2025-2026
STATE OF NEBRASKA
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BUDGET FORM

Lewis & Clark NRD

This budget is for the Period JULY 1, 2025 through JUNE 30, 2026

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:

$	1,867,204.17	Property Taxes for Non-Bond Purposes
$	-	Principal and Interest on Bonds
$	1,867,204.17	**Total Personal and Real Property Tax Required**

Outstanding Bonded Indebtedness as of JULY 1, 2025

Principal	$	-
Interest	$	-
Total Bonded Indebtedness	$	-

$ 6,057,425,868.00	**Total Certified Valuation (All Counties)**

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

County Clerk's Use ONLY

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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[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, 2024 through June 30, 2025?

[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 9-30-2025

Submit budget to:

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

Lewis & Clark NRD

Line No.	TOTAL ALL FUNDS	Actual 2023 - 2024 (Column 1)	Actual/Estimated 2024 - 2025 (Column 2)	**Adopted Budget 2025 - 2026** (Column 3)
1	**Beginning Balances, Receipts, & Transfers:**			
2	Net Cash Balance	$ 1,527,885.00	$ 2,012,828.00	$ 2,021,457.00
3	Investments	$ 591,625.00	$ 307,077.00	$ 360,579.00
4	County Treasurer's Balance	$ 14,129.00	$ 15,277.00	$ 13,554.00
5	**Subtotal of Beginning Balances** (Lines 2 thru 4)	**$ 2,133,639.00**	**$ 2,335,182.00**	**$ 2,395,590.00**
6	Personal and Real Property Taxes **(Columns 1 and 2 - See Preparation Guidelines)**	$ 1,058,460.00	$ 1,360,824.00	$ 1,848,717.00
7	Federal Receipts	$ 169,385.00	$ 5,110,391.00	$ 24,607,352.00
8	State Receipts: Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate	$ 2,494.00	$ 3,075.00	$ 2,500.00
9	State Receipts: State Aid (State Statute Section 77-27,136)	$ -	$ -	
10	State Receipts: Other	$ 337,825.00	$ 239,030.00	$ 2,769,500.00
11	State Receipts: Property Tax Credit	$ 131,104.00	$ 229,720.00	
12	Local Receipts: Nameplate Capacity Tax	$ 24,160.00	$ 29,967.00	$ 25,000.00
13	Local Receipts: In Lieu of Tax	$ -	$ -	$ -
14	Local Receipts: Other	$ 1,799,248.00	$ 1,874,130.00	$ 1,845,141.00
15	Transfers In Of Surplus Fees	$ -	$ -	$ -
16	Transfer In Other Than Surplus Fees (Should agree to Transfers Out on Line 28)	$ 1,016,561.00	$ 1,081,550.00	$ 517,123.00
17	**Total Resources Available** (Lines 5 thru 16)	**$ 6,672,876.00**	**$ 12,263,869.00**	**$ 34,010,923.00**
18	**Disbursements & Transfers:**			
19	Operating Expenses	$ 3,167,042.00	$ 3,875,671.00	$ 10,071,471.00
20	Capital Improvements (Real Property/Improvements)	$ 115,439.00	$ 4,877,271.00	$ 20,806,910.00
21	Other Capital Outlay (Equipment, Vehicles, Etc.)	$ 38,652.00	$ 33,787.00	$ 107,000.00
22	Debt Service: Bond Principal & Interest Payments	$ -	$ -	$ -
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)	$ 1,016,561.00	$ 1,081,550.00	$ 517,123.00
29	**Total Disbursements & Transfers** (Lines 19 thru 28)	**$ 4,337,694.00**	**$ 9,868,279.00**	**$ 31,502,504.00**
30	**Balance Forward/Cash Reserve** (Line 17 - Line 29)	**$ 2,335,182.00**	**$ 2,395,590.00**	**$ 2,508,419.00**
31	Cash Reserve Percentage			25%

