

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **November 12, 2015**

OPENING OF MEETING – CHARLES RAINFORTH

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Thursday, November 12, 2015 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Rainforth called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Rainforth led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rainforth noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted and available for anyone 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, Neal Hoff, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Lyle Schroer, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas, Randy Uhrmacher, Alan Wiedel and Charles Rainforth.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Daryl Andersen, Kevin Orvis, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Marlene Faimon; Robert Boettcher and Janet Valasek Representing NRCS, Stu Luttich, Greg Ochsner, Russ Ochsner, Mason Hoffman, Andy Raun.

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.

ACTION TO ADOPT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION # 1 – Hoff moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the agenda for the November 12, 2015 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

No board members were absent.

Minutes of October 13, 2015 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the minutes of October 13, 2015. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT – Neal Hoff

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Hoff reviewed the report. **MOTION # 3 – Hoff moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoff, Kellogg, Kissinger, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Uhrmacher, Wiedel and Rainforth. Absent: Kimle.

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

MOTION # 4 - Hoff moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Hoff reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Hoff moved, seconded by Fleharty 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 Center RC

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

NARD Board Meeting Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs reported on the NARD Board Meeting he attended on November 9 in Ord.

PRESENTATION OF FY 2015 AUDIT REPORTS

A copy of the audit was provided to each board member and Onnen gave a report on the document. Action to accept the audit will be taken at the December meeting.

STAFF REPORTS – Kevin Orvis

The staff report was mailed to the Director's earlier. Orvis reviewed the report and answered questions. Onnen followed with a report on the meeting held in Kenesaw on Tuesday, November 10 regarding their flood plain designation.

FALL 2015 STATIC WATER LEVER REPORT

Orvis presented the results of the static water level readings from this fall. The levels are 0.44 feet lower than last fall

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPROT – Marlin Kimle

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

Action on Cost Share Application for Buschkoetter Dam

One application for a dam was presented for approval. **MOTION # 6 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve cost share for the Buschkoetter Dam in SE ¼ Section 11, T3N-R8W, Nuckolls County at a rate of 80% as specified in the District's policy for Cost-Share for Dams.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoff, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Uhrmacher, Wiedel and Rainforth. No: Heinrichs.

Action on Drainage Improvement for Village of Oak

Due to some low level flooding issues from a clogged main waterway on their northern edge, the Village of Oak has requested assistance in cleaning out the waterway. **MOTION # 7 – Kimle moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the request of the Village of Oak for drainage ditch improvements at 50% of the project costs not to exceed \$2,550.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Equipment, Product and Services Price List for 2016

The 2016 Product and Services Price list was submitted for approval. **MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the 2016 Product and Services price list as presented and instruct staff to solicit proposals for contracting out the weed barrier application services.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action to Approve Interlocal Agreement for Tree Sales with NARD

The Interlocal Agreement for purchase of trees through the NARD was presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to recommend approval of the Interlocal Agreement for Obtaining Trees and Shrubs between the District and NARD as proposed.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Report of Ogallala Initiative Practice Funding

Faimon reported on the applications received for the Ogallala Initiative contracts.

Report of Discussions at Kenesaw Flood Plain Mapping Meeting

Onnen reported on this earlier in the meeting.

Other Business

The Tri-Basin NRD proposed a wording change to the Little Blue River Basin Water Management Plan. **MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve wording change to the Little Blue River Basin Water Management Plan as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

DISCUSSION AND ACTION TO FORM WATER SUB-COMMITTEE LIAISON TO TRI-BASIN NRD

The Tri-Basin NRD has appointed four members of their board as liaisons to communicate with the LBNRD board about water issues and it was suggested we do the same. **MOTION # 11 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Thomas to establish an ad-hoc sub-committee for groundwater discussions of mutual interest with the Tri-Basin NRD.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT – FIELD TO MARKET SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE

Onnen gave a presentation on the Field to Market Alliance.

OPEN DISCUSSION ON STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS FOR DISTRICT

Onnen led the Board in discussion on the subject of sustainability of land and water resources relevant to the earlier presentation.

Other Business

Neal Hoff submitted his resignation from the Little Blue NRD Board of Directors effective November 13 due to moving out of the district.

ADJOURNMENT

Rainforth adjourned the meeting at 9:30 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 November 12, 2015, 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.
