

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **August 9, 2016**

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 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, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Kevin Orvis, Daryl Andersen, Dylan Long, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Marlene Faimon; Dave Bedlan 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 – Hergott moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the August 9, 2016 Board of Director’s Meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Absent: Brakhahn.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

No members were absent

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There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Spencer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the minutes of June 16, 2016 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One comment was 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 Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - North Treasurer's Report.

MOTION # 4 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Dave Bedlan

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

STAFF REPORTS – Kevin Orvis

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

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Warren Brakhahn

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Action on Contractor for Meter Maintenance

Bids were taken for flow meter inspections across the District. **MOTION # 6 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger to accept the quote of Tri-City Meter of Alda for a one-year contract for mechanical meter inspections and servicing at a rate of \$45 per meter.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Monitoring Well Development – Adams County

The addition of four monitoring wells in Adams County to fill gaps in the western part of the District was proposed. **MOTION # 7 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the installation of up to four test holes to bedrock and develop them as dedicated monitoring wells to fill geologic data gaps and add to our information base for western Adams County hydrogeology, contingent on the receipt of a grant from the Environmental Trust.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fleharty, Hergott, Kimle, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Fisher, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger and Thomas.

Discussion of Domestic Water Supply Issues and Study

No action was taken.

Well Moratorium and Temporary Stay on Drilling

No action was taken.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle

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

Action on Final Agreement with Skylark Fliers

The Skylark Fliers signed the agreement for use of Prairie Lake for their model plane flying and it was presented for approval. **MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Agreement between the Little Blue NRD and the Hastings Skylarks Inc. for use of the Prairie Lake Property for the flying of hobby craft on the premises.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Hebron Trail Assistance Grant Application

The City of Hebron has requested assistance for adding to their hiking/biking trail system. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the City of Hebron’s cost share assistance request for a trail assistance grant in an amount not to exceed \$100,000; payments of \$50,000 will be paid in FY 2017 and FY 2018, and authorize the signing of an Interlocal Agreement with the City of Hebron for the project.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Stream Gauges Establishment

The installation of two stream gauges in the southeast corner of the District were presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Hergott to make application to the Environmental Trust for installation of two continuous recording stream gauging stations, one at Hebron and the other on Rose Creek in the southeastern part of the district, with installation, contingent on receiving the grant.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hoffman.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met July 20th.

Action on LARM Insurance Resolution

Each year LARM requires the District to sign an annual resolution of participation. **MOTION # 11 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the 2016-2017 Renewal Resolution with LARM and commit to the 180 day, 2-year commitment for services.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Increase in Staff Salary Budget Line Item

An increase to the salary adjustment amount approved at the June meeting was presented for approval. **MOTION # 12 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to amend Motion # 11 of June 16, 2016 to add \$2,000 in the FY 2016-2017 budget for staff salary distribution, making the total amount \$18,000.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FY 2017 LITTLE BLUE PUBLIC WATER PROJECT BUDGET

Onnen reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project FY 2017 budget.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON FY 2017 LITTLE BLUE PUBLIC WATER PROJECT – SOUTH BUDGET

Onnen reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project – South FY 2017 budget.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON F6 2017 DISTRICT GENERAL BUDGET

Onnen reviewed the Little Blue NRD general budget. Discussion was held.

MOTION # 13 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Hoffman to amend Motion 17 of the July 12, 2016 minutes to include funds in the FY 2017 budget for expansion of the NRD Shop Building with construction not to exceed \$50,000. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

MOTION # 14 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the FY 2017 General Draft Budget of the Little Blue Natural Resources District, with a total budget requirement of \$3,419,176.00 and a tax asking of \$1,652,802.56 and submit the same for public hearing on September 13, 2016. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

MOTION # 15 – Hergott moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the FY 2017 Draft Budgets of the Little Blue Public Water Project – North in the amount of \$207,337 and the Little Blue Public Water Project - South in the amount of \$208,737 and submit the same for public hearing on September 13, 2016. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

ACTION ON RESOLUTION REGARDING LIMIT OF ALLOWABLE BUDGET GROWTH

MOTION # 16 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the Resolution to allow a one percent addition to the FY 2017 Restricted Fund Authority. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs and Kissinger.

Public Comment

One comment was received. Stan Higel addressed the board about his continuing concern about the impacts to his domestic well from what is believed to be irrigation pumping.

ADJOURNMENT

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 9:35 P.M.

COUNTY OF THAYER)
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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 August 9, 2016, 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.
