

# **LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

## **Minutes**

## **June 10, 2025**

### **CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jesse VonSpreckelsen**

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman VonSpreckelsen called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

### **ROLL CALL DIRECTORS**

Directors Present: Glen Bredthauer, Stewart Brinegar, Bill Glenn, Jessi Hoeft, Mason Hoffman, Alan Kenning, Kyle Knight, Russ Ochsner, Neal Onnen, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Jesse Vonspreckelsen, Lawrence Walker.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Jessica Hedges, Sara Schram, Alicia Epps, Janet Valasek; NRCS.

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

### **PUBLICATIONS OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

VonSpreckelsen announced the official district publications for notices. 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 –Ochsner moved to approve the agenda for the May 13, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Taylor.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes.

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

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Brent Hoops-Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes.

Approval of Minutes of May 13, 2025, Board Meeting

Approval of Certified Acres: There were no certified acres. **MOTION #2 –Schroer moved to approve Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

### **TREASURERS REPORTS – Bill Glenn**

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

**MOTION # 3 - Glenn moved to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Glenn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 4 - Glenn moved to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

## AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek gave a brief report on NRCS happenings.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman gave a brief report on the NARD.

NRC Report – Lyle Schroer gave a brief report on the NRC.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no open public comment.

Discussion/Review of Wildlife Habitat Management Plan for Bruning Dam – Scott Nelson presented a Wildlife Habitat Management Plan for Bruning Dam for the board's consideration. After highlighting important aspects of the management plan, Nelson requested that the board review the plan over the next month and bring suggestions to next month's meeting.

### Discussion/Action on Bowman 2-A Dam Repair Bid

Scott Nelson presented information on a bid to repair a watershed dam by lining a riser and spillway pipe. He requested that the board consider adding the cost of the repair bid to the FY 2026 Budget. **MOTION #5 – Knight moved to approve the bid and add to FY 2026 Budget, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Potential Revisions to the District's Operating Policy– VonSpreckelsen and Nelson reviewed potential revisions to the District's Operating Policy that were discussed in the executive committee meeting. Policy Revisions will be reviewed at the next Board Meeting.

Update on the Purchase of Land Near Prairie Lake Recreation Area-Scott Nelson gave an update on the status of purchasing land near Prairie Lake Recreation Area. The current landowner has leased out a portion of the land, which draws into question how much of the land can be purchased at this time.

Discussion/Action on Potential GWMP Rule Changes-Scott Nelson provided feedback from legal counsel regarding potential GWMP Rule Changes. No action was taken.

## EXECUTIVE SESSION:

**MOTION #6 – Hoffman moved to go into executive session at 8:13 pm to discuss FY 2026 Salaries and Benefits, seconded by Walker.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**MOTION #7 – Taylor moved to end executive session at 8:24 pm, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**MOTION #8 – Hoffman moved to approve the FY 2026 Salaries and Benefits changes, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

## OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

## ADJOURNMENT

Vonspreckelsen adjourned the meeting at 8:26 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 May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2025, 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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