

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **February 13, 2018**

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 7:36 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, Gene Thomas, Jesse Von Spreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, Elysbeth Kierl; Janet Valasek and Robert Boettcher representing NRCS; numerous members of the public.

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 Shaw to approve the agenda for the February 13, 2018 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

No members were absent.

Minutes of January 9, 2018 Board Meeting

A change to Motion # 11 was noted. The corrected motion is: “to establish a 60” allocation to be granted for the first 5-year allocation period; provide a one-time, five (5) acre inch bank balance for each certified irrigated acre to begin the first allocation period; and allow a carry-over of up to 8” of unused water to next successive allocation period”.

MOTION # 2 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Meyer to approve corrected motion #11 of the January 9, 2018 minutes. Carried by roll call vote – 17 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 Hergott to approve the financial report and payment of bills as presented with the exception of check #47298 which will be approved with a separate action. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

MOTION # 4 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve check # 47298. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Abstain: Heinrichs.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project 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.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 6- Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Robert Boettcher, Clay County

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

NARD Conference & Board Meeting Report – Lyle Heinrichs

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

STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen

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

**RESOURCES CONSERVATION PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM –
AGRICULTURAL LAND EASEMENT – Tim Horst**

Tim Horst of Ducks Unlimited was present to provide information on Agricultural Conservation Easement Program - Wetland Reserve Enhancement Partnership and request the District be a partner in the project. **MOTION # 7-Shaw moved, seconded by Spencer to hold and administer the RCPP-ACEP-ALE easements for Rollan & Connie Johnson in the NE ¼ Section 9-T4N-R6W, Nuckolls County, and Eddie Ray and Robin Adair Skinner in the NE ¼ Section 29-T5N-R6W, Clay County according to the terms of the easements.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren Brakhahn

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Action on Variance Request for Nebraska Board of Education Lands

One variance request was presented for approval. **MOTION # 8 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the variance request of the Nebraska Board for Education Lands in the NW¼ 36-2N-1W, Thayer County to install a new high-capacity well in Stay Area of Quantity Sub-Area Unit 8, provided that the acres to be irrigated remain the same.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hergott.

Progress Report on Rules and Discussion

Onnen reported on the progress being made on the rules discussions.

Discussion of IMP Stakeholders Goals

The final IMP Stakeholders Goals were discussed.

Other Business

There was no other business.

NEBRASKA BUFFER STRIP APPLICATION

One buffer strip application was presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the 10-year Buffer Strip Application of Neil Dominy for 10.7 acres in SE ¼ Section 5-T3N-R2W, Thayer County with annual payments of \$2,197.89.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT – Mike Onnen

Onnen gave a brief report on bills of interest to the District.

OTHER BUSINESS

Shaw requested information on the Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) program. Engelhardt gave a brief report on it.

ADJOURNMENT

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 8:50 P.M.

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 February 13, 2018, 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.
