

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

July 8, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman VonSpreckelsen called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bonifas, Stewart Brinegar, Bill Glenn, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Alan Kenning, Kyle Knight, Russ Ochsner, Neal Onnen, Aaron Paus, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Jesse Vonspreckelsen, Lawrence Walker.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Sara Schram, Alicia Epps, Jonathan Silva; 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 –Kenning moved to approve the agenda for the July 8th, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Hoffman. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Glen Bredthauer, Jessi Hoeft, and Lyle Schroer.

Approval of Minutes of June 10th, 2025, Board Meeting

Approval of Certified Acres: A list of certified acre changes was presented, Epps reviewed them. **MOTION #2 –Knight moved to approve Consent Agenda Items, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 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 Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 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 Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Jonathan Silva gave a brief report on NRCS happenings.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman had nothing to report on the NARD.

NRC Report – Lyle Schroer was absent, attending a NARD meeting for the NRC.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no open public comment.

Discussion/Action on the Wildlife Habitat Management Plan for Bruning Dam – The Wildlife Habitat Management Plan for Bruning Dam was presented at last month's meeting for the Board's review. **MOTION #5 – Glenn moved to approve the Wildlife Habitat Management Plan as presented, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Adams County FY 2026 Mill Levy Request – The preliminary Levy Request was presented to the board. **MOTION #6 – Paus moved to approve the Adams County FY 2026 Preliminary Mill Levy Request, seconded by Walker.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Revisions to the District's Operating Policy– VonSpreckelsen reviewed revisions to the District's Operating Policy that were discussed in the executive committee meeting. **MOTION #7 – Hoffman moved to approve the Revisions to the District's Operating Policy, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Revisions to the District's Personnel Policy– VonSpreckelsen reviewed the revision to the District's Personnel Policy regarding per diem rates for staff. **MOTION #8 – Kenning moved to approve the revision to the District's Personnel Policy, seconded by Bonifas.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Hay Bids-One hay bid was received and it was reviewed by the Board. **MOTION #9 – Shaw moved to approve the hay bid as it relates to Lonestar Recreational area but reject the bid for Liberty Cove, Roseland Lake, and Prairie Lake, seconded by Walker.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Copier Lease Proposals- Schram reviewed copier lease proposals with the Board. **MOTION #10- Ochsner moved to approve the lease proposal from Capital Management with a \$1 buyout option, seconded by Bonifas.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Contract with Longitude 103 for Database Services- Nelson reviewed contract information for a new Database Service. After some discussion, Hoffman moved to table the discussion until more research was conducted, seconded by Kenning. No action was taken.

Discussion/Action on Violation of Cease & Desist Order-Information regarding the violation of a Cease & Desist Order was discussed. The Board directed staff to follow the rules put forth in the District Operating Policy and pursue legal action.

Discussion/Action on GWMP Rule Involving the Filling of Ponds or Reservoirs- The Board held a general discussion regarding the Rule involving the filling of Ponds or Reservoirs for private recreational use. It was agreed that filling Ponds or Reservoirs does count against the allocation inches for the year.

Review/Discussion on FY 2026 Budget- Nelson presented a preliminary budget for Fiscal Year 2026 for the Board to review and bring questions and suggestions to next month's meeting.

Update on the Potential Purchase of Land- Nelson had no new information on the potential purchase of land at this time.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Vonspreckelsen adjourned the meeting at 9:10 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 July 8th, 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.