PROPERTY TAX RECAP

Tax from Line 6	$ 1,848,717.00
County Treasurer's Commission at 1% of Line 6	$ 18,487.17
Total Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,867,204.17

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	$ 1,867,204.17
Bond Fund	$ -
_____ Fund	
_____ Fund	
_____ Fund	
_____ Fund	
Total Tax Request	** $ 1,867,204.17

** 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	$ 844,767.00
Sinking Fund - Resource development needs	$ 259,519.00
RW Sinking Fund	$ 414,827.00
Total Special Reserve Funds	$ 1,519,113.00
Total Cash Reserve	$ 2,508,419.00
Remaining Cash Reserve	$ 989,306.00
Remaining Cash Reserve %	10%

CORRESPONDENCE INFORMATION

ENTITY OFFICIAL ADDRESS

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

NAME	**Lewis & Clark NRD**
ADDRESS	**3 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	Russell Shcmidt	Christopher Johnson	Annette Sudbeck
TITLE /FIRM NAME	Chairperson	Vice Chair	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

2025-2026 LID SUPPORTING SCHEDULE

Calculation of Restricted Funds

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Requirements		(1)	$ 1,867,204.17
Motor Vehicle Pro-Rate		(2)	$ 2,500.00
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 2024-2025	$ -	(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)	$ 25,000.00
TOTAL RESTRICTED FUNDS (A)		(9)	**$ 1,894,704.17**

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)	$ 941,591.71
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)	$ 80,000.00
TOTAL LID EXCEPTIONS (B)		(19)	**$ 1,021,591.71**

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*	**$ 873,112.46**

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 2025-2026

Prior Year Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) of last year's Lid Computation Form — 845,471.89 (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)

60,383,572.00 (2025 Growth per Assessor) / 5,240,769,546.00 (2024 Valuation) = 1.15 % (Multiply times 100 To get %)

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

8 (# of Board Members voting "Yes" for Increase) / 8 (Total # of Members in Governing Body at Meeting) = 100.00 % (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) — 29,591.52 (7)

Total Restricted Funds Authority = Line (1) + Line (7) — 875,063.41 (8)

Less: Restricted Funds from Lid Supporting Schedule — 873,112.46 (9)

Total Unused Restricted Funds Authority = Line (8) - Line (9) — 1,950.95 (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

2025-2026 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT LID EXEMPTIONS

Description of Capital Improvement	Amount Budgeted

Total - Must agree to Line 10 on Lid Support Page 4	$ -

Levy Limit Form
Natural Resources Districts

Lewis & Clark NRD

Total Personal and Real Property Tax Request		$ 1,867,204.17 (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)	( ) (D)	
	($ -) (E)	
Interstate Compact (LB 701)	( ) (F)	
Total Exclusions		($ -) (2)
Personal and Real Property Tax Request subject to Levy Limit		$ 1,867,204.17 (3)
Valuation (Per the County Assessor)		$ 6,057,425,868.00 (4)
Calculated Levy for Levy Limit Compliance [Line (3) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.030825 (5)
Calculated Ground Water Management Activities Levy *(Shall Not Exceed 1 Cent)* [Line (D) **Divided By** Line (4) **Times** 100]		0.000000 (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)]		0.030825 (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 23rd day of September 2025, at 5:00 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.

2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	4,337,694.00
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$	9,868,279.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$	31,502,504.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$	2,508,419.00
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$	34,010,923.00
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$	1,867,204.17
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$	1,950.95
Breakdown of Property Tax:		
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$	1,867,204.17
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 23rd day of September 2025, immediately following the 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.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	24,206,228.00	31,502,504.00	30%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,741,345.04	$ 1,867,204.17	7%
Valuation	5,240,769,546	6,057,425,868	16%
Tax Rate	0.033227	0.030825	-7%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.028747		

