

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

**OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 8:05 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, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas and Randy Uhrmacher. Steve Shaw arrived at 8:35.

**Board members absent:**

Kevin Kissinger, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Onnen, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, Marlene Faimon; Janet Valasek and Shanda Spurgeon representing NRCS; Bill Glenn.

**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 – Schroer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the agenda for the March 13, 2018 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Acceptance of Board Member Absences**

Kissinger, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel had notified the office of their intended absence.

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There were no changes to the minutes.

**MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the absences of Kissinger, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel and the minutes of February 13, 2018 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 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 financial report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Brakhahn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report.

**MOTION # 4 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 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 – 13 yes votes.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **NRCS Report – Shanda Spurgeon, Adams County**

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

### **NARD Conference & Board Meeting Report – Lyle Heinrichs**

Heinrichs reported on the NARD Board meeting held March 5 in Lincoln.

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

Schroer gave a report on the NRC meeting that was held in Kearney on February 21.

## **STAFF REPORTS – Kevin Orvis**

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

## **PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT**

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

### **Action on Fairbury Municipal Water System Assistance Grant Request**

The City of Fairbury has completed their modeling of the aquifer near the city and now are planning to finish the study to improve their water supply study. **MOTION # 5 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the request of the City of Fairbury for Municipal Water System Assistance in the amount of \$9,500 to support the development of the City's Source-Water Protection Plan.**

Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

**Action on Big Sandy Creek Water Quality Initiative Cost-Share Project**

Cost-Share for practices for the Big Sandy Creek Water Quality Initiative was proposed. **MOTION # 7 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve a local 10% cost-share incentive to support the Big Sandy Creek Water Quality Initiative for implementation of multi-year practices, and to include funds budgeted under land-treatment cost-share in the FY 2019 NRD budget for this purpose.**

Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

**Liberty Cove Fire Damages**

Onnen discussed the recent controlled burn at Liberty Cove that re-ignited and spread onto adjacent properties. **MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to have staff replace posts and repair wires where needed and authorize management to turn any claims over to LARM Insurance to negotiate a settlement agreement with those impacted by the fire that escaped from the NRD’s Liberty Cove controlled burn project and report to the board next month.**

Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

**Action on Engineering Contract for Oxbow Recharge Project**

Approval has been received to begin working on the Oxbow Recharge Project. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the contract for engineering services with JEO for final project design, bid assistance, construction services and assistance in monitoring and assessment, not to exceed \$123,500.**

Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

**Sand Creek Recharge Projects Easements**

The Sand Creek Recharge Projects are ready to discuss the acquisition of easements. **MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Thomas to authorize the staff to negotiate with landowners for easements for the groundwater recharge structures, and if necessary contract with Aaron Hyde of Hastings to conduct appraisals of the property.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs and Shaw.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren Brakhahn**

The Water Resources Committee met February 27.

**Progress Report on Rules Discussion**

The update of the District’s Rules and Regulations continues to be worked on.

**Review Platte River Management Area Draft Map**

Discussion was held, no action was taken.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

