

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

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, 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.

Directors Absent:

Edward Fleharty.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Kevin Orvis, Daryl Andersen, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Sacha Lemke, Terry Madson; 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.

ACTION TO ADOPT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

Onnen noted the following change had had properly been added to the posted board meeting Agenda at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting: Item 11, Action to Approve Consultant for Voluntary IMP Assistance, will include Stakeholder List. **MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the February 9, 2016 Board of Director’s Meeting as amended.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

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

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There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the absence of Fleharty and the minutes of January 9, 2016 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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 – Cunningham 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 Treasurer's Report.

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

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek

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

NARD Conference Report

Heinrichs reported on the NARD Conference held January 26 – 27 in Lincoln.

NRC Meeting Report – Joe Hergott

Hergott gave a brief report on the NRC Meeting held on January 27 in Lincoln.

STAFF REPORTS – Kent Thompson

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

Onnen talked a bit on the Nebraska Statewide Groundwater Level Report for 2015 and distributed a copy to the Directors.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSULTANT FOR VOLUNTARY IMP ASSISTANCE/STAKEHOLDER LIST

Interviews were held with the Tri-Basin NRD and DNR to select a consultant to lead the Stakeholders discussion for the IMP Plan. **MOTION # 6 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Thomas to contract with JEO Consulting Group Inc. to lead the stakeholder facilitation effort and share the Phase I and II expense as proposed.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

