



# Little Blue Natural Resources District

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## Projects & Planning Committee Meeting Minutes

June 4, 2020

Present Committee Members: Bill Glenn, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Chuck Rainforth, Warren Taylor, Bob Trausch, **Jesse Von Spreckelsen**

Present Staff: Kyle Hauschild, Erika Brinegar, Tyler Goeschel

Von Spreckelsen called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. at NRD Board Room in Davenport.

### 1. Hubbell Drainage Project

Hubbell is on their fourth and final phase of their drainage project. Representatives from Hubbell spoke on how crucial it was for the town to complete this drainage project and how grateful they are that the NRD has helped them out. This phase was estimated to cost \$20,868.66 and the NRD would cover \$10,000 of that. **A motion was made by Von Spreckelsen, it was seconded by Hoffman, and unanimously approved up to \$10,000 for the Hubbell Drainage Project.**

### 2. Shickley Drainage Project

Shickley is on their third phase of the current drainage project. They are continuing North through the West Side Park. This phase was estimated to cost \$21,256 and the NRD would cost share on 50% of it for \$10,628.

**A motion was made by Von Spreckelsen, it was seconded by Rainforth, and unanimously approved the Shickley Drainage project for \$10,628.**

### 3. Edgar Drainage Project

Nick Schaefer, an Edgar representative, commented on Edgar's drainage project and road work that it being done. JEO had an intern come in and create some plans for them to improve their drainage in their flat town and widen a street. They are looking at improving F street. The committee wants to focus on the cost of the drainage and not the road work. They recommended that Edgar obtains bids from contractors on the drainage project before they move on with the cost share approval.

**No action was taken.**

### 4. Reynolds Drainage Project

Reynolds is on their second phase of the current drainage project. They are working on the northwest side of the village to connect to the big part of the project they completed last year. This phase was estimated to cost \$25,562.84 and the NRD would cost share on 50% of it for \$12,781.42.

**A motion was made by Hoffman, it was seconded by Von Spreckelsen, and unanimously approved the Reynolds Drainage project for \$12,781.42.**

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## 5. Carleton Drainage Project

Carleton requested cost share money to replace damaged concrete structures on 3<sup>rd</sup> and A street. The committee decided that this project did not meet the criteria of the Urban Conservation Cost Share Program. There was no improvement of channels in the project. **A motion was made by Hoffman, it was seconded by Von Spreckelsen, and unanimously denied the Carleton Drainage project for \$18,121.59.**

## 6. Alexandria Drainage Project

The Nebraska Department of Transportation is requiring the village to improve their drainage as part of their Highway 53 project. Alexandria is improving channels on Hwy 53 and 4<sup>th</sup> street, east for 464 feet. A representative from Alexandria was here to comment on the drainage. The project was estimated to cost \$5,890.96 and the NRD would cover \$2,945.48. **A motion was made by Taylor, it was seconded by Hoffman, and unanimously approved the Alexandria Drainage project for \$2,945.48.**

## 7. Dave Mazour Dam Update

Dave Mazour updated us on his dam. They received 3 bids from the contractors. The Engineer's estimate was \$56,542.76 and the lowest bid came in at \$61,700.40. They were content with that bid since it came in within 10% of the engineer's estimate. We approved \$39,200 for the budget in 2020 and the cost will go up to \$46,275.30. That number is 75% of the contractor's estimate **No action was taken.**

## 8. Discussion on the Urban Conservation Cost-Share Program

At the previous meeting it was brought up to change the cost share funding criteria. It currently states we may cover up to 50%, not to exceed \$300,000. The committee discussed changing it to "per capita" but did not think that would work well with the small villages. There are enough criteria for eligible projects that would sufficiently cover the necessary projects. S & P Dirtwork, commented that they do a lot of work for the towns in our district and how beneficial it is that the NRD helps cost share because most small towns can't afford to do it on their own and good drainage is a necessity for the citizens. They committee decided to keep the Urban Conservation Cost-Share Program as it is. **No action was taken.**

## 9. Contract for ADA Compliant Sidewalk at Prairie Lake

Two years ago, the NRD put up a new picnic shelter and ADA compliant restroom at Prairie Lake. We now need to connect the parking lot, picnic shelter, and restroom with a sidewalk. We sent out bids to local contractors and received 3 of them back. The board decided with the middle bid, A-One Concrete & Construction with a bid of \$4,050. This contractor was the one that did the work on the picnic shelter. **A motion was made by Hoffman, it was seconded by Rainforth, and unanimously approved A-One Concrete & Construction as the contractor for the ADA compliant sidewalk, for \$4,050.**

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## 11. Discussion on Larry Mussman’s Lone Star Land Proposal

Kyle commented on the 11 acres of land that Larry Mussman wants to donate to the NRD. The land is right north of Lone Star. The committee discussed wanting to do a term easement on the property. They were interested in further discussion of what to do with this property. **No action was taken.**

## 12. Other Business

-S & P Dirtwork and a Belvidere town board member asked if we would still accept their drainage application for \$2,843.10. The committee said they could take the application to the full board.

-Kyle announced that the Water Advisory Committee for the Water Project is meeting to discuss getting a digitized map of where the water lines are for the Water Project.

## Budget Meeting

- The first draft of the Projects Budget and the Research and Education budget was presented, reviewed, and recommended by the committee to be taken to the executive committee.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.