

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **June 15, 2017**

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Thursday, June 15, 2017 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, 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 VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Dylan Long, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, numerous members of the public; Shanda Spurgeon and 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.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION # 1 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the agenda for the June 15, 2017 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 May 9, 2017 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the minutes of May 9, 2017 as circulated. 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 Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented except for checks # 46653 and 46689 which will be held for action to be taken later. 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 – Shanda Spurgeon, Adams County

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

NARD Meeting Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs reported on the NARD meeting held June 12th.

NRC Meeting Report – Lyle Schroer

No report was given.

STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen

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

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Water Resources Committee met May 30th.

Action on Temporary Stay on Well Drilling

An immediate temporary stay on well drilling was proposed. **MOTION # 6 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger to impose an immediate temporary district-wide 180 day stay on the construction of high-capacity water wells.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Schroer and Spencer. No: Brakhahn, Meyer, Rainfoth, Shaw, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher.

Action on Groundwater Management Plan

A Draft Groundwater Management Plan was presented for approval. **MOTION # 7 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the “Draft” Groundwater Management Plan with the additions and corrections discussed and submit it to DNR for review and comment.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Livestock Development Policy

The policy on livestock development was reviewed. **MOTION # 8 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the policy on Livestock Developments in the Little Blue NRD with the addition of the chart for AFO livestock numbers.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Progress Report on Groundwater Rules Development

Onnen reviewed the progress of the District’s Groundwater Rules Development.

Update on Meter Installations and Reporting

Kevin Orvis gave a report on the progress of meter installations in the District.

Other Business

There was no other business.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING

The Projects and Planning Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Bids for Dirtwork at Prairie Lake

Bids were accepted for the Dirtwork at Prairie Lake. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the bid of Kucera Construction in the amount of \$11,648 for the grading, parking lot improvements and pit toilet excavating at the Prairie Lake Recreation Area.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Kissinger.

Bids for Concrete Pad for Shelter

Bids were accepted for pouring the pad for the picnic shelter at Prairie Lake. **MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the bid of A-One Concrete and Construction in the amount of \$5,031.25 for the pouring of the picnic shelter pad at the Prairie Lake Recreation Area.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Kissinger.

Ohioa Wellhead Protection Area / Well Decommissioning Request

Ohioa has made a request for a well decommissioning project in support of their wellhead protection efforts.

Bid Sandy Creek Water Quality Initiative

No action was taken.

Alexandria Request for Drainage Improvement Funds

Alexandria has requested assistance to improve drainage along the Union Pacific right-of-way. **MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the request of the Village of Alexandria, provide funds for drainage improvements under the Urban Conservation Program not to exceed \$5,100 and authorize the signing of the interlocal agreement.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Other Business

There was no other business.

EXTENSION OF JEO IMP CONSULTING AGREEMENT

The contract with JEO for the facilitation services for the development of the IMP will expire on June 30th. **MOTION # 12 – Hergott moved, seconded by Brakhahn to extend the JEO professional services contract for the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan stakeholder facilitation to December 31, 2017.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kissinger, Shaw and VonSpreckelsen.

LITTLE BLUE PUBLIC WATER PROJECT MEETING REPORT

Orvis reported on the meeting the Rural Water Advisory Board held with the City of Fairbury regarding the possible purchase of additional water.

BIDS ON 4 WHEELER AND UTILITY TRAILER

Bids were let for the purchase of a 4 wheeler and utility trailer. **MOTION # 13 – Hergott moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the bid of Garber’s of Fairbury for a 2017 Kawasaki 4010 Model SXS Side-by-Side in the amount of \$7,999 and check #46689.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Fleharty and Hoffman.

MOTION # 14 – Hergott moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the bid of 81 Trailer Sales of Hebron for a 2017 H&H Rail Side utility trailer in the amount of \$1,450 and check # 46653. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer and Thomas. No: Brakhahn, Kissinger, Meyer, Shaw, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher.

FINAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT – Mike Onnen

Onnen gave the final Legislative Activity report of this session.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT – MARKET TO MARKET NEWS REPORT

The Market-To-Market news report that focused on the City of Hastings water quality issues was presented.

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

MOTION # 15 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Shaw to go into Executive Session at 9:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing job performance of employees. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Executive Session called for the purpose of discussing job performance of employees convened at 9:45.

MOTION # 16 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to come out of Executive Session at 10:31 p.m. and declare that no actions of the Board, official or unofficial, were taken during the closed session. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Staffing Report

Onnen reviewed the staff and their responsibilities.

Manager’s Evaluation

The Manager’s evaluation completed by the Board was reviewed.

Staff Salaries for FY 2018

MOTION # 17 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hergott to place \$15,500 (3%) in the FY 2018 Budget for staff salaries adjustments with the Manager deciding the distribution to employees. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

MOTION # 18 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Hergott to raise the Manager’s salary by \$4,000, from \$88,000 to \$92,000. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

FY 2018 Budget Development Schedule

Onnen presented the 2018 budget development schedule.

ADJOURNMENT

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 10:39 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 June 15, 2017, 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.