

**LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes** **October 8, 2019**

**OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 8, 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, Everett Kellogg, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Alan Wiedel and Marlin Kimle. Steve Shaw arrived at 7:06.

**Board members absent:**

Zachary Hollister, Charles Rainforth, Jesse VonSpreckelsen.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Erika Brinegar; Janet Valasek representing NRCS; 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 Hergott to approve the agenda for the October 8, 2019 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

**ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**Acceptance of Board Member Absences**

Hollister and Rainforth had notified the office of their absence.

**Approval of Minutes of September 10, 2019 Board Meeting**

There were no changes to the minutes.

**MOTION # 2 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the minutes of September 10, 2019 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received.

**TREASURERS REPORTS – Kevin Kissinger**

Kissinger presented a letter to Hauschild and Kimle regarding the timesheets no longer being included with the bills for him to review.

**MOTION # 3 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Hoffman to go into Executive Session at 7:07 p.m. for the purpose of discussing personnel.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Executive Session called for the purpose of discussing personnel.

**MOTION # 4 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Hergott to come out of Executive Session at 7:48 p.m.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

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

**MOTION # 5 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Schroer to approve director per diem and expense reimbursement checks for Directors Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman and Hollister.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott and Hoffman.

**MOTION # 6 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve director per diem and expense reimbursement checks for Directors Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer and Shaw.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer and Shaw.

**MOTION # 7 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Schroer to approve director per diem and expense reimbursement checks for Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer and Shaw. Abstain: Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle.

**MOTION # 8 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the remaining Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented except check # 48696 for separate action.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

**MOTION # 9 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Shaw to approve check # 48696.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Kissinger.

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

**MOTION # 10 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Heinrichs 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 # 11 - Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn 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.

### **NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs, NARD Representative**

Heinrichs reported on the NARD conference held in Kearney September 23 and 24.

## **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT**

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

### **Approve Buffer Strip Application**

Two Buffer Strip applications were presented for approval. **MOTION # 12 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve buffer strip applications for Wryan Wright of Adams County in the amount of \$1,125 and John T. Levendofsky of Thayer County in the amount of \$517.50.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

### **Action to approve Funding for Sub-District Realignment**

**MOTION # 15 – Kimle moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve funding for a Consultant to conduct voting sub-district realignment.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

### **Action to Reconsider Dave Mazour Dam Reconstruction**

Mazour addressed the Board requesting they reconsider the failed motion of August 2019 to repair his dam. **MOTION # 13 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Hergott to reconsider the Dave Mazour dam reconstruction.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn and Heinrichs.

### **MOTION # 14 – Meyer moved, seconded by Schroer to approve cost-share for the Dave Mazour dam.**

Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn and Heinrichs.

### **Other Business**

There was no other business.

## **PROJECTS & PLANNING COMMITTEE – Glenn**

The Projects and Planning Committee met September 30.

### **Action on Cost-Share Docket**

The committee went through 12 questions about cost-share practices to help clarify some of the rules.

**MOTION # 16 – Glenn moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the cost-share docket as amended.**

Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

### **Discussion and Possible Action on Dam Program (Tabled)**

This was tabled to gather more information and will be discussed at a future meeting.

**Update on Ditch-Work Projects**

Brinegar reported on the progress of ditch-work projects within the District.

**Update on Deshler Flood Study**

Brinegar reported on the Deshler Flood Study meeting she attended in August. No action was taken at the meeting.

**Other Business**

There was no other business.

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No other business was discussed.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:55 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 October 8, 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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