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

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	$ 54,030.00
NET 24-139 - Bow Creek grant	2024-2027	Implement conservation practices in the watershed	$ 100,000.00
U.S. Geological Survey	10/1/2016 to 10/01/2024	Provide Funding to continue stream gauge on Bazile and Bow Creeks	$ 18,000.00
ENWRA Multiple NRDs, NE Dept. Nat. Res., USGS & UNL Conservation	10-2017 to 9-2024	Investigation and documentation of connected water resources and Chalkrock Weather Station	$ 9,150.00
Bow Creek/NRCS NWQI	2024-2025		$ 45,000.00
Bazile Groundwater Management Area with 4 NRDs	2018-2024	Coordinate Groundwater Management Between Districts to address groundwater nitrogen contamination	$ 18,782.00
NARD Tree Program	prior to 2016 - renewal planned for 2026	Provide Trees for conservation planting	$ 11,283.00
Implement Water Quality Management Plan DEE-319 (56-2381)	2020-2024	Bow Creek Watershed Management Program utilizing 319 funds - E.Coli	$ 100,000.00
Game & Parks Habitat	2019-2025	Habitat payments for Chalkrock	$ 9,271.65
Missouri Sedimentation Action Coalition	2024-2025	Annual support of MSAC activities	$ 1,000.00
Buffer Strips	2016-Indefinite	Dept. of Ag Program	$ 4,442.85
Bow Creek Water Sutainablity Fund 10079	2024-2027		$ 75,000.00
CKRWP	indefinite	Agreement for utilities and building maintenance	$ 20,800.00
Nebraska Water Resouces Association	2024-2025	Annual support of NWRA activities	$ 662.00
NACD Resource Conservationist	2019-2023	Soil Conservationist position working out of Hartington and Bloomfield offices	$ 88,112.49
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts	N/A	Provide dues payment, retirement plan, and health plan	$ 385,282.72
TOTAL BROUGHT FORWARD FROM INTERLOCAL PAGE 2			$ 775.00

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ 941,591.71

REPORT OF JOINT PUBLIC AGENCY AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENTS

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

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	2024-2025	Annual support NACS activities	$ 775.00

Total Amount used as Lid Exemption $ 775.00

REPORT OF TRADE NAMES, CORPORATE NAMES, BUSINESS NAMES

REPORTING PERIOD JULY 1, 2024 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2025

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 ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

(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 2025

(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)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
LEWIS & CLARK	N.R.D.	17,220,075	2,638,540,806

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

I JANELLE HEIKES, 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.

(signature of county assessor) *(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.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only 123,791,889 Pers Prior 2,078,282,623 Real Prior
116,468,707 Pers Value 2,522,072,099 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

*{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 2025

{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)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
LEWIS AND CLARK	N.R.D.	33,316,204	1,943,374,917

* *Allowable Growth Value is determined pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 13-518 which includes (a) improvements to real property as a result of new construction and additions to existing buildings, (b) any other improvements to real property which increase the value of such property, (c) annexation of real property by the political subdivision, (d) a change in the use of real property, (e) any increase in personal property valuation over the prior year, and (f) the accumulated excess valuation over the redevelopment project valuation described in section 18-2147 of the Community Redevelopment Law for redevelopment projects within the political subdivision in the year immediately after the division of taxes for such redevelopment project has ended.*

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)

August 14, 2025
(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.

Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only
81,730,325 Pers Prior
76,552,198 Pers Value
1,721,232,855 Real Prior
1,866,822,719 Real Value

CERTIFICATION OF TAXABLE VALUE AND ALLOWABLE GROWTH VALUE

(for use 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 2025

(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)	Allowable Growth Value	Total Taxable Value
LEWIS & CLARK NRD	N.R.D.	9,847,293	1,475,510,145

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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)

8-11-25
(date)

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

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Guideline form provided by Nebraska Dept. of Revenue Property Assessment Division (July 2025)

Assessor's Use Only 45,139,693 Pers Prior 1,384,594,182 Real Prior
45,484,376 Pers Value 1,430,045,771 Real Value

LEWIS & CLARK
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Protecting Lives, Protecting Property, Protecting our Future

