

# **LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

## **Minutes**

## **September 11, 2018**

### **OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 11, 2018 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Uhrmacher called the meeting to order at 7:33 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, Edward Fleharty, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainfoth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

#### **Board Members Absent:**

Kevin Kissinger.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Onnen, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, Elysabeth Kierl, Janet Valasek representing NRCS, numerous members of the public.

### **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.

### **ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the agenda for the September 11, 2018 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Acceptance of Board Member Absences**

Kissinger had notified the office of his intended absence.

#### **Minutes of August 14, 2018 Board Meeting**

There were no changes to the minutes.

**MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the absence of Kissinger and the minutes of August 14, 2018 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ron Williams expressed concern about removal of flow meters for maintenance when a check valve is not present in the pipe and the district's requirement for test pumping of irrigation wells.

## **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 Hoffman to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented except for checks # 47859 and 47878 for separate action to be taken.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**MOTION # 4 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project North treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**MOTION # 5 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project South treasurers report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

### **NRCS Report – Janet Valasek**

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

### **NRC Meeting Report – Lyle Schroer**

Schroer reported on the NRC meeting he attended in Kearney.

## **STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen**

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

## **8:00 PM – Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2019 District Property Tax Levy**

### **Presentation of Proposed FY 2019 Levy Information**

Uhrmacher opened the public hearing for the FY 2019 property tax levy at 8:03 p.m. and presented the publication of notice. Onnen reviewed the FY 2019 tax request and mill levy.

### **Questions, Comments, Testimony**

No public comments were received. One question was received from Gene Thomas.

### **Close of Hearing**

Uhrmacher closed the public hearing at 8:07 p.m.

**ACTION TO ESTABLISH FY 2019 LBNRD GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY**  
**MOTION # 6 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainfoth that the Little Blue NRD Board of Directors hereby sets the FY 2019 property tax request at \$ 1,781,869, which will require a property tax levy rate of 0.019384 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, 2018.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Marlin Kimle**  
The Projects and Planning Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

**Action on Prairie Hay Bale Bids**

Bids were taken for hay from Bruning Dam and Prairie Lake. **MOTION # 7 – Kimle moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the high bids of Chris Bolte for prairie hay on Bruning Dam in the amount of \$87.10/ton and James Oltmans on Prairie Lake in the amount of \$63/ton.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**Action to Set Product and Services Prices for 2019**

The updated price list for the products and services provided by the NRD was presented for approval. **MOTION # 8 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainfoth to approve the Product and Services Price List for 2019 as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**Action on Sales Agreement with NARD & Forest Service**

NARD is the purchasing agent between the U.S. Forestry Service and the NRD's. The agreement runs through September 30, 2021. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Interlocal Agreement between the Little Blue NRD and NARD for Services in Obtaining Seedling Trees and Shrubs as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**Action to Approve Final Change Order # 3 on Crystal Lake Improvements**

The contractor conducted more dredging than bid due to a bank sloughing off and added an additional hydrant. The contractor is absorbing ½ of additional dirt work, no additional cost is expected to the NRD or Village of Ayr. **MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainfoth to approve Change Order # 3 for Pruss Excavating for additional work at Crystal Lake and authorize payment of checks # 47859 and # 47878 for the work which totals \$16,990.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**Action on Buffer Strip Applications**

Two Buffer Strip Applications were presented for approval. **MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the buffer strip applications of Matthew Hintz, in SW ¼ Section 5-3-2 Thayer Co. for a 2.4 acre, 10-year contract with annual payment of \$374.88; and Gene Heidemann, in Section 16-4-1 Thayer Co. for a 2.5 acre, 10-year contract with annual payment of \$426.11.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**Action on Selection of Consultant for Hazard Mitigation Planning Effort**

Bids were solicited for a Consultant to assist in the revision of the Hazard Mitigation Plan. **MOTION # 12 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainfoth to approve the proposal of JEO Consulting to prepare the application, lead the process and write the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update for the Little Blue-Lower Big Blue-Nine County participants.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEETING REPROT – Warren Brakhahn**

The Water Resources Committee met September 4.

### **Presentations by Meter Maintenance and Repair Vendors**

Bids were accepted for meter maintenance in the western portions of Adams and Webster Counties to be completed this fall. Three bids were received and the vendors each made a presentation on the services they could offer.

### **Action on Meter Maintenance Bids**

**MOTION # 13 – Hoffman moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the bid of Seim Ag in the amount of \$46/meter for the FY 2019 general meter service maintenance contract.** Failed by roll call vote. Yes: Hoffman, Kellogg, Shaw, Thomas and VonSpreckelsen. No: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher.

**MOTION # 14 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the bid of Tri- City Meter in the amount of \$ 45 /meter for the FY 2019 general meter service maintenance contract.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Shaw, Thomas and VonSpreckelsen.

### **Action on Request for Cost-Assistance for Well Replacement**

Bob Fisher requested the District assist with the replacement of his domestic well due to groundwater level decline in his area. The Committee denied the request and there was no motion by the board to revisit the matter.

### **Discussion of Platte River New Depletions Area Controls**

No discussion was held.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **ACTION ON LITTLE BLUE NRD ANNUAL LONG-RANGE PLAN**

Onnen reviewed the revised updated Long-Range Plan. **MOTION # 15 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the Long-Range Implementation Plan as presented and forward it to the Nebraska Policy Research Office and Nebraska Game and Parks Commission.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

## **DISCUSSION OF NARD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**

There were no resolutions submitted at this time.

## **APPOINT VOTING DELEGATES FOR NARD CONFERENCE**

Lyle Heinrichs was appointed the District's Voting Delegate with Charles Rainforth the alternate at the January meeting and will remain in that position.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 10:14 P.M.

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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 September 11, 2018, 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.

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