

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

November 13, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Thursday, November 13th, 2025, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Board Chairman VonSpreckelsen called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bonifas, Glen Bredthauer, Stewart Brinegar, Bill Glenn, Jessi Hoeft, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Alan Kenning, Kyle Knight, Russ Ochsner, Neal Onnen, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Warren Taylor, Lawrence Walker, Jesse Vonspreckelsen.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Sara Schram, Alicia Epps, Jessica Hedges, members of the public.

VonSpreckelsen noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and available for anyone who may want to review the document.

PUBLICATIONS OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Hoops announced the 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 sent 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 –Knight moved to approve the agenda for the November 13th, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Schroer. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION #2 –Ochsner moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Walker. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes.

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Steve Shaw

Approval of Minutes of October 14th, 2025, Board Meeting

Approval of Certified Acres: There were no certified acres.

TREASURERS REPORTS – Bill Glenn

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

Glenn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 4 - Glenn moved to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – There was no report from NRCS.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman gave a brief report on the recent NARD meeting in Scottsbluff.

NRC Report – Lyle Schroer had nothing to report on the NRC.

STAFF REPORTS – Nelson gave a brief Managers Report on NRD happenings.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Discussion/Action on NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan – Roth Amendment- Nelson presented information on a new option for investing for employees with a Roth Amendment. **MOTION #5 – Hoffman moved to approve the Roth Amendment on NARD 457 Deffered Compensation Plan, Seconded by Knight.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

FALL 2025 STATIC WATER LEVELS REPORT

Kevin Orvis presented the Fall 2025 Static Water Levels Report and gave a brief overview of what water levels have done over the past year.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request Located in the NE1/4 36-06N-11W -Orvis presented information regarding the variance request and discussion was held. **MOTION #6 –Paus moved to approve the Variance Request for a 7-tower pivot with no swing arm, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes, Hoops – no, Knight – abstained.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request Located in the SW1/4 13-06N-10W -Orvis presented information regarding the variance request and discussion was held. **MOTION #6 –Walker moved to approve the Variance Request, seconded by Taylor.** Carried by roll call vote – 11 yes votes, Kenning, Ochsner, Paus, Schroer – no, Knight – abstained.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request Located in the NW1/4 34-06N-8W -Orvis presented information regarding the variance request and discussion was held. **MOTION #6 –Hoffman moved to approve the Variance Request, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes, Knight – abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Vonspreckelsen adjourned the meeting at 7:16 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 November 13th, 2025, 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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