



Little Blue Natural Resources District

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To: Little Blue NRD Board Members

From Mike Onnen

Important Board Notes

Please note that following matters and description of select agenda items in preparation for the January Board of Director's meeting next Tuesday, January 8th.

Oath of Office

Again, I'd like to congratulate those board members who were elected in the November election. I appreciate your willingness to serve the constituents of the District in matters of natural resources conservation, management and protection. Board members who were elected in November will need to take the "Oath of Office" prior to beginning service at the January meeting. They include: **Robert Trausch, Warren Brakhahn, Zach Hollister, Kevin Kissinger, Warren Taylor, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Bill Glenn, and Marlin Kimle.** Donnie Engelhardt will administer the "Oath" at **7:25 PM** just prior to the Board meeting. You must take the Oath before you are able to vote on District matters. Please be here a few minutes early if possible so we keep on schedule.

Organizational Meeting

The January Board meeting is our annual organizational meeting. As such, we will have several informational items on the agenda to explain certain operational policies of the District.

Since our chairman and secretary are no longer on the board, Marlin Kimle, our current vice chairman will lead the early part of the meeting. I've structured the agenda so the minutes of December and bills for the last month can be acted on with the past officers serving. Warren Brakhahn has authorization for signing checks, so we'll approve the payment of bills before electing a new treasurer.

The Nominations Committee will present a slate of officers for the election of new officers and NARD representatives for 2019. The election will be one of the early items on the agenda and the new chairman will assume his duties upon his election. Board members will be given opportunity toward the end of the meeting to request appointments to the major resources committees of the District under Item # 23.

Item # 16

The District has solicited proposals from auditing firms which should be available at the meeting. Also, Don Blankenau of Blankenau, Wilmoth Jarecke, LLP of Lincoln has provided our legal services the past two years. Don provided a letter in your packet outlining the legal services he will provide for the coming year and his fees.

Item # 17

The Integrated Management Plan has been a slow developing document. The biggest holdup has been revisions of the Platte River Basin components of the plan. Because of the changes in the Platte River modeling work that implicated higher pumpage impacts throughout the Basin, (and included the northwest portion of Adams County), DNR is anticipating that all NRDs involved in the Platte Basin will need to amend their planning documents based on the model. They are