

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

August 14, 2018

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 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, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainfoth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Matt Spencer, Gene Thomas, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Randy Uhrmacher.

Board Members Absent:

Edward Fleharty.

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

Onnen noted the addition of item 18, Report of Natural Resources Tour – Joe Hergott. The change had properly been added to the posted board meeting agenda at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting. **MOTION # 1 – Meyer moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the August 14, 2018 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Fleharty had notified the office of his intended absence.

Minutes of July 10, 2018 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the minutes of July 10, 2018 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Jerry Baysinger expressed concern on water levels dropping, the intention of neighbors to install more wells and the impacts to his domestic well in the corridor near Bruning and Highway 4. The board referred his concern to the Water Resources Committee.

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 Hergott to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented except for checks # 47780 and 47784 for separate action to be taken. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION # 4 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve checks # 47780 and 47784.

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

MOTION # 5 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth 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 # 6 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrichs 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.

STAFF REPORTS – Donnie Engelhardt

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

8:00 PM – Public Hearing on Proposed FY 20419 Budgets

Open Hearing & Public Notice

Uhrmacher opened the public hearing for the FY 2019 budget review at 8:27 p.m. and presented the publication of notice.

Presentation of Proposed FY 2019 Budgets of LBPWP-N, LBPWP-S, and LBNRD

Onnen gave a presentation on the FY 2019 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 8:42 p.m.

ACTION ON DISTRICT BUDGETS

FY 2019 Budget Little Blue Public Water Project

FY 2019 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 # 7- Brakhahn moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the FY 2019 Expenditures Budget of the Little Blue Public Water Project – North in the amount of \$229,202, and the Little Blue Public Water Project - South in the amount of \$206,757.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

FY 2019 General Little Blue NRD Budget

Onnen presented the Little Blue NRD budget for approval. **MOTION # 8 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the FY 2019 General Budget of the Little Blue Natural Resources District, with a total budget requirement of \$4,693,483 and a property tax asking of \$1,781,869.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Kissinger.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren Brakhahn

The Water Resources Committee met on July 30.

Action on Order for Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of Groundwater Management Area

The Order for Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of Groundwater Management Area were presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Groundwater Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of the Groundwater Management Area with minor edits recommended by the Water Resources Committee, and approve the Order for said rules in accordance with §46-744.** Discussion was held.

MOTION # 10 – Shaw moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to amend the previous motion to remove section 2.12.3 from the Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of Groundwater

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

Action on Motion # 9 as amended. Yes: Brakhahn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hoffman, Kissinger and VonSpreckelsen. Absent: Meyer and Rainforth.

Action on Order for Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of the Groundwater Management and Protection Act – Runoff Rules

The Order for Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of the Groundwater Management and Protection Act – Runoff Rules were presented for approval. **MOTION # 11 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by**

Heinrichs to approve the Rules and Regulations for Enforcement of the Groundwater Management and Protection Act – Irrigation Runoff, and approve the Order for said rules in accordance with §46-744. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Hergott, Kellogg, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kimle, Kissinger and Rainforth.

Action on approval of Platte River New Depletions Area Final Map

The Platte River New Depletions Area Map was presented for approval. **MOTION # 12 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to Accept the DNR Recommended Map for a portion of northwest Adams County in regard to the Platte River New Depletions Plan for inclusion in the Little Blue NRD Integrated Management Plan, and Develop Regulations Appropriate for the area.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Hergott, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kimle and Kissinger.

Other Business

There was no other business.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Marlin Kimle

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

Action on Buffer Strip Application - Sykora

One Buffer Strip application was presented for approval. **MOTION # 13 -Kimle moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the buffer strip application of Dennis and Daniel Sykora for 4.1 acres of land in the NW ¼ 17-4-7, Nuckolls County with 10-year term and an annual payment of \$719.14.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action on Change Order # 2 Crystal Lake Renovation Project

A Change Order for the Crystal Lake Renovation Project was presented for approval. **MOTION # 14 – Kimle moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve Change Order # 2 for Pruss Excavating for additional work at Crystal Lake in the amount of \$30,562.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. Absent: Hoffman.

Action on Archeological Survey for Recharge Project

A cost estimate to complete an archeological survey for the Oxbow Recharge Project was presented for approval. **MOTION # 15 – Kimle moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the quote of Stan Parks for conducting the Archeological Survey of the Oxbow Recharge Projects sites in the amount of \$2,500.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Spencer, Thomas, Wiedel and Uhrmacher. No: Hoffman, Kissinger and VonSpreckelsen.

Other Business

There was no other business.

NEW WEBSITE DEMO

Donnie Engelhardt gave a presentation on the new website that is set to be launched on August 26.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular board meeting

Renewal Resolution for LARM Insurance

The renewal Resolution for LARM insurance was presented for approval. **MOTION # 16 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the 2018-2019 Renewal Resolution with LARM and commit to the 180-day, 1-year commitment for services.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action to Approve Manager’s Job Description and Advertisement

The job description for hiring a new General Manager and the request to advertise the position was presented for approval. **MOTION # 17 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the General Manager Job Description, the Job Announcement and Timeline for the Search for the new Manager.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

REPORT OF NATURAL RESOURCES TOUR – Joe Hergott

Hergott reported on the Water and Natural Resources Tour June 26 – 29 sponsored by Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District he took part in.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There was not comments.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Uhrmacher adjourned the meeting at 10:14 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 14, 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.
