

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **October 12, 2021**

OPENING OF MEETING – Marlin Kimle

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 12, 2021, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Kimle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kimle 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:

Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Jessi Hoeft, Kevin Kissinger, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Alan Wiedel, Jay Wilder and Marlin Kimle.

Directors absent:

Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch Jesse VonSpreckelsen.

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar; Don Blankenau, Legal Counsel; Janet Valasek representing NRCS.

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, newspapers in the district and posted at the NRCS offices in the district and the Little Blue NRD office.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Luebben to approve the agenda for the October 12, 2021, meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Hoffman, Hoops