



Little Blue Natural Resources District

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April 4, 2019

Agenda Item #

TO: RESEARCH & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Bill Glenn, Zach Hollister, Everett Kellogg, Jay Meyer, Warren Taylor, Bob Trausch, and Jesse VonSpreckelsen

CC: All Board Members, NRCS

RE: Research & Education Committee Meeting

DATE: **Thursday, April 4, 2019 – 7 pm**

PLACE: Board Meeting Room, LBNRD Office, Davenport, NE

The Research & Education Committee meeting will be held to discuss the following agenda items:

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, April 4, 2019 – 7 pm

1. Action to Select Chairman & Vice-Chairman
2. Operator Training Available through LBNRD Website
3. Board Communication & Education
4. Awarding Scholarships
5. Master Plan & Resource Concerns Survey
6. Recreation Area Fishing Tournament
7. Tree Program Education
8. Communication to public of stay if static water levels drop below 2016 baseline
9. Public Outreach
10. Board & Secretary District Tours
11. Other Business

There is a lot to talk about so please come prepared. See you on Thursday!

-Elysabeth Kierl, Media & Communications Specialist



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Research & Education Committee Meeting Minutes

April 4, 2019 – 7 pm

The Little Blue Natural Resources District Research & Education Committee met on April 7th, 2019, at the District office board room at 7 pm. Present members were Bill Glenn, Zach Hollister, Everett Kellogg, Jay Meyer, Warren Taylor and Bob Trausch. Committee members absent: Jesse VonSpreckelsen. Also present was Marlin Kimle, Chairman of the Board and Alan Wiedel. Staff present included Kyle Hauschild, Elysa Kierl, Donnie Engelhardt & Marie Herbek.

1. Action to select Chairman & Vice-Chairman of the committee

- a. Glenn moved to nominate Meyer as the chairman with Hollister seconding the motion. Nominations ceased, and all voted in favor. **Jay Meyer is chairman.**
- b. Jay Meyer moved to nominate Everett Kellogg with Bill Glenn seconding the motion. Nominations ceased, and all voted in favor. **Everett Kellogg is vice-chairman.**

2. Operator Training Available Through LBNRD Website

Kierl demonstrated the Operator Training module available on the LBNRD website to all present. **It was moved by Hollister and seconded by Trausch, and unanimously approved by the committee to recommend the Board of Directors allow the Little Blue NRD staff to deploy online operator training through the Little Blue NRD website instead of utilizing the online training with the University of Nebraska.**

3. Board Communication & Education

Kierl sought direction from the committee as to how to effectively communicate to board members meeting information and which sources they considered to be reliable sources of data. The committee recommended that the staff utilize text messaging systems and email to present the agendas and supporting items three days prior the release of the information to the public.

4. Awarding Scholarships

Seventeen high school scholarship applications were submitted to the committee to review. **Hollister moved with Taylor seconding the motion, and unanimously approved by the committee to recommend to the Board of Directors to award Boone Svoboda, Ryker Van Brocklin & Brant Collingham each with a \$500 scholarship.**

5. Master Plan & Resource Concerns Survey

The Little Blue NRD Master Plan is due to the Department of Natural Resources by December 31, 2019. Elysa discussed the importance of the Master Plan as well as the Resource Concerns Survey in which the board has been asked to participate. Kierl suggested she would make this survey available in both online and paper form by the next regular board meeting (April 9, 2019) and asked it be completed by the regular board meeting in May 2019.

6. Recreation Area Fishing Tournament

It was moved by Taylor and seconded by Hollister, and unanimously approved by the committee to recommend to the Board of Directors to approve the fishing tournaments at Liberty Cove & Lone Star Recreation Areas during the summer (May – September 2019) for those age 15 years and under.

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7. Tree Program Education

Kierl reported to the board that 732 free trees will be distributed to six schools within the District for their Earth & Arbor Day celebrations. She will be presenting tree curriculum at five of those schools and be presenting at the Earth Festival in Camp Jefferson to roughly 500 students.

8. Communication to the public if static water levels drop below 2016 baseline.

Kierl presented the board with the direction and steps the staff will take in the event that the 2019 spring static water levels drop below the 2016 baseline set by the board, which would impose a statewide stay on expansion of irrigated acres and a stay on well drilling.

9. Public Outreach

Kierl sought direction from the committee as to where the most effective public outreach would be achieved. It was discussed that fair booths don't provide the outreach needed for the time spent. Parades were mentioned as well as in school education with high schoolers. Engelhardt mentioned having a conference in the future.

10. Board & Secretary District Tours

June 20th will be the next tour date with destinations being left to staff discretion.

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Operator Training
on LBNRD website
Scholarships:
- Brant Collingham
- Boone Stoboda
- Ryker Van Brocklin
Fishing Tournament
Liberty/Lone Star
May - Sept 2019

Bill Glenn	Y	Y	Y				
Zach Hollister	^{1st} Y	^{1st} Y	^{2nd} Y				
Everett Kellogg	Y	Y	Y				
Jay Meyer	Y	Y	Y				
Warren Taylor	Y	Y	^{1st} Y				
Robert Trausch	^{2nd} Y	^{2nd} Y	Y				
Jesse VonSpreckelsen	-	-	-				
Yes	6	6	6				
No	Ø	Ø	Ø				
Abstain	-	-	-				
Absent	1	1	1				

Chairman - Jay Meyer
Vice-Chairman - Everett Kellogg