

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **May 14, 2019**

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 14, 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, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Zachary Hollister, Everett Kellogg, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Alan Wiedel and Marlin Kimle. Steve Shaw arrived at 7:10.

Board members absent:

Lyle Schroer and Jesse VonSpreckelsen.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, Kent Thompson, Andy Raun, Elysabeth Kierl, Mandy Klipp, Erika Schroeder; Janet Valasek representing NRCS; Amy Zoller representing DNR; numerous members of the public.

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 Brakhahn to approve the agenda for the May 14, 2019 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Schroer and VonSpreckelsen had notified the office of their intended absence.

Approval of Minutes of April 9, 2019 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the absences of Schroer and VonSpreckelsen and minutes of April 9, 2019 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 14 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 Brakhahn to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 4 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Kissinger reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.**

Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek, Nuckolls County

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee met May 9.

Action on IMP

MOTION # 6 – The Executive Committee moved, seconded by Brakhahn to adopt the Little Blue Natural Resource District Voluntary Integrated Management Plan as presented. Discussion was held.

MOTION # 7 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Kissinger to amend the previous motion to include moving section 2.1.3 (three-year allocation of nine inches starting in 2018) to the appendix. Failed by roll call vote. Yes: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kissinger, Trausch and Kimle. No: Brakhahn, Glenn, Hergott, Hollister, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Taylor and Wiedel.

Motion # 6 carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Hergott, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Taylor, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hollister, Kissinger and Trausch.

Discussion on Board Retreat Dates

Hauschild is planning to hold a Board Retreat and discussed dates that might work.

Update on Financials (May Operating Loan)

Hauschild reported an operating loan was taken to process the May payroll but it and the prior loan taken in December were paid with May's expenditures.

Discussion and Possible Action on Changes to Sub-committees

Hauschild would like to see a change in the size of the sub-committees to less than eight members. He would like to possibly add a Finance and Planning Committee to assist with the budget process.

Discussion was held.

Basin Tour Date Conflict – Proposed Date June 13th

The NARD annual basin Tour is scheduled for June 10 – 11 which will conflict with our June 11 meeting.

MOTION # 8 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Meyer to change board meeting date from June 11th to June 13th at 7:00 pm. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Hollister, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Glenn and Kissinger.

Other Business

There was no other business.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

The Projects and Planning Committee met May 7.

Discussion on Field Ponding Issues from Sand Creek Weir's

There was concern the weirs under construction southwest of Holstein were causing springs to come up in a field. Robert Lutz of EA stated the weirs were well below the wet spots. The committee recommended the situation be monitored.

Discussion and Possible Action on FEMA/NRCS Funding for Sand Creek Weir Repairs

Damages occurred to the weirs project due to high velocity of water and no vegetation during the recent flooding. **MOTION # 9 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Shaw to seek available funds for weir repairs and ditch work from FEMA and NRCS.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on Sand Creek Weir Repair Costs

An estimated cost for repairs to the weir project was presented. **MOTION # 10 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the estimate from EA in the amount of \$35,740 for all 5 weirs in Adams County sections 29-06-12 and 18-06-12.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on Ditch Work for Villages of Reynolds, Belvidere and Hubbell

Three villages have requested assistance through the District's Urban Conservation Program.

MOTION # 11 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve Reynolds ditch work project in the amount of \$36,067.63. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Heinrichs and Hollister.

MOTION # 12 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Belvidere drainage project in the amount of \$3,003.04. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION # 13 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve Hubbell drainage project in the amount of \$10,000. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion on K-Dike Corn Stalk Cleanup

Recommendations were solicited on what to do with all the cornstalks piled up around the K-Dike. Discussion was held.

Discussion on K-Dike Ditch Repairs and Culvert Replacement

A rodent hole was blown out by the recent waters and created a hole keeping the water from draining correctly. Discussion was held.

Action on Buffer Strip for Tri C Farms LLC

One Buffer Strip application was presented for approval. **MOTION # 14 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve Tri C Buffer Strip Section 35-2-6 NE1/4 for annual payment of \$326.80 for 10 years.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on Transfer Pipe Cost Share Payment

A buried pipe cost share application was presented for approval. **MOTION # 15 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Meyer to approve LBNRD to pay Rippen’s a total of \$3,136.00 for the buried pipe in sections 26-06-08 and 21-06-08.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Other Business

Report on tree pile sink holes at Prairie Lake, report on tree removal at Liberty Cove and report on Burning Dam shooting range.

WATER RESURCES COMMITTEE REPORT

The Water Resources Committee met May 7.

Information on NET Test Hole Grant

Orvis reported information relating to the NET grant submitted by Tri-Basin and Little Blue NRD’s for drilling two test holes in Adams County to obtain better geologic information. The information is for cross sections being drawn by UNL.

Update on Spring Water Levels

Orvis presented the results of the spring water levels. Most areas levels were up except for areas with below average rainfall for the year.

Other Business

There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comments were received.

OTHER BUSINESS

Kissinger opened discussion on changing the cut-off time each month for accepting bills before the board meeting.

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There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 9:06 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 May 14, 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.