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RESOLUTION SETTING THE PROPERTY TAX

REQUEST RESOLUTION NO. 2025-5

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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

   General Fund: $ 1,867,204.17

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 15.58 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 0.028747 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Lewis & Clark NRD proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.030825 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 last year's budget by 30.14 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Motion by Steffen, seconded by Weinandt to adopt Resolution #2025-5. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Dated this 23rd day of September 2025

Russell Schmidt, Chairperson LCNRD Board

PUBLISHER'S AFFIDAVIT

STATE OF NEBRASKA]
COUNTY OF **Cedar**] ss

I, Robert Dump, 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 18th day of Sept., 20 25, and the last publication was on the 18th day of Sept. 2025

Robert T Dump
Editor

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 18th day of Sept. 20 25.

Lori Leise
Notary Public

GENERAL NOTARY - State of Nebraska
LORI LEISE
My Comm. Exp. October 8, 2025

Publication Fees ..... $ 236.40
Proofs ..... $ 3.00
TOTAL ..... $ 239.40

Lewis & Clark NRD

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2023-2024 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 4,337,694.00
2024-2025 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	$ 9,868,279.00
2025-2026 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	$ 31,502,504.00
2025-2026 Necessary Cash Reserve	$ 2,508,419.00
2025-2026 Total Resources Available	$ 34,010,923.00
Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,867,204.17
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	$ 1,950.95
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 1,867,204.17
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 23rd day of September 2025, immediately following the 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.

	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	24,206,228.00	31,502,504.00	30%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,741,345.04	$ 1,867,204.17	7%
Valuation	5,240,769,546	6,057,425,968	16%
Tax Rate	0.033227	0.030825	-7%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation	0.028747		

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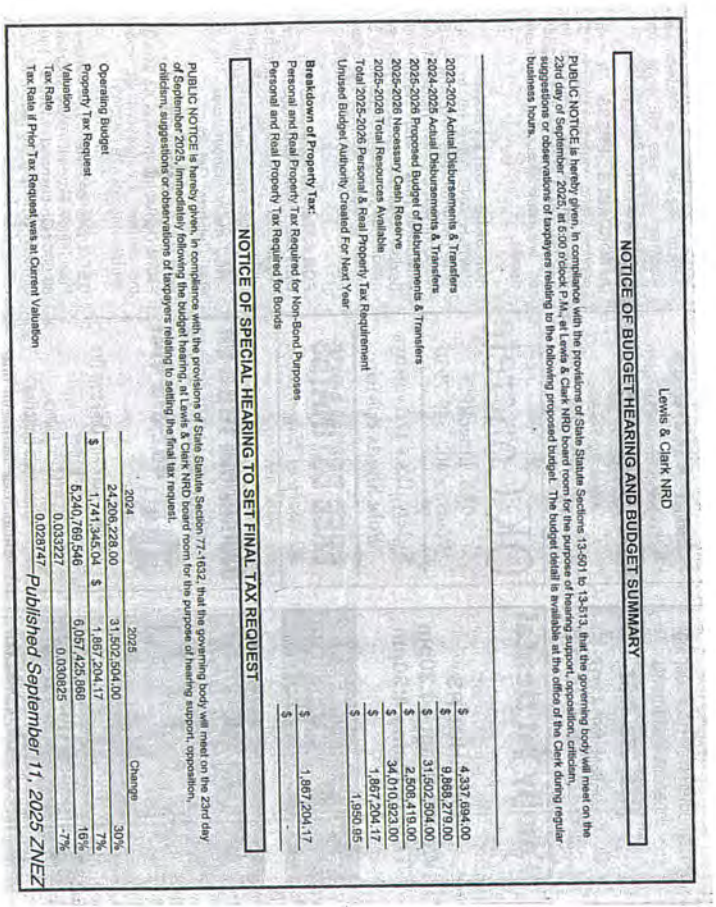
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NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING AND BUDGET SUMMARY

