

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Board Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Alan Wiedel

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Wiedel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Wiedel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bredthauer, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Jessi Hoeft, Mason Hoffman, Alan Kenning, Marlin Kimle, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel.

Directors Absent: Brent Hoops, Aaron Paus and Robert Trausch.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Jessica Hedges, Lucas Slieter; Janet Valasek, NRCS; Jon Mohr, LRE; members of the public.

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

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 Hoffman to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2022 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Hoops, Paus and Trausch notified the office of their intended absence.

Approval of Minutes of September 13, 2022, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

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

MOTION # 2 – Schroer moved, seconded by Luebben to approve the absence of Hoops, Paus and Trausch and the minutes of September 13, 2022, as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay Meyer

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

MOTION # 3 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water - North Project Treasurer's Report.

MOTION # 4 - Meyer moved, seconded by Kenning to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - North Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report.

MOTION # 5 - Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

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

NARD Report: Hoffman gave a report on the NARD Fall Conference held in Kearney September 26 and 27.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Review/Approve Bids for a New Skid Steer: Bids were solicited for the purchase of a skid steer and attachments. Five bids were received for the skid steer, Slieter provided information on the bids.

MOTION # 6 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Shaw to accept the bid from Landmark Implement for the purchase of a John Deere skid steer in the amount of \$65,450 and to have staff get the best deal possible on attachments. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Other Business: The Central Nebraska Ag Conference which is being held in Holdrege, NE is requesting sponsorship. **MOTION # 7 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Shaw to support the Central Nebraska Regenerative Agriculture Conference at the silver level of \$250.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Kenning, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. No: Kimle.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

No Projects and Planning Committee meeting was held.

Other Business: There was no other business.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

No Water Resources Committee meeting was held.

Other Business: There was no other business.

PRESENTATION OF THE LBVWS ANALYTICAL MODEL AND REPORT BY LEONARD RICE ENGINEERING

Jon Mohr presented the LBVWS Analytical Model Report. Questions from the directors were taken.

DISCUSSION/ACTION TO CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF MILLER & ASSOCIATES TO PROVIDE UPDATED COSTS & FUNDING OPTIONS FOR THE LBVWS PROJECT

MOTION # 8 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to authorize Miller & Associates Engineering to provide updated cost estimates and investigate potential funding options for the LBVWS project and no further action is being taken at this time. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

David Endorf expressed opposition to the LBVWS project. He provided a two-page email written about the project and gave comments on the LRE report. Orvis provided comments. Discussion was held.

Ron Williams inquired what was being used at a bedrock in the LRE report, why the location of the wells is being used and what the distance restrictions will be for drilling new wells in the area.

Susan Thomas commented on the LRE report and made comments.

Jacob Garberson of Mattson Ricketts Law Firm commented on the LRE report.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Wiedel adjourned the meeting at 9:00 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 October 11, 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.
