

**LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes** **April 9, 2019**

**OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Kimle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kimle noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings 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, Joe Hergott, Everett Kellogg, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor and Marlin Kimle. Alan Wiedel arrived at 7:13.

**Board members absent:**

Mason Hoffman, Zachary Hollister, Robert Trausch and Jesse VonSpreckelsen.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kyle Hauschild, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, Kent Thompson, Andy Raun, Elysabeth Kierl; Janet Valasek and Dave Bedlan 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 sent 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**

**MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the April 9, 2019 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

**ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Acceptance Of Board Member Absences**

Hoffman, Hollister, Trausch and VonSpreckelsen had notified the office of their intended absence.

**Approval Of Minutes Of March 18, 2019 Board Meeting**

There were no changes to the minutes.

**MOTION # 2 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the absences of Hoffman, Hollister, Trausch and VonSpreckelsen and minutes of March 18, 2019 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

There were no comments.

**TREASURERS REPORTS**

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

**MOTION # 3 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the per diem and expenses reimbursement checks for Directors Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg, Kimle.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor. Abstain: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott and Kellogg.

**MOTION # 4 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve director per diem and expenses reimbursement checks for Directors Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor and Wiedel.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kellogg and Kimle. Abstain: Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw and Taylor.

**MOTION # 5 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the remaining Little Blue NRD treasurer’s report and payment of bills.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

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

**MOTION # 6 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Kissinger reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 7 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

**STAFF REPORTS – Kevin Orvis**

The staff report was mailed to the Director’s earlier. Orvis reviewed the report and answered questions.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS Report – Dave Bedlan, Jefferson County**

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

**ACTION TO APPROVE KYLE HAUSCHILD AS SIGNER FOR ALL BANK ACTIVITY**

**MOTION # 8 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve Kyle Hauschild as signer on all District bank accounts and on Cornerstone Bank loans.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

## **RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT – Jay Meyer**

The Research and Education Committee met April 4.

### **Action On Operator Training Available Through LBNRD Website**

Kierl presented information on the operator training module through the Little Blue NRD website.

**MOTION # 9 – Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to allow the Little Blue NRD staff to deploy online operator training through the Little Blue NRD website instead of online with the University of Nebraska.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

### **Discussion On Board Communication And Education**

Discussion was held on the best way to communicate with the Board. Utilizing the Calling Post by sending automated text messages and phone calls will be enabled along with sending emails.

### **Action On Awarding Scholarship**

Each year scholarships are offered to qualified students that reside or originate from within the District. The student must be attending a two or four year-college majoring in a conservation, agriculture or environmental field and academically be in good standing. **MOTION # 10 – Meyer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the following students as the recipients of the Little Blue NRD 2019 Secondary Education Scholarships: Boone Svoboda, Lawrence/Nelson; Ryker Van Brocklin, Hastings High; Brant Collingham, Adams Central.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

### **Discussion Of Master Plan And Resource Concerns Survey**

The Master Plan is due December 31, 2019 and Kierl requested that board and staff complete a survey to understand where they feel our efforts need to be focused.

### **Discussion And Possible Action On Rec Area Fishing Tournament**

It was proposed the District host a fishing tournament during the summer months at Liberty Cove and Lone Star Recreation Areas. **MOTION # 11 – Meyer moved, seconded by Hergott to approve fishing tournaments at Liberty Cove and Lone Star Recreation Areas during the summer (May – September) 2019 for those age 15 years and under.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

### **Discussion On Tree Program Education**

The tree education programs will begin in April and Kierl asked if anyone was interested in assisting with the presentations to let her know.

### **Discussion And Possible Action On How To Communicate To The Public If Static Water Drop Below 2016 Baseline**

Spring static water level results will be determined in April and May and discussion was held on how to communicate to the public if the levels are below the 2016 baseline.

### **Discussion On Public Outreach (Involvement In Fairs, Schools)**

Ideas were gathered on how to reach out to the public in a positive manner.

### **Discussion And Possible Action On Board And Secretary District Tours**

Districtwide tours for the Board and secretaries were offered in the past. Discussion was held when and where the tour would take place. **MOTION # 12 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Wiedel to hold a tour to board and staff on June 20, 2019 for the eastern part of the District.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

**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 8:27 P.M.

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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 April 9, 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.

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