

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

March 18, 2019

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 2019 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Kimle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kimle 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, William Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Mason Hoffman, Zachary Hollister, Everett Kellogg, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Marlin Kimle.

Board members absent:

Joseph Hergott and Steve Shaw.

OTHERS PRESENT

Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, Elysabeth Kierl, Kyle Hauschild, Laura Bedlan; Janet Valasek and Robert Boettcher representing NRCS.

PUBLICATIONS OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

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

One change to the agenda had been made, item 14 (c), Water Projects Test Hole Grant Interlocal Agreement. **MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda with change for the March 18, 2019 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Hergott and Shaw had not notified the office of their absence.

Approval of Minutes of February 12, 2019 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the minutes of February 12, 2018 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments.

INTRODUCTION / ACTION TO APPROVE KYLE HAUSCHILD AS NEW GENERAL MANAGER

Kyle Hauschild introduced himself and answered questions. **MOTION # 3 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve Kyle Hauschild as new General Manager of the Little Blue NRD.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO AUTHORIZE SIGNATURES FOR BANKING ACTIVITIES AND APPROVE TREASURERS REPORT

MOTION # 4 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the Resolution authorizing Mason Hoffman to sign checks, and to remove Mike Onnen as signer on all Wells Fargo accounts. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hollister, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Hoffman.

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Kissinger reviewed the reports.

MOTION # 6 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented except for check # 48260 which will have separate action taken. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION # 7 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve check # 48260. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hollister, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Taylor VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Trausch.

Kissinger reviewed the Little Blue Public Water North Project Treasurer's Report.

MOTION # 8 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Kissinger reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 9 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO AUTHORIZE OPERATING LOAN

MOTION # 5 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to authorize an operating loan at Cornerstone Bank to borrow against CD's #84523 and 84526 in the amount of \$70,000 for 1 year and authorize the Chairman and Assistant Manager to sign the loan. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Robert Boettcher, Clay County

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

NARD Board Meeting Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs gave a report on the NARD board meeting held on March 10 in Lincoln.

Update on NRC Meeting – Lyle Schroer

Schroer reviewed the NRC meeting held in Kearney on March 6.

STAFF REPORTS – Elysabeth Kierl

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

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

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

Discussion & Possible Action on Fairbury Tree Restoration Project (Crystal Springs)

Laura Bedlan was present to request the District consider providing assistance to the City of Fairbury for their Crystal Spring Re-Tree Project through our Urban Tree Program. **MOTION # 10 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Meyer to provide 50% financial assistance on a per capita basis with a maximum of \$3.00 per capita up to \$10,000 maximum, funds will not be available until the September board meeting.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hollister, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn, Hoffman and Kissinger.

Action on Ditch Work for the Village of Reynolds

The Village of Reynolds is requesting assistance for ditch work to reduce water from entering the town. **MOTION # 11 - Rainforth moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Urban Conservation Assistance cost share request for the Village of Reynolds for drainage improvements to match the Village project funds up to a one-year period of 50% of actual cost, funds will not be available until the September board meeting.** After discussion was held Rainforth and Glenn agreed to rescind the motion until further information is gathered and brought to the Projects and Planning Committee.

Action on Water Project Test Hole Grant Interlocal Agreement

The Rural Water Project has been approved to receive a grant from NDEQ to drill well test holes. **MOTION # 12 – Wiedel moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the Interlocal Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality to drill test holes for the Rural Water Projects and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Other Business

There was no other business.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Action on Water Transfer for Mike Drohman

One Water Transfer was submitted for approval. **MOTION # 13 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve Water Transfer for Mike Drohman to move irrigation water from well G-028288 in SE 36-03-05W to NW 06-02-04W.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on New Approved Flow Meter

Seametrics presented a flow meter to be added to the list of approved meters for the District. **MOTION # 14 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the addition of the AG90 Seametrics flow meter to our approved list of meters within the LBNRD District.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion on Telemetry Options with Seim Ag

Discussion was held on Seim Ag's proposal to use their Telemetry equipment when test pumping wells. More information will be gathered and taken to the Water Resources Committee.

Discussion & Possible Action on Failure to Submit Certified Irrigated Acres

Four forms were sent out and not returned. **MOTION # 15 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to send compliance officer to notify appropriate landowner or operator of non-compliance found, and will provide recommendations on how the violation can be corrected and shall set a deadline of 10 days for corrective action to be taken. Violator shall have 10 days after deadline to request to be heard before the Board of Directors. If no corrective action is taken within 20 days of notification from compliance officer a cease and desist will be issued.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion & Possible Action on Demonstration Field & Teralytic Soil Probes

Information was presented on possibly having a demonstration field for educational purposes and the purchase and use of Teralytic Soil Probes. Discussion was held. **MOTION # 16 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Meyer to approve the payment of 10 Teralytic soil probes for \$5,130.17 to help provide innovative technology to the tracking of the 4R's. Right Source, Right Rate and Right Time, Right Place.** Failed by roll call vote. Yes: Meyer and Schroer. No: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hollister, Kellogg, Kissinger, Rainforth, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle.

Other Business

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 9:17 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 March 18, 2019, 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.
