

**LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes** **April 14, 2015**

**OPENING OF MEETING – CHARLES RAINFORTH**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2015 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Rainforth called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m.

Rainforth led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rainforth 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, James Cunningham, Ross Fisher, Edward Fleharty, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Neal Hoff, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Lyle Schroer, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas, Randy Uhrmacher, Sacha Lemke and Charles Rainforth.

**Directors Absent:**

Alan Wiedel.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Onnen, Daryl Andersen, Kevin Orvis, Amy Wenske, Marlene Faimon; Janet Valasek and Ken Burgert 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.

**ACTION TO ADOPT BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION # 1 – Hoff moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the agenda for the April 14, 2015 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Acceptance of Board Member Absences**

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

**Minutes of March 10, 2015 Board Meeting**

There were no changes to the minutes.

**MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the absence of Wiedel and the minutes of March 10, 2015.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoff, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Uhrmacher and Rainforth. Abstain: Lemke.

**ACTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT – Neal Hoff**

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Hoff reviewed the report. **MOTION # 3 – Hoff moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Hoff reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION # 4 - Hoff moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS Report – Ken Burgert**

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

**NRC Report – Joe Hergott**

Hergott reported on the NRC meetings he has attended.

**STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen**

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

**EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren Brakhahn**

An Education and Research Committee meeting was held prior to the regular board meeting.

**Action on Annual Scholarship Winners**

The LBNRD offers six \$500 scholarships to qualified students that reside or originate from within the District. The student must be attending a two or four year-college majoring in a conservation, agriculture or environmental field and academically be in good standing. **MOTION # 6 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoff to approve the following students as recipients of the 2015 Little Blue NRD Scholarship Awards: Jace Kranau, Blue Hill; Alexa Rose Johnson, Sutton; Caleb Krupicka, Thayer Central; Erika Harms, Sandy Creek; Kamron Ficken, Bruning-Davenport; Crayton Mosier, Shickey.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**Action on Tree Planter Award**

The outstanding LBNRD Tree Planter Award recognizes individuals, organizations or agencies for their outstanding tree planting efforts. **MOTION # 7 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Thomas to approve the award of the 2015 Little Blue NRD Tree Planter Awards to Michael Thayer of Nora, Henry Klee of Endicott and Danny Corman of Hardy.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.



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 April 14, 2015, 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.

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