

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **September 13, 2016**

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 7:30 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, Kent Thompson, Amy Wenske, Marlene Faimon; Janet Valasek and Robert Boettcher 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 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the agenda for the September 13, 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 August 9, 2016 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the minutes of August 9, 2016 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

One comment was received. Rex Biegert expressed concern for the opportunity of the public to comment during meetings.

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 Heinrichs 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 Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Robert Boettcher

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

NRC Meeting Report – Joe Hergott

Hergott reported on the NRC meeting held in Gothenburg on September 8.

STAFF REPORTS – Daryl Andersen

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

8:00 PM – PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2017 BUDGETS

Open Hearing & Public Notice

Uhrmacher opened the public hearing for the FY 2017 budget review at 8:00 p.m. and presented the publication of notice.

Presentation of Proposed FY 2017 Budgets of LBPWP-N, LBPWP-S, and LBNRD

Onnen gave a presentation on the FY 2017 Little Blue Public Water Project - North, Little Blue Public Water Project – South and the Little Blue NRD budgets.

Questions, Comments, Testimony

No questions, comments or testimony were received.

Close of Hearing

Uhrmacher closed the public hearing at 8:11 p.m.

ACTION ON DISTRICT BUDGETS

FY 2016 Budget Little Blue Public Water Project

FY 2016 Budget Little Blue Public Water Project – South

Onnen presented the Little Blue Public Water Project – North and Little Blue Public Water Projects – South budget for approval. **MOTION # 6 – Cunningham moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the FY 2017 Budget of the Little Blue Public Water Project – North in the amount of \$130,895 and the Little Blue Public Water Project - South in the amount of \$128,970.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

FY 2017 General Little Blue NRD Budget

Onnen presented the Little Blue NRD budget for approval. **MOTION # 7 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Cunningham to approve the FY 2017 General Budget of the Little Blue Natural Resources District, with a total budget requirement of \$3,419,176 and a tax asking of \$1,652,802.** Discussion was held. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Else, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman Kellogg, Kimle, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Kissinger.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED FY 2017 DISTRICT PROPERTY TAX LEVY

Presentation of Proposed FY 2017 Levy Information

Uhrmacher opened the public hearing for the FY 2017 property tax levy at 8:19 p.m. and presented the publication of notice. Onnen reviewed the FY 2017 tax request and mill levy.

Questions, Comments, Testimony

No questions, comments or testimony were received.

Close of Hearing

Uhrmacher closed the public hearing at 8:24 p.m.

ACTION TO ESTABLISH FY 2017 LBNRD GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY

MOTION # 8 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Spencer that the Little Blue NRD Board of Directors hereby sets the FY 2017 property tax request at \$ 1,652,802, which will require a property tax levy rate of 0.017706 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, 2016. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Warren Brakhahn

The Water Resources Committee met September 1, 2016

Variance Request for Beaver's Dairy

The variance request for Beaver's Dairy was withdrawn thus no action was taken.

Chemigation Report

Staff gave a preliminary 2016 Chemigation Report.

Discussion of Groundwater Rules

Temporary Stay

Allocations

Quantity Trigger Levels

Discussion was held, no action was recommended by the Committee.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle

A Projects and Planning Committee meeting was held prior to the regular meeting.

Action on Bids for Prairie Hay

Bids were let for hay put up at Bruning Dam and Prairie Lake. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to accept the bid of \$45/ton from Darreld Domeier of Bruning for prairie hay at the Bruning Dam, and the bid of \$80/ton from Greg Hinrichs of Glenvil for prairie hay at Prairie Lake.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Carleton Urban Park Program Application

The Village of Carleton has requested assistance for financing some new playground equipment.

MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the Park and Recreation Assistance funding for new playground equipment for Carleton in the amount of \$1,000 this fiscal year, and \$1,000 in next fiscal year. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on 2017 Product and Services List

The Products and Services list for FY 2017 was submitted for approval. **MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Heinrichs to accept the 2016-2017 Product and Services Price List as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

MOTION # 12 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to offer the No-Till Tye Drill for sale to the public, with the option for the district to accept or reject any or all bids. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Recreation Rules and Regulations Changes

Changes to the Rules and Regulations for Prairie Lake were submitted for approval. **MOTION # 13 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth that hunting and trapping be eliminated at Prairie Lake Recreation Area, and that camping and picnicking be prohibited in the designated archery range.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

DISCUSSION OF NARD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS

Onnen review the two new resolutions are being presented at the NARD Conference.

APPOINT VOTING DELEGATES FOR NARD CONFERENCE

MOTION # 14 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to Appoint Lyle Heinrichs the Voting Delegate and Chuck Rainforth as the Alternate for the NARD Annual Conference. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

