

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT Minutes October 9, 2018

OPENING OF MEETING – RANDY UHRMACHER

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.

