

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT Minutes September 8, 2015

OPENING OF MEETING – CHARLES RAINFORTH

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Rainforth called the meeting to order at 7:40 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, Edward Fleharty, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Neal Hoff, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Lyle Schroer, Matt Spencer, Randy Uhrmacher, Alan Wiedel and Charles Rainforth.

Directors Absent:

Ross Fisher and Gene Thomas.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Daryl Andersen, Kevin Orvis, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Marlene Faimon; Aaron Hird and Janet Valasek Representing NRCS, Stu Luttich, Terry Madson and Roger Cunningham.

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 Hergott to approve the agenda for the September 8, 2015 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Onnen noted Fisher had notified the office of his intended absence.

Minutes of August 11, 2015 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the absence of Fisher and the minutes of August 11, 2015. Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 Hergott to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 4 - Hoff moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

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

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Aaron Hird

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

STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen

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

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2016 PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Presentation of Proposed FY 2016 Levy Information

Rainforth opened the public hearing for the FY 2016 property tax levy at 8:07 p.m. and presented the publication of notice. Onnen reviewed the FY 2016 tax request and mill levy.

Questions, Comments, Testimony

No public comments were received. Discussion was held. Rainforth closed the public hearing at 8:12 p.m.

ACTION TO ESTABLISH FY 2016 LBNRD PROPERTY TAX LEVY

MOTION # 6 - Hoff moved, seconded by Kissinger that the Little Blue NRD Board of Directors hereby sets the FY 2016 property tax request at \$ 1,574,007, which will require a property tax levy rate of 0.017589 and be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerks of the District and the State Auditor prior to September 20, 2015. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE PUBLIC WATER PROJECT RECONSTRUCTION BIDS

Bids were received for the rural water projects river crossing replacement project. **MOTION # 7 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Fleharty to recommend acceptance of the bid of Morris & Company of Marion, Iowa in the amount of \$174,300 for the directional boring replacement of the rural water main line, with an anticipated completion date of November 13, 2015, and authorize the signing of a construction agreement.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

The temporary pipe currently being used for the water line will no longer be used after the repairs have been made. **MOTION # 8 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Spencer to recommend advertising for sale the 2,400 linear feet of 6” C-900 PVC pipe to be picked up at the site of the temporary line repair.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Marlin Kimle

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

Action on Bids for Liberty Cove and Bruning Tree Removal Projects

Bids were let for tree removal at Liberty Cove and Bruning Dam for the Wildlife Extension Agreement with the NE Game and Parks. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to recommend acceptance of the bid of Lawrence Warnke of Fairbury, Nebraska in the amount of \$18,598 for removal of invading woody vegetation at the Bruning Dam Public Use Area.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to recommend acceptance of the bid of Todd Boyles of Webber, Kansas in the amount of \$40,000 for removal of invading woody vegetation at Liberty Cove Recreation Area. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on Cost Share for Epley Dam, Nuckolls County

Ethan Epley of Nuckolls County submitted an application for the construction of a new dam. **MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve the cost-share of the Epley Dam in NW ¼ Section 23, T2N-R6W, Nuckolls County at a rate of 80% as specified in the District’s policy for Cost-Share for Dams.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on Cost Share for Barga Dam, Nuckolls County

Tom Barga of Nuckolls County submitted an application for the repair of a dam. **MOTION # 12 – Kimle moved seconded by Brakhahn to approve the cost-share of the Barga Dam in NW ¼ Section 22, T2N-R6W, Nuckolls County at a rate of 80% as specified in the District’s policy for Cost-Share for Dams.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on Adams County Hazard Mitigation Bendway Weir Project

Phase II of the Adams County Bridge Planning Project was presented for approval. **MOTION # 13 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty to approve financial assistance for Adams County hazard mitigation project – bridge protection with the Little Blue NRD sharing one half of the local cost of Phase II construction with the District’s contribution not to exceed \$77,000.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoff, Kellogg, Kimle, Schroer, Spencer, Wiedel and Rainforth. No: Else, Heinrichs, Kissinger and Uhrmacher.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Randy Uhrmacher

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Action on Variance Request for Livestock Well in Aquifer Less Than 10 Feet

Livingston Enterprises submitted a Variance Request for approval. The committee voted to deny the request; however, a member of the board requested the variance be re-visited. Discussion followed. **MOTION # 14 - Hoff moved, seconded by Hergott to table the variance request of Bruce Livingston for the installation of two supplemental livestock wells, one located in Sec. 35-T1N-R1E and the other in Sec. 36-T1N-R1E, Jefferson County.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Else, Fleharty, Hergott, Hoff, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Schroer, Spencer, Uhrmacher, Wiedel and Rainforth. No: Brakhahn, Cunningham, and Heinrichs.

