

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

May 9, 2017

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 9, 2017 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 7:40 p.m.

Uhrmacher led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Uhrmacher noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was posted and available for any one who may want to review the document

Roll call was held.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board members present:

Warren Brakhahn, Edward Fleharty, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Matt Spencer, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

Board members absent:

Gene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Dylan Long, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, numerous members of the public; Robert Boettcher and Janet Valasek representing NRCS.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL DISTRICT PUBLICATIONS FOR NOTICES

Legal notice of the regular meeting was provided to the *FAIRBURY JOURNAL NEWS* and the *HASTINGS TRIBUNE*. The agenda was mailed to all board members, radio, television and newspapers in the district and posted at the NRCS offices in the district and the Little Blue NRD office.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the agenda for the May 9, 2017 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainfoth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Absent: Kissinger.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Onnen noted Thomas had notified the office of his intended absence.

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There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the absence of Thomas and the minutes of April 11, 2017 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

ACTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT – Warren Brakhahn

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Brakhahn reviewed the report.

MOTION # 3 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project – North Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 4 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Robert Boettcher, Clay County

Boettcher gave a brief report on the happenings in the NRCS.

STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen

The staff report was mailed to the Director's earlier. Onnen reviewed the report and answered questions.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

2017 Spring Water Level Report

Orvis presented a report on the spring water levels. The spring 2017 water level averaged -0.36' drop from spring 2016.

2016 Nitrate Sample Result Report

Long gave a report on the nitrate sampling results from the summer of 2016.

Groundwater Transfer Request for Dustin Corman

A transfer request was presented for approval. **MOTION # 6 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the groundwater transfer request of Dustin Corman on behalf of Cindy McNaire from the SW¼ 21-T3N-R5W to the SE¼ 20-T3N-R5W, Nuckolls County.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Shaw, Spencer, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Brakhahn, Kimle, Rainforth and Schroer.

Groundwater Monitoring Wells/Geologic Investigations

The grant submitted to the Environmental Trust for the Little Blue and Tri Basin/s monitoring well installations was not approved. **MOTION # 7 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman not to proceed with monitoring well or geologic investigations in the western portion of the district.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Update on Groundwater Management Planning Activities

No report was given.

Other Business

There was no other business.

LITTLE BLUE PUBLIC WATER PROJECT MEETING REPORT

Orvis reported on the meeting held with the Rural Water Advisory Board on May 2. **MOTION # 8 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the report of the LBPWP Advisory Board.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Absent: Hoffman.

ACTION ON STREAM GAUGE AGREEMENT WITH LOCAL SPONSORS

An agreement for purchasing of stream gauges, installation and operation and maintenance was presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to sign the Agreement between the LBNRD, City of Hebron, Jefferson County and Thayer County for the purchase of gaging equipment, installation and operation and maintenance of the stream gage on the Little Blue River at the Nuckolls/Thayer County line as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

ACTION ON CONTRACT WITH JEO FOR GROUNDWATER PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

A contract with JEO/LBG to conduct the next round of water retention structures for Water Sustainability Funding was presented for approval. **MOTION # 10 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the contract with JEO/LBG for professional services associated with surface water capture and recharge projects.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Fleharty, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kissinger, VonSpreckelsen. Absent: Brakhahn.

ACTION FOR SUPPORT OF NARD FY 2018 BUDGET PROPOSAL

The NARD budget was presented. **MOTION # 11 – Shaw moved, seconded by Hoffman to support the NARD FY 2018 & FY 2019 Annual Budget proposal.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT – Mike Onnen

Onnen gave a report on the legislative activity

ACTION ON JUNE BOARD MEETING DATE

Due to the NARD Annual Basin Tour scheduled for June 12 & 13 it was proposed to move the June board meeting. **MOTION # 12 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Hergott that the June board meeting be moved to Thursday, June 15, 2017.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs, Shaw and Spencer. Abstain: Fleharty and Kimle.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS

No comments were offered.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

MOTION # 13 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Schroer to go into Executive Session at 9:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing security matters and personnel matters. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Executive Session called for the purpose of discussing security matters and personnel matters convened at 9:10.

MOTION # 14 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Hoffman to come out of Executive Session at 9:35 p.m. and declare that no actions of the Board, official or unofficial, were taken during the closed session. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 9:40 P.M.

RETURN TO AGENDA

COUNTY OF THAYER)
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STATE OF NEBRASKA)

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Little Blue Natural Resources District, hereby certify that these are true and correct minutes of the meeting of the Board of Directors of the District held on May 9, 2017, that all of the subjects discussed at the meeting were contained in the agenda for the meeting, kept continually current and readily available for public inspection at the principal office of the District during normal business hours, and except for items of an emergency nature, the agenda was not altered later than twenty-four (24) hours before the scheduled commencement of the meeting; that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted and available to the public; that at least one copy of all reproducible material discussed at the meeting was available at the meeting for examination and copying by members of the public; that the minutes were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body; and, that all news media requesting notification of the meeting of said body were provided advance notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.