

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **June 13, 2019**

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Thursday, June 13, 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, Joe Hergott, 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. Steve Shaw arrived at 7:07 and Lyle Heinrichs arrived at 7:21.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Kent Thompson, Elysabeth Kierl, Mandy Klipp, Erika Brinegar; Janet Valasek and Robert Boettcher 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 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the June 13, 2019 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

All board members were present.

Approval of Minutes of May 14, 2019 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the minutes of May 14, 2019 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 Rainforth to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer’s report and payment of bills as presented except for check # 48437. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION # 4 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve check # 48437. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Hergott, Hollister, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Hoffman.

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

MOTION # 5 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Kissinger reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 6 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Robert Boettcher, Clay County

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

NARD Report – Kyle Hauschild

Hauschild gave a report on the Basin Tour held June 10 and 11.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT -Marlin Kimle

The Executive Committee met June 12.

Action on Resolution Regarding Limit of Allowable Budget Growth

MOTION # 7 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the Resolution to allow a one percent addition to the Little Blue NRD FY 2020 Restricted Fund Authority. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Heinrichs, Hollister, Kissinger, VonSpreckelsen.

Action to Approve Out of State Travel

Liz Kierl would like to attend a conference in Georgia. **MOTION # 8 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the out of state travel request of Elysabeth Kierl.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Discussion on IMP

The hearing on the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan was held prior to the meeting. The Water Resources Committee will review testimony and action will be take at the July meeting.

Other Business

There was no other business.

RESEARCH AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE – Jay Meyer

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

Action on Youth Environmental Camp Scholarships

Two applications were received for attendance at a youth environmental camp. **MOTION # 9 – Hollister moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve \$75 youth environmental camp scholarships for Chase Batterman and Kylie Beard.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Report on Arbor Day/Tree Education

Kierl reviewed the Arbor Day/Tree education programs provided by the District.

Other Business

There was no other business.

WATER RESURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren Brakhahn

The Water Resources Committee met June 6.

Action on Blue River Basin Modeling Partnership Contract

The Blue Basin Modeling Partnership contract was presented for approval. **MOTION # 10 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve Blue River Basin Modeling Partnership Contract with Brown and Caldwell in the amount of \$87,716 over the two-year period of 490 days from signing contract.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action on Vadose Sampling

The vadose sampling project was presented for approval. **MOTION # 11 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Vadose Sampling Project in the amount of \$154,000 to be completed in the fall and winter of 2019/2020.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Other Business

Brakhahn inquired about where water sampling is being done in the District and asked it to be discussed at the next Water Resources Committee meeting.

