

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **April 12, 2016**

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 8:00 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, James Cunningham, Tim Else, Ross Fisher, Edward Fleharty, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Gene Thomas, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

Directors Absent:

Lyle Heinrichs and Matt Spencer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Kevin Orvis, Daryl Andersen, Dylan Long, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Marlene Faimon; Robert Boettcher representing NRCS; numerous members of the Public.

PUBLICATION OF MEETING NOTICE

Legal notice of the regular meeting was provided to the *FAIRBURY JOURNAL NEWS* and the *HASTINGS TRIBUNE*. The agenda was provided 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 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the agenda for the April 12, 2016 Board of Director’s Meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Onnen noted Heinrichs and Spencer had notified the office of their intended absence.

Minutes of March 8, 2016 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the absences of Heinrichs and Spencer and the minutes of March 8, 2016 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public 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 Wiedel to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 – 15 yes votes.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Robert Boettcher

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

STAFF REPORTS – Daryl Andersen

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

GENERAL REVIEW AND DISCUSSION OF INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN STAKEHOLDER MEETING

Onnen reported on the IMP Stakeholder Meeting held on March 29 in Hastings. Discussion was held and comments were received from the public regarding the meeting.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

A Water Resources Committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting.

Discussion on Meter Maintenance Program

Discussion was held on the meter maintenance program. A concern from the public was received regarding the change from free meter maintenance to those that participated in the volunteer reporting program to the District now only providing the labor to repair meters.

Discussion of Concept of Allowing Sales of Water Rights in Stay Area

The District has received questions on the possibility of allowing sales of water rights, discussion was held on this, no action was taken.

Public Comment on Water Concerns

Several members from the public expressed concerns for the continuing irrigation well development in the area east of Hebron. A meeting will be held in early May to discuss the matter further. Suggestions were taken from the public for future meeting topics.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle

A Projects and Planning Committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting.

Buffer Strip Applications

Two Buffer Strip Applications were presented for approval. **MOTION # 6 – Kimle moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the buffer strip applications of Goetzen & Ensz for 9.1 acres in Jefferson County with an annual payment of \$2,047.50; and Jed Weise for 2.99 acres in Jefferson County with an annual payment of \$672.75.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action to Approve Engineering Firm for Prairie Lake Developments

Three quotes were received for engineering services for updates being made to Prairie Lake. **MOTION # 7 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve quote for services of Frontwater Engineering LLC for design, plans and specs, bidding assistance and construction observation for an amount not to exceed \$13,250.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Request for Long-Term Lease at Prairie Lake

There is public interest in a multi-year prairie hay lease for Prairie Lake. **MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Wiedel to accept multi-year land lease bids up to 5 years for the harvest of prairie hay at the Prairie Lake Property.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Rainforth, Schroer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hergott and Thomas.

Action to Approve Changes to District's Erosion and Sediment Control Program

Changes were made to the District's Erosion and Sediment Control Program and were presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the Little Blue NRD's Erosion and Sediment Control Program as proposed and offer the rules and regulations for public hearing on May 10, 2016.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Rainforth, Schroer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Absent: Thomas.

Action to Establish Hearing Date for Park Regulations

With the planned improvements for Prairie Lake the Recreation Area Rules and Regulations are being updated. **MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to conduct a public hearing on May 10, 2016 for the purpose of amending the Districts Park Rules and Regulations for Recreation Areas to include references to model airplane uses.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Rainforth, Schroer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Abstain: Thomas.

Discussion and Possible Action Regarding Home Which Could Be Impacted by Flood Pool at Prairie Lake

A new house was moved just south of Dam H with a walkout basement in flood pool of the dam. Staff is concerned for ramifications if a flood would occur. **MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Thomas to instruct the manager to compose a letter to the landowner conveying the NRDs concern for the construction of the home in the flood pool area, offer suggestions for mitigation of the**