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Total 2025-2026 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	$ 1,950.85
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	
Breakdown of Property Tax:	
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	$ 1,867,204.17
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	$ -

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST

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	2024	2025	Change
Operating Budget	24,206,228.00	31,502,504.00	30%
Property Tax Request	$ 1,741,345.04	$ 1,867,204.17	7%
Valuation	5,240,769,546	6,057,425,868	16%
Tax Rate	0.03327	0.030825	-7%
Tax Rate if Prior Tax Request was at Current Valuation		0.028747	

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LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES September 23, 2025

Chair Schmidt called September 23, 2025, meeting of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District (LCNRD) Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. in the conference room at the LCNRD office. Chair Schmidt 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, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Schmidt, Steffen, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Loecker, seconded by Steffen to approve minutes of the August 21, 2025, board meeting and the August 22 to September 23, 2025, consent agenda and CKRWP check #18940 to Ditch Witch in the amount of $87,850 for a HX30 Vac and associated equipment. The consent agenda includes financial reports, cost share approvals, claims, corrections, and additions (attached to file copy of minutes). Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Lamb, and Schweers. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

HEARING – POTENTIAL VIOLATION OF EROSION & SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT – ESCA #2024-2. The board reviewed information related to the potential violation including the field report. The landowner was informed of the meeting and has signed a conservation plan. *It was moved by Kollars, seconded by Weinandt that a violation of the Erosion & Sediment Control Act (ESCA) occurred and therefore issues an order including the prepared and signed conservation plan for ESCA complaint #2024-2. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen, Lamb, and Schweers. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

Lamb entered the meeting at 6:14 pm.

HEARING – POTENTIAL VIOLATION OF EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTRL ACT – ESCA #2025-1 The board reviewed information related to the potential violation including the field report. The landowner was informed of the meeting and has signed a conservation plan. The landowner provided a Power Point presentation with review of the property resulting in the complaint. *It was moved by Condon, seconded by Johnson that a violation of the Erosion & Sediment Control Act (ESCA) occurred and therefore issues an order including listed requirements and prepared and incorporated conservation plan for ESCA complaint #2025-1. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: Kollars. ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (8-1-2).*

FINAL ACTION ON FY2026 BUDGET AND LEVY RESOLUTIONS 2025-5

Schmidt stated the budget hearing was held on September 23rd at 5:00 pm with the tax levy hearing following the budget hearing. No public was in attendance. *It was moved by Lamb, seconded by Kinkaid to approve the FY2026 budget as presented. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Weinandt to approve tax levy resolution 2025-5 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 2025-2026 property tax request be set at:

   General Fund: $ 1,867,204.17

2. The total assessed value of property differs from last year's total assessed value by 15.58 percent.

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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 0.028747 per $100 of assessed value.

4. Lewis & Clark NRD proposes to adopt a property tax request that will cause its tax rate to be 0.030825 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 last year's budget by 30.14 percent.

6. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerk on or before October 15, 2025.

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIVITIES

Long Range Implementation Plan: No Action Needed

NSWCP/NRD – Tree Program Rates & Minimum Acres for Planned Grazing Systems: *It was moved by Johnson seconded by Condon to approve the following tree rates for the 2025 tree season: $1.40 per seedling tree, $35.00 per 25 bundle of seedlings, price to be determined by management per native plant plugs, $1.40 per seedling tree for planting with a minimum stop charge of $325.00, tillage charges based on current NSWCP figures; 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 $.20 each, coconut mulch mats are available with the price to be set at no more than $75.00 per bundle of 25 with 4 staples unless shipping and availability necessitates a rate increase to be adjusted by management. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

Manager's Report: Sudbeck provided an update and reviewed projects.

