC-494.*
6. *Bow Valley Elevator LLC well permit LC-495 for a well in the NESW Section 2, T30N, R3W.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Heine. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-1-0-3).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: None

Staff Reports: Reports for Hochstein, Lammers, Ravenkamp, and A. Fiedler were provided in the director's packet.

Public Comment: No public comment

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW
Excused absences – Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt.

ADJOURN
It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Steffen to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Heine, Johnson, Kollars, Kramer, Lamb, Steffen, and Weinandt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Armstrong, Christensen, and Schmidt. Motion carried (8-0-3).

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT
Dave Condon	Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Carolyn Heine	Scott Fiedler, Project Manager CKRWP
Chris Johnson	Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Dan Kollars	Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist
Marcel Kramer	Diane Wieseler, Program Assistant Hartington NRCS
Carl Lamb	Kristin Meyer, NE Nebr. RC&D
Jeff Steffen	Amy Timmerman, UNL Extension Educator
Matt Weinandt	Madison Melcher, UNL Extension Intern

I, the undersigned Secretary for the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on June 20, 2024 and that all of the subject included in the foregoing proceeding were contained in the agenda for at least twenty four hours prior to said meeting; the minutes of the Chair and Board of Directors of said district were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of the said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subject to be discussed at said meeting.

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Board Secretary