

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **November 8, 2016**

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 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, Janet Valasek and Shanda Spurgeon representing NRCS; 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

MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the November 8, 2016 Board of Director’s Meeting as presented. 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 October 11, 2016 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Spencer to approve the minutes of October 11, 2016 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 Kissinger 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 - North Treasurer's Report.

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

FY 2016 AUDIT REPORT – Christy Hadden

Copies of the Little Blue NRD, Little Blue Public Water Project and Little Blue Public Water Project - South audits for the year ending June 30, 2016 were presented to the Director's. Christy Hadden from Schulz & Associates P.C. of Fairbury was present to review the audits and answer questions. **MOTION # 6 – Hergott moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the FY 2016 audit report conducted by Schultz Associates for the District, the Little Blue Public Water Project and Little Blue Public Water Project-South.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Shanda Spurgeon

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

STAFF REPORTS – Marlene Faimon

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

PROJECTS COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Marlin Kimle

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

Action on Bids for Tye No-Till Drill

Bids were received for the Tye No-Till drill. **MOTION # 7 - Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to accept the bid of Lee Peshek of Clay Center in the amount of \$2,825 for the 2001 Tye Drill.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action to Amend Cost-Share for Dam Program Agreement Term

Staff held a discussion with NRCS on the cost-share for dams program and issues from the past.

MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to change the contract period for dams constructed under the Cost-Share for Dams Program to 25 years.

Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Kellogg, Kimle, Rainforth, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kissinger, Schroer, Spencer and Thomas.

MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to change the Cost-Share for Dams Program to encourage three bids, but have some leniency if only two bids can be received.

Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to allow the dams that are being constructed under the current policy to be completed with the value of the land figured as a portion of the landowners share, but remove that criteria for calculating land value as a portion of the landowner’s share for any dams applied after November 8, 2016.

Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hergott. Absent: Hoffman.

Discussion of Rural Water Supply and Future Users

This item was tabled until the December meeting.

Discussion and Possible Action on Groundwater Recharge Projects

Groundwater recharge projects are a Watershed Management Plan objective. **MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to solicit proposals from consulting firms to investigate groundwater recharge and flood control site options in the District.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

REPORT OF FALL 2016 GROUNDWATER LEVELS

Orvis presented the results of the static water level readings from this fall. The levels are 0.23 feet lower than last fall.

DISCUSSION ON PLANS FOR BOARD GROUNDWATER WORKSHOP

Discussion was held on the Board Groundwater Workshop being planned to discuss water quality and quantity issues.

GENERAL DISCUSSION ON DIRECTION FOR GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PLAN

Additional discussion was held on possible modifications to the District’s Groundwater Management Plan.

Public Comment

No comments were received.

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 November 8, 2016, 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.