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

1. *Allen & Marilyn Heine replacement well permit LC-552R in the SWSW Section 18 T33N R2 and flow meter cost share FMLC-552R.*
2. *Allen & Marilyn Heine expanded acres permit X-25036 modification. When the permit was approved, the piping was plumbed to the well that was not stated on the permit. This modification will correct that error by changing the well to the new replacement well LC-552R.*
3. *Iver Bruegman expanded acres permit X-25023 for 32 irrigated acres in the NENW Section 33 T30N R3W.*
4. *Richard & Geralda Heikes expanded acres permit X-25024 for 66 irrigated acres in the N1/2SW Section 26 T31N R3E and Variance V-25001 since the well will be located about 5,475 feet from the nearest irrigation location.*

Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen & Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

Certification of District Irrigated Acres: Trenhaile presented the certified irrigated acres report. *It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Steffen to approve certification of 5,263 acres on 51 parcels as presented and included in the file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).*

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

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DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

NARD Activity: Schmidt reported the NARD Annual Conference is September 29th - 30th and the NARD meeting is scheduled after the conference. Sudbeck stated no resolutions have been brought forward to date.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported the next meeting is September 30th.

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Kollars reported on the September 16th meeting.

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities. Program assistant Holly Stark, Ponca NRCS office, reported on activities for the third quarter.

Bazile GMA Updates: Sudbeck reported Pablo Duarte Hernandez accepted the Bazile Extension Educator position and his start date was to be in September but has been pushed back to October 15th.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the August 14, 2025; meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- *To approve the minutes of the August 14, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve the expenses from August 15, 2025, to September11, 2025, as presented.*
- *To approve the recommendation for approval of the final FY2026 CKRWP budget and the Source Solution and System Upgrades project budget to the LCNRD Board of Directors.*
- *To approve the wavier of the current connection fee of $9,000.00 for the Crofton Community Fire Prevention District #5.*
- *To approve Pay request #8 from Caldwell Tanks Inc in the amount of $64,260.00.*
- *To approve crop damage payments resulting from the distribution line upgrades, to be based on the county average yield of dryland and irrigated grains and the FCIC spring cash price and using the dry or irrigated corn yield for damages to pasture and alfalfa.*
- *To approve the Request for a Reduction of nine (9) Benefit Units each for HideAway Acres on water service connection A101 and A408, decreasing both service connections to 36 Benefit Units.*
- *To approve adjournment of the meeting.*

It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Schmidt opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments.

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences: Christensen and Schweers.

ADJOURN

It was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Lamb to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Kollars, Lamb, Loecker, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None, ABSENT: Christensen and Schweers. Motion carried (9-0-2).

MEMBERS PRESENT	GUESTS PRESENT
Dave Condon	Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Chris Johnson	Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Scott Kinkaid	Don Blankenau, LCNRD Legal Counsel
Dan Kollars	Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Carl Lamb	Reed Trenhaile, I&E & Water Resources Coordinator
Ryan Loecker	Cole Fiedler, Resources Technician
Russ Schmidt	Holly Stark, Program Assistant NRCS Ponca
Jeff Steffen	Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist
Matt Weinandt	Taylor LeTexier, NRCS Soil Conservationist

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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 23, 2025 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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RESOLUTION FOR 1% LID LIMIT ALLOWANCE for FY2025 BUDGET

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-4

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Christensen, that the following resolution be adopted:

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 2026 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 18, 2025.

Roll call vote was held on the motion. The motion carried on a vote of 8 Aye,0 Nay, and 3 Absent.

Aye: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt and Schmidt.

Nay: None

Absent: Kollars, Lamb, Loecker

Russell Schmidt, LCNRD Chair

June 18 2025
Date

LEWIS & CLARK NRD MINUTES June 18, 2025

Chair Schmidt called the June 18, 2025, 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 Schmidt 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: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schmidt, Steffen, Schweers, and Weinandt.

CONSENT AGENDA

Consent agenda reviewed. *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve minutes of the May 15, 2025, board meeting and the May 16 to June 18, 2025, 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: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

PUBLIC COMMENT

Chair Schmidt opened the floor to public comment. There were no comments.

