LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT Minutes October 9, 2018

<u>OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER</u>

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 9, 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, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainfoth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

Board Members Absent: Jesse VonSpreckelsen.

OTHERS PRESENT Mike Onnen, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Marie

Herbek, Elysabeth Kierl, Dylan Long, Janet Valasek and Shanda Spurgeon 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

Uhrmacher noted one emergency item to be added to the agenda; Item # 15, Test Pumping of a Well.

MOTION # 1 – Hergott moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the agenda with the addition of emergency item # 15 for the October 9, 2018 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

VonSpreckelsen had notified the office of his intended absence.

Minutes of September 11, 2018 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the absence of VonSpreckelsen and the minutes of September 11, 2018 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 16 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 per diem and expense reimbursement checks for Directors Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman and Kellogg. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Abstain: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman and Kellogg.

MOTION # 4 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve director per diem and expense reimbursement checks for Directors Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer and Shaw.

Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Abstain: Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer and Shaw.

MOTION # 5 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Schroer to approve director per diem and expense reimbursement checks for Directors Spencer, Thomas, Uhrmacher, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer and Shaw. Abstain: Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher.

MOTION # 6 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the remaining Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented except check # 47954 for separate action to be taken. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION #7 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Shaw to approve check #47954. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Abstain: Thomas.

MOTION #8 - 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 #9 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrich 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 - Shanda Spurgeon

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

NARD Conference and Meeting Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs reported on the NARD Conference and meeting held in Kearney on September 24th and 25th.

STAFF REPORTS – Liz Kierl

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

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT - Marlin Kimle

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

Action on Epley Dam Reconstruction Proposal

A dam constructed for Ethan Epley in Nuckolls County in July failed in early September during a heavy rain event. The estimated cost to repair the dam is \$29,961. The committee recommended no action be taken until the final report is received from NRCS.

Report and Possible Action on Sand Creek Project Bids

The Sand Creek Project was advertised twice with bids exceeding what the board was interested in spending. Discussion was held with two contractors and requested quotes from them with one quote received from Yost Excavating. MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Fleharty

that due to two unsuccessful bid lettings, the board waves the policy on competitive bids for the Sand Creek Project and accepts the negotiated bid of Yost Excavating of Nebraska City in the amount of \$ 288,948 for construction of the recharge projects on Sand Creek. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas and Uhrmacher. No: Hoffman, Kissinger and Wiedel.

Change Order for Crystal Lake Renovation

A final change order has been requested by the Game and Parks Commission for crushed rock near the boat launch. MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve Change Order # 4 for the Crystal Lake Renovation Project in the amount of \$1,800 to Pruss Excavating for placement of crushed rock. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Policy Change on Cost-Share Application Process

No action was taken.

Other Business

There was no other business.

ACTON ON DUES FOR GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT COALITION

The Groundwater Coalition funds are running low and need replenished. They are requesting \$35,000 from the 17 District members. MOTION # 12 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the payment of \$2,400 in dues to the Groundwater Management Act Coalition. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

REPORT OF SURFACE WATER ADMINISTRATION FOR LITTLE BLUE RIVER

Onnen reviewed Compact Administration of river flow to Kansas for the past summer.

TEST PUMPING OF A WELL

After test pumping a well for Landon Heinrichs in Thayer County staff recommended he re-test pump the well as there was question if the reading was accurate. Heinrichs requested to approach the Board with concerns. MOTION # 13 – Hergott moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the well permit for Landon Heinrichs. Failed by roll call vote. Yes: Hergott, Thomas and Wiedel. No: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer and Uhrmacher.

MOTION # 14 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Brakhahn to test pump the well again before the well driller removes the pipe, within the next three weeks at the District's expense using a 6" discharge and a screw valve. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Spencer and Uhrmacher. No: Hergott, Shaw, Thomas and Wiedel.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Discussion was held on the accuracy of flow meter readings and the possibility of obtaining a remote reader to use while test pumping.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 9:29 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 October 9, 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.
