

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **June 16, 2016**

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Thursday, June 16, 2016 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 7:35 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, Marie Herbek, Marlene Faimon; Andy Bishop representing the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture; 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

Onnen noted item #12, Hearing on Groundwater Management Plan Compliance Violations, would not be held. Onnen also noted an addition to Item # 14 2), Discuss Staff Performance (Executive Session), of Potential Litigation Discussion. The change had properly been added to the posted board meeting agenda at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting.

MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the June 16, 2016 Board of Director’s Meeting as amended. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

No members were absent

Minutes of May 10, 2016 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the minutes of May 10, 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 with the exception of check # 45860 which required action to be taken later in the meeting. 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 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 # 5 - 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 – Mike Onnen

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

NARD Meeting Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs reported on the NARD meeting in York and Tour of the Blue Basin.

Rainwater Basin Joint Venture – Andy Bishop

Bishop gave a presentation on projects of interest to the District.

STAFF REPORTS – Marlene Faimon

The staff report was mailed to the Director's earlier. Faimon reviewed the report and answered questions. Kevin Orvis gave an update on news in the Rural Water Projects.

HEARING ON GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS

No hearing was necessary.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle

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

Deshler Request for Assistance With Flood Plain Assessment

The City of Deshler has requested the District split the cost of doing a flood assessment for the City.

MOTION # 6 – Kimle moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the cost assistance request of the City of Deshler for a Flood Hazard Mitigation Study Grant with the District’s share to be 50% of the local share, not to exceed \$6,250. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Shickley Urban Conservation Assistance Request

The Village of Shickley has submitted an application for a channel cleanout project. **MOTION # 7 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Village of Shickley’s request for drainage improvements under the Urban Conservation Assistance Program with cost assistance to be 50% of the cost not to exceed \$3,050.**

Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Electric Power Installation to Prairie Lake Property

Southern Public Power has provided an estimate to bring power to the Prairie Lake project and was presented for approval. **MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the contract with Southern Public Power District for the installation of electrical service to the Prairie Lake recreation facilities, and approve check # 45860 in the amount of \$11,285.46 for this installation.**

Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Update on Water Sustainability Projects Formulation

Onnen gave a report on some projects being investigated to submit to the Water Sustainability Fund for approval.

Natural Resources Priority Survey Discussion

No report was given.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met June 8.

Schedule for Development of FY 2017 Budget

Onnen presented the 2017 budget development schedule.

Discuss Staff Performance and Potential Litigation

MOTION # 9 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Thomas to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussion of personnel and possible litigation. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Executive Session called for the purpose of discussing staff performance and potential litigation convened at 9:10.

MOTION # 10 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Kissinger to come out of Executive Session at 10:02 and declare that no actions of the Board, official or unofficial, were taken during the closed session.

Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Absent: Hergott.

