

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **August 12, 2008**

OPENING OF MEETING – Richard Kahman

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kahman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Kahman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kahman 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:

Michael Allen, Warren Brakhahn, James Cunningham, Edward Fleharty, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Tim Pohlmann, Charles Rainforth, Jason Reiners, John Rieckman, Steve Shaw, Jerrad Stroh, Gene Thomas, Wryan Wright and Richard Kahman. Jon Lichti arrived at 7:40.

Directors Absent:

Ross Fisher.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Kevin Orvis, Kent Thompson, Marlene Faimon, Marie Herbek, Janet Valasek and Ken Burgert representing the NRCS, and Jay Bitner.

PUBLICATION OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

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

Onnen noted that a dam request for cost share from Don Haake was included in item # 13a), Action on Cost Share for Dams: Delta Kujath Trust, Al Bryant, Wilfred Hergott, Ireta Kerns, and had been properly added to the posted board meeting agenda. **MOTION #1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Stroh to approve the revised agenda for the August 12, 2008 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA - ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES AND MINUTES OF July 8, 2008 BOARD MEETING

It was noted that Fisher had notified the office of his intended absence and was excused. Lichti had notified the office he would arrive late. **MOTION # 2 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to accept the absence and approve the minutes of July 8 2008.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Wryan Wright

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Wright reviewed the report. **MOTION # 3 – Wright moved, seconded by Pohlmann to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 4 - Wright moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Wright reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Fleharty moved, seconded by Stroh to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS REPORT – Ken Burgert

Copies of the Natural Resources Conservation Service monthly report had been mailed to the Directors earlier. Ken Burgert, Resource Conservationist from Nuckolls County, reviewed the report.

NRC REPORT – Joe Hergott

Hergott reviewed the minutes from the July 17th meeting in Ord, NE.

STAFF REPORT – Mike Onnen

The staff report was mailed to the Director's earlier. Onnen reviewed the report and answered questions. He noted the winners of the 2007 Little Blue Urban Conservation Award, The City of Deshler, has also been awarded the NARD Urban Conservation Award.

PRESENATION ON BLUE BASIN MODELING PROJECT – Jay Bitner

Jay Bitner of the Upper Big Blue NRD was present to review Blue Basin Modeling Project he has been completing for the Upper Big Blue and Little Blue NRD's. The study showed eight areas of varying sizes and totaling approximately 9,400 acres identified as interconnected surface and groundwater according to the 10% in 50 years criteria. The report will be delivered to the DNR after the Blue Basin NRD's have viewed the information.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Tim Pohlmann

The Water Resources Committee met July 15, 2008.

HRW Farms Certified Acreage Variance Request

HRW Farming purchased an irrigated quarter in Quantity Sub-Area 8. For crop year 2009 they wish to clean up the farmstead and have the pivot make a complete circle. **MOTION # 6 - Pohlmann moved, seconded by Heinrichs to grant the variance request of HRW Farms to add 4.53 certified acres to well G-028473.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes

Discussion of Dedicated Monitoring Well System for Water Levels

The Committee discussed a need to collect further data to meet requirements of the Groundwater Management Plan and locate or install dedicated observation wells as part of the observation well network. **MOTION # 7 - Pohlmann moved, seconded by Brakhahn to have staff research adding some observation wells and transponders to our monitoring network.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Ed Fleharty

The Projects and Planning Committee met prior to the regular Board Meeting.

Action on Cost Share for Dams: Delta Kujath Trust, Al Bryant, Wilfred Hergott, Ireta Kerns, Don Haake

MOTION #8 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve cost share for repairs of the Delta Kujath Trust Dam at a 65% rate with the District cost share not to exceed \$9,300.
Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION #9 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve cost share for repairs of the Al Bryant Dam at a 65% rate with the District cost share not to exceed \$1,850. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION #10 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve cost share for repairs of the Wilfrid Hergott Dam at a 65% rate with the District cost share not to exceed \$12,000.
Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION #11 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve cost share for repairs of the Ireta Kerns Dam at a 70% rate with the District cost share not to exceed \$12,350. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION #12 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve cost share for repairs of the Don Haake Dam at a 70% rate with the District cost share not to exceed \$1,500. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Easement for Mussman Tract – Access for Site 40 Land-Locked Property

No action was taken on this.

Interlocal Agreement with City of Hastings – Chautauqua Park

The City of Hastings has requested assistance from the District to improve the drainage in Chautauqua Park. **MOTION #13 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the City of Hastings and the Little Blue Natural Resources District to provide 50% cost share assistance up to \$22,250 for the extension of the Chautauqua Park Drainage tube.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fleharty, Hergott, Lichti, Pohlmann, Rainforth, Reiners, Rieckman, Shaw, Stroh, Thomas, Wright and Kahman. No: Heinrichs.

Memorandum of Understanding and Interlocal Agreement – LIDAR Mapping

The Rainwater Basin Joint Venture has made arrangements to develop LIDAR mapping for the entire south central Nebraska area. A Memorandum of understanding with the various agencies who will be acquiring the LIDAR mapping as well as an Interlocal Agreement with the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture is necessary. **MOTION #14 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with agencies who will be utilizing the LIDAR mapping and the Interlocal Agreement between the Rainwater Basin Joint Venture and the Little Blue Natural Resources District to provide for the orderly transfer of financial resources between the LBNRD and RWBJV for the acquisition of LIDAR Mapping.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Discussion Regarding Little Sandy Creek Development

MOTION #15 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to not budget funds for the construction of Dam Site 12 due to permit complications. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Lichti, Pohlmann, Rainforth, Reiners, Rieckman, Shaw, Stroh, Wright and Kahman. No: Thomas.

LITTLE BLUE PUBLIC WATER PROJECT – TOWER ANTENNA LEASE

Oregon Trail Equipment has expressed interest in possibly putting a GPS unit on the Water Project tower. **MOTION #16 – Lichti moved, seconded by Stroh to grant permission to enter into a lease with Oregon Trail Equipment to attach a GPS unit on the Water Projects water tower at a rate of \$50 per month.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Rich Kahman

The Executive Committee met July 31, 2008.

FY 2009 Little Blue Public Water Project and Little Blue Public Water Project – South Budget

The budgets for the Little Blue Public Water Project and the Little Blue Public Water Project – South were reviewed. **MOTION 17 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Pohlmann to accept the proposed Little Blue Public Water Project and the Little Blue Public Water Project - South FY 2009 budgets and present them for public hearing.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

FY 2009 District General Budget

Onnen reviewed the District's general budget and showed the changes after removing Dam Site 12. Discussion was also held on the renovation of the District office building. **MOTION #18 – Hergott moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the proposed Little Blue NRD FY 2009 budget and present it for public hearing.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes

Limit of Allowable Budget Growth

MOTION #19 – Thomas moved, seconded by Cunningham to allow the additional 1% increase in restricted fund authority for the FY 2009 budget. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fleharty, Hergott, Pohlmann, Rainforth, Reiners, Rieckman, Stroh, Thomas, Wright and Kahman. No: Heinrichs, Lichti and Shaw.

ESTABLISH PUBLIC HEARING DATE FOR BUDGETS

MOTION #20 – Wright moved, seconded by Rainforth to schedule the FY 2009 Budget Hearing for 8:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 9th, 2008 and further to schedule a Special Hearing for the FY 2009 Tax Request immediately following the budget hearing. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes

ADJOURNMENT

Kahman adjourned the meeting at 10:00 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 August 12, 2008, 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.