DIRECTOR & AGENCY ACTIVITIES AND REPORTS

Wau-Col Rural Water Project: Sudbeck and Kollars attended the June 5th meeting. Sudbeck reported routine business discussed and the next meeting is in August.

Natural Resources Commission (NRC): Steffen reported he is on the Water Sustainability Fund (WSF) ranking committee this year which is meeting on July 8th & 9th. A full commission meeting is scheduled for July 23rd.

NARD Activity: Weinandt attended and reported on the June 9th NARD meeting. Weinandt and Christensen reported on the Basin Tour hosted by the Niobrara River Basin NRDs on June 9th & 10th.

Rural Water Advisory Committee Activities: Weinandt and S. Fiedler reported on CKRWP activities and presented recommendations from the June 12, 2025, meeting of the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Advisory Committee as follows:

- *To approve the minutes of the May 8, 2025, Cedar Knox Rural Water Project Meeting.*
- *To approve the expenses from May 9, 2025, to June 12, 2025, as presented including payment, that was approved at the LCNRD meeting on May 15, 2025, in the amount of $3,530.05 to Cedar County Treasurer for the license and registration for pickup #7063.*
- *To approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan # 2 including Promissory Note, Resolution, and Loan Agreement, in the amount of $2.5 Million Dollars at 0.7% interest for 40 years, with corrections made by NDEE to amounts on page 6.*
- *To approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan #3 including Promissory Note, Resolution, and Loan Agreement, in the amount of $7.1 Million Dollars currently at $0.7% interest but to be determined in July 2025 for 40 years with 56.24% loan forgiveness, with corrections made by NDEE to amounts on page 6.*
- *To approve Pay Request #5 from Caldwell Tanks Inc. in the amount of $166,860.00.*
- *To approve Pay Request #4 from Abbott, Arne, Schwindt Inc in the amount of $815,414.41*
- *To approve lifting the Service Moratorium in the Aten/South Yankton area that was put in place in July of 2021.*
- *To approve and sign the quote for the annual Asset Management Legacy Service Fee from CivicPlus $10,206.19*
- *To approve the request for relocation of water service for Riverpoint Bay LLC in Sec 15 T33N R2W, Knox County, water service A649 will be moved from Riverpoint Bay Lot 401 to Lot 402, water service A582 will be moved from Elkhorn Ridge Lot 5 to Riverpoint Bay Lot 403, and water service connection A605 will be moved from Elkhorn Ridge Lot 3 to Riverpoint Bay Lot 307.*

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Schweers to approve the Cedar Knox Rural Water Project report and each recommendation as stated above. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid,

Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Following discussion on SRF Loan Agreements, promissory notes, and resolutions; *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Kinkaid to approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan agreement and promissory note #2 in the amount of $2.5 million for Phase II Construction costs of the Source Solution and System Upgrade Project. Roll call vote: AYE Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Weinandt to approve Resolution 2025-2 below:

WHEREAS, the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska recognizes that a properly functioning Public Water System is necessary to the health and welfare of the citizens of the Natural Resources District; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson and Natural Resources District Board of Directors have determined that portions of the Natural Resources District Public Water System are in need of significant repair and improvement; and

WHEREAS, funding for the cost of the repair and improvement of portions of the Natural Resources District Public Water System may be obtained by loan from the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy, subject to certain requirements and obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairperson and Natural Resources District Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska that they should execute the contract for loan between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska designated as Project No. D311723, incorporated by reference into this Resolution as if fully set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Russell Schmidt, Chairperson, is hereby directed to execute the Agreement and all other documents necessary to facilitate the Loan between the Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska for the purpose of repairing and improving the Natural Resources District's Public Water System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Annette Sudbeck, NRD Manager, be authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents, to furnish such assurances to the State of Nebraska as may be required by law or regulations, and to receive payment on behalf of the applicant.

