

# **LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

## **Minutes**

## **September 10, 2019**

### **OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 10, 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, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Marlin Kimle.

#### **Board members absent:**

Kevin Kissinger and Alan Wiedel.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kyle Hauschild, Kevin Orvis, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Erika Brinegar; 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 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the agenda for the September 10, 2019 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### **ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### **Acceptance of Board Member Absences**

Kissinger and Wiedel had notified the office of their absence.

#### **Approval of Minutes of August 13, 2019 Board Meeting**

There were no changes to the minutes.

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

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Kim Schoenholz and Master Gunner Sargent Miller provided comment on the possibility of a shooting range at Bruning Dam. A petition signed by concerned citizens was provided.

## **TREASURERS REPORTS – Mason Hoffman**

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

**MOTION # 3 – Hoffman moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

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

**MOTION # 4 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Hoffman reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Hoffman moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

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

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

## **7:30 PM – Public Hearing on Proposed FY 2020 Budgets**

### **Presentation of Proposed FY 2020 Levy Information**

Kimle opened the public hearing for the FY 20 budget review at 7:26 p.m. and presented the publication of notice. Hauschild reviewed the FY 2020 tax request and mill levy.

### **Questions, Comments, Testimony**

No public questions, comments or testimony were received.

### **Close of Hearing**

Kimle closed the hearing at 7:27 p.m.

## **ACTION TO ESTABLISH FY 2020 LBNRD GENERAL PROPERTY TAX LEVY**

**MOTION #10 – Schroer moved, seconded by Hoffman that the Little Blue NRD Board of Directors accepts the Resolution on the final adoption of FY 2020 budget and property tax request of \$2,290,398.21 which will require a property tax levy rate of 0.025966.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

## **PROJECTS & PLANNING COMMITTEE – Chuck Rainforth**

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

### **Action to Approve Paul Ale Easement**

An Agricultural Land Easement in cooperation with Ducks Unlimited was presented for approval.

**MOTION # 6 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Glenn to accept the Paul Ale Easement.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### **Other Business**

Two buffer strip applications were presented for approval.

**MOTION # 7 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to accept the Deroy Miller Family Farms Buffer Strip re-enrollment.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

**MOTION # 8 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Glenn to accept the Stan Olson Buffer Strip re-enrollment.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren Brakhahn**

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

### **Action to Approve Meter Maintenance Bids**

Bids were accepted for meter maintenance to be completed this fall in the eastern part of the District.

**MOTION # 9 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the bid of Seim Ag in the amount of \$42/meter for the FY 2020 general meter service maintenance contract.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **DISCUSSION OF NARD CONFERENCE RESOLUTIONS**

Hauschild reviewed two resolutions that will be presented at the NARD Conference were reviewed.

### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kent Thompson addressed the board with concerns about the requirements for the Assistant Manager position.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 7:38 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 September 10, 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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