

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **April 12, 2022**

OPENING OF MEETING – Alan Wiedel

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 12, 2022, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Wiedel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Wiedel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Wiedel noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act was posted and available for anyone who may want to review the document.

Roll call was held.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board members present:

Glen Bredthauer, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Jessi Hoefft, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Marlin Kimle, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, and Alan Wiedel.

Board members absent:

Kevin Kissinger.

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar, Jessica Hedges; Chris Miller, Miller & Associates; Mike Placke, JEO Engineering; 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.

ACTION TO ADOPT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the agenda for the April 12, 2022, meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Kissinger had notified the office of his intended absence.

MOTION # 2 – Luebben moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the absence of Kissinger. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Approval of Minutes of March 8th, 2022, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes. **MOTION # 3 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the March 8, 2022, minutes as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Approval of Certified Acres: No changes to certified acres were presented.

TREASURERS REPORTS – Jay Meyer

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

MOTION # 4 - Meyer moved, seconded by Trausch to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water North Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Meyer moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project North Treasurer's report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Hoops, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Glenn.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 6 - Meyer moved, seconded by Kimle to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Hoops, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Glenn.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek: Valasek was not present.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman: Hoffman gave a brief report on happenings in the Legislature.

PRESENTATION OF COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS TO AWARD RECIPIENTS

Each year the district awards six scholarships to students attending a two- or four-year college majoring in a conservation, agriculture or environmental field. Jessica Hedges presented the scholarships to two of those students who were in attendance, Jayden Isernhagen and Katelyn Karr.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Out of State Travel Request – GMDA Annual Conference - Colorado: Per policy, approval must be granted for out-of-state travel. Tyler Goeschel is requesting to attend the GMDA Conference at Copper Mountain Resort, Colorado in June. **MOTION # 7 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Shaw approve Goeschel to attend the GMDA Annual Conference at the Copper Mountain Resort, CO June 20-22, 2022.** Motion carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Review Bids for Interior Office Painting: Bids were let for painting the interior of the office building, two bids were received. **MOTION # 8 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the bid from Painting Specialists in the amount of \$4,680 for painting the interior of the office building.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Declaration of Board Member Vacancy in Sub-District 7: Due to the death of Joe Hergott a vacancy exists in Sub-District 7. Ads to the fill the position at the May 10th meeting will be placed in the newspaper, on social media as well as contacting those who have shown an interest in the past. It will be noted in the ads that the position is an incumbent for the 2022 election and that they may file as a write-in if they wish to remain on the board.

Other Business: There was no other business.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

JEO Engineering – Proposal to Update NDEE 319 Plan – Prairie Lake Project: A proposal from JEO was received to update the NDEE 319 Plan – Prairie Lake Project. Phases 1 and 2 will be completed this fiscal year, if sufficient interest is shown, phase 3 will included in next year’s budget. **MOTION # 9 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the Little Blue NRD Water Quality Management Project (WQMP) – Prairie Lake Watershed with phases 1 and 2 to be completed this fiscal year.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Hastings Sidel Park – Urban Park & Recreational Trails Application: An Urban Park & Recreational Trails Assistance Program application was received from Sanitary Improvement District #2 (Idlewilde). **MOTION # 10 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Urban Park & Recreational Trails Assistance Program application for Sanitary Improvement District #2 (Idlewilde) in the amount of \$3,500 with the condition that a sign is posted that it is a public park.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Hoops, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. No: Schroer

Other Business: There was no other business.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Variance Request – 6S Farms, Deshler: A variance request was received for approval. **MOTION # 11 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Luebben to approve a variance request from 6S Farms to construct a well in the E 240 of section 19-2-3W.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. No: Hoffman, Hoops, Schroer and Shaw.

Other Business: There was no other business.

LITTLE BLUE VALLEY WATER SYSTEM PROJECT UPDATE – Chris Miller, Miller & Associates

Chris Miller of Miller & Associates gave a presentation on the background and progress being made in the Little Blue Valley Water System Project.

LITTLE BLUE VALLEY WATER SYSTEM PROJECT DISCUSSION – David Endorf

David Endorf gave a presentation in opposition to the Little Blue Valley Water System Project.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Don Fox commented on the Little Blue Valley Water System Project.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Wiedel adjourned the meeting at 9:30 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 April 12, 2022, 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.
