

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

December 10, 2019

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, December 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, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse Von Spreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Marlin Kimle.

Board members absent:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar; Dave Bedlan and Janet Valasek representing NRCS; Don Blankenau, legal counsel.

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 Heinrichs to approve the agenda for the December 10, 2019 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

There were no absences.

Approval of Minutes of November 12, 2019 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes.

MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

TREASURERS REPORTS – Kevin Kissinger

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

MOTION # 3 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Kissinger reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - North 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 – 17 yes votes.

Kissinger reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South 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 – 17 yes votes.

AUDITORS REPORT – Christy Haddan

Christy Haddan of Schulz and Associates reviewed the 2019 audits for the Little Blue NRD, Water Project North and Water Project South.

UPDATE ON COMPLAINT

A complaint was submitted to the Nebraska Attorney General's office regarding the District's failure to supply all records to the public for review. Don Blankenau, District's legal counsel, was present to discuss the matter. The reply from the Attorney General stated the withholding of time cards and time sheets for public review was permissible but mileage reimbursement documents must be disclosed.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Dave Bedlan

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

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle

Action to Approve MOA for NRCS

The Memorandum of Agreement with the NRCS was presented for approval. **Motion # 6 – Shaw moved, seconded by Brakhahn to Approve Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) for NRCS.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Other Business

There was no other business.

PROJECTS & PLANNING COMMITTEE – Bill Glenn

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

Action to Approve Shickley Drainage Application

A drainage project for the Village of Shickley was submitted for approval. **MOTION # 7 – Glenn moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve Village of Shickley drainage application in the amount of \$7,365.50.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action to approve Well Data Logger for Oxbow Project

Bids were taken for the installation of a data well logger for the Oxbow Project and three bids were received. **MOTION # 8 – Glenn moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to accept the bid of \$9,361 from In-Situ for the well data logger for Oxbow Project.** Carried by roll vote – 17 yes votes.

Action to Begin USDA Application Process for Rural Water Project

Options were received from the USDA for the purchase of water for the District's Rural Water Projects. Discussion was held and comments were received with concerns the NRD staff was withholding information from the Water Projects Advisory Board. **MOTION # 9 – Glenn moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve beginning the USDA application process for the Rural Water Projects to purchase water from the Village of Alexandria at \$0.91 per thousand gallons and a monthly meter fee of \$388.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Action to Approve Solicitation of Bids for NRD Vehicle and WP Vehicle

Money for the purchase of a pickup for both the District and the Rural Water Projects was included in the budget. **MOTION # 11 – Glenn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve solicitation of bids for the purchase of an NRD Vehicle and Water Projects Vehicle.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes bids.

Other Business

Glenn presented a draft letter to the City of Fairbury explaining the Water Projects process and decision to pursue the purchase of water from other sources. **MOTION # 10 – Glenn moved, seconded by Kissinger approve a letter to communicate with City of Fairbury about future water partnerships.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

APPOINT NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE FOR 2020 ELECTIONS

Warren Brakhahn, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Bill Glenn were appointed to serve as the Nominations Committee for the January 14, 2020 Board meeting elections.

OTHER BUSINESS

Goeschel distributed a list of Goals and Objectives to be included in the 2019 Master Plan and requested everyone rank the list in the order of importance. Kissinger requested the District speak to a producer regarding a drainage problem south of Fairfield.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:19 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 December 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.