HEREBY the RESOLUTION has passed and approved as of June 18, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Condon, seconded by Weinandt to approve the State Revolving Fund (SRF) loan agreement and promissory note #3 in the amount of $7.1 million for Phase II costs of the Source Solution and System Upgrade Project. Roll call vote: AYE Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

It was moved by Kinkaid, seconded by Steffen to approve Resolution 2025-3 below:

WHEREAS, the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska recognizes that a properly functioning Public Water System is necessary to the health and welfare of the citizens of the Natural Resources District; and

WHEREAS, the Chairperson and Natural Resources District Board of Directors have determined that

portions of the Natural Resources District Public Water System are in need of significant repair and improvement; and

WHEREAS, funding for the cost of the repair and improvement of portions of the Natural Resources District Public Water System may be obtained by loan from the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment, subject to certain requirements and obligations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Chairperson and Natural Resources District Board of Directors of the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska that they should execute the contract for loan between the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska designated as Project No. D311724, incorporated by reference into this Resolution as if fully set forth; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, Russell Schmidt, Chairperson, is hereby directed to execute the Agreement and all other documents necessary to facilitate the Loan between the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy, and Environment and the Lewis & Clark Natural Resources District, Nebraska for the purpose of repairing and improving the Natural Resources District's Public Water System; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Annette Sudbeck, NRD Manager, be authorized and directed to sign all necessary documents, to furnish such assurances to the State of Nebraska as may be required by law or regulations, and to receive payment on behalf of the applicant.

HEREBY the RESOLUTION has passed and approved as of June 18, 2025.

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

NRCS Report: Rebekah Poppe, District Conservationist, reported on NRCS activities. Program assistant Jeanne Rosen, NRCS office Bloomfield, reported on activities for the second quarter.

Bazile GMA Updates: Report from Lisa Lauver, BGMA Coordinator, was provided in the director's packet.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schmidt and Sudbeck reported on and presented recommendations of the budget committee: *It was moved by Steffen, seconded by Johnson to approve the FY2026 budget committee report, draft budget items, and proposed special projects, as presented and included in file copy of the minutes. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Steffen, Schweers, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).*

It was moved by Johnson, seconded by Christensen to approve Resolution 2025-4 for the 1% Lid Limit Allowance for the FY2026 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 2026 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 18, 2025.*

Roll Call Vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: None. ABSENT: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. Motion carried (8-0-3).

Manager's Report: Sudbeck provided an update and reviewed potential projects.

Well Permits, Expanded Acres, Flow Meter Requests: Lammers reviewed permits and discussion followed. *It*

was moved by Weinandt, seconded by Johnson to approve the permit applications as stated below:

1. *Warren & Corlynn Wilbeck expanded acres permit X-25019 for 104 acres in the S1/2 NW Section 22 T30N R1W & N1/2 SW Section 22 T30N R1W.*
2. *Bow Valley Elevator LLC replacement well permit LC-548LR for a well in the NESW Section 2 T30N R3W.*

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

Certification of Irrigated Acres: None

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES - CORRESPONDENCE REVIEW

Excused absences: Kollars and Loecker

ADJOURN

It was moved by Christensen, seconded by Weinandt to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 pm. Roll call vote: AYE: Christensen, Condon, Johnson, Kinkaid, Schweers, Steffen, Weinandt, and Schmidt. NAY: Kollars, Lamb, and Loecker. ABSENT: None. Motion carried (8-0-3).

MEMBERS PRESENT
Carly Christensen
Dave Condon
Chris Johnson
Scott Kinkaid
Russ Schmidt
Tyler Schweers
Jeff Steffen
Matt Weinandt

GUESTS PRESENT
Annette Sudbeck, Manager
Scott Fiedler, CKRWP Program Manager
Myles Lammers, Assistant Manager
Kristi Hochstein, Office Coordinator
Rebekah Poppe, NRCS District Conservationist
Jeanne Rosen, Program Assistant Bloomfield NRCS Office

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 18, 2025 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.

Board Secretary