

**LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes** **March 14, 2017**

**OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 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, Edward Fleharty, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher. Steve Shaw arrived at 8:05

**Board members absent:**

Lyle Heinrichs

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Onnen, 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 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the March 14, 2017 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Acceptance of Board Member Absences**

Onnen noted Heinrichs had notified the office of his intended absence and Shaw called he would be late.

## **Minutes of February 14, 2017 Board Meeting**

There were no changes to the minutes.

**MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the absence of Heinrichs and the minutes of February 14, 2017 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 – 15 yes votes.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **NRCS Report – Shanda Spurgeon**

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

### **NARD Meeting Report – Mike Onnen**

In the absence of Heinrichs Onnen reported on the NARD meeting held recently in Lincoln.

### **NRC Meeting Report – Lyle Schroer**

Schroer gave a report on the NRC meeting held on February 22 in Kearney.

## **STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen**

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

## **PROJECTS COMMITTEE – Marlin Kimle**

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

### **Action on Bids for Prairie Lake Development**

Bids were solicited for the Prairie Lake improvements giving bidders the option to bid the entire project or in separate components. **MOTION # 6 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the low bids for recreation items on the Prairie Lake Recreation Development according to the recommended schedule, and authorized the staff to secure the services of local contractors to assist in the minor construction details as needed, pending local permits.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hoffman

**Action on Urban Conservation Assistance Application – City of Fairfield**

The City of Fairfield made a request for assistance on drainage improvements. **MOTION # 7 – Kimle moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the Urban Conservation Assistance cost-share request of the City of Fairfield for drainage improvements and pay 50% of the actual cost up to \$14,000.**

Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes

**Action on Cost-Share for Dam for K-7 Farms**

K-7 Farms submitted an application for cost-share assistance to repair a dam in Nuckolls County.

**MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Hergott to give tentative approval and authorize planning design for the K-7 dam in SE ¼ 7-3N-R6W, Nuckolls County with the intent to provide 80% cost-share.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**Discussion of Recreation Area Vegetation Management**

Discussion on the condition of several of the District’s recreation areas tree growth and management was held.

**Report on Stream Gauge Grant and Progress**

The grant application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust will be approved on April 6 for the installation of two stream gauges in the Little Blue River Basin. A contract with DNR for their installation and maintenance will be presented at the April meeting.

**CMAT – EXPLORING A POTENTIAL GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT TOOL**

Onnen gave an informational presentation on CMAT and discussion was held. No action was recommended.

**LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT – Mike Onnen**

Onnen reviewed bills of interest to the District.

**OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No comments were offered.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 9:20 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 March 14, 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.

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