

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

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 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, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Zachary Hollister, Everett Kellogg, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Alan Wiedel and Marlin Kimle. Jesse VonSpreckelsen at 7:05.

Board members absent:

Lyle Schroer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Donnie Engelhardt, Kevin Orvis, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Erika Brinegar; Janet Valasek and Dave Bedlan representing NRCS; 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 Hoffman to approve the agenda for the July 9, 2019 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Schroer had notified the office of his absence.

Approval of Minutes of June 13, 2019 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the minutes of June 13, 2019 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes

PUBLIC COMMENT

Rex Biegert, Rich Kahman, Russ Ochsner, Jordan Harms and Craig Hollister made comments regarding the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan (IMP).

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 Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 4 - 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 # 5 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Dave Bedlan, Jefferson County

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT -Marlin Kimle

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Action on Integrated Management Plan (IMP)

MOTION # 6 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Hergott, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hollister, Kissinger, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen.

Action on Request for Mill Levy for FY 2020

MOTION # 7 - Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to adopt the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with State Statute 77-3443, the Little Blue Natural Resources District Board of Directors hereby requests a fiscal year 2019 levy allocation of \$1,781,870. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Other Business

There was no other business.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren Brakhahn

The Water Resources Committee met June 24.

Action on Cost-Share for Water Quality Monitoring Equipment

Discussion was held on offering cost-share for subscriptions to soil moisture service. **MOTION # 8 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Kissinger To approve the addition of approved list of vendors to Irrigation Management Incentive Program - II.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Other Business

Discussion was held on why Watermark sensors are no longer as widely used and the need to offer other choices.

PROJECTS & PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chuck Rainforth

The Projects and Planning Committee met May 7.

Action on Municipal Water Supply Assistance Program Application

One Municipal Water Supply Assistance Program application was presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve Municipal Water Supply Assistance Program application for the Little Blue Public Water Projects to draw up an interlocal agreement with Alexandria, and for Engineering estimates.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hollister, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Hergott.

Action on Hay Bids for Liberty Cove Recreation Area

Bids were taken for the mowing approximately 64.9 acres of grass at Liberty Cove Recreation Area. **MOTION # 10 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Brakhahn to accept high bid of Mitch Kathman to harvest prairie hay at Liberty Cove at \$35.44/acre (approximately 64.9ac) for a total of \$2,300.00.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION # 11 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to accept the proposal from Galen Niederklein and Scott Most to harvest the hay at Lone Star at \$30/acre. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action on Dave Mazour Dam

An application for a dam repair was submitted for approval. **MOTION # 12 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the Dave Mazour dam repair in the amount of \$39,200.**

Discussion was held.

MOTION # 13 – Hoffman moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to table the previous motion until the August 13, 2019 meeting to gather more information. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Other Business

Stan Pavelka requested the board consider providing cost share for the design and construction of a dam north of Blue Hill. Discussion was held and it was recommended Mr. Pavelka make application.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:10 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 July 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.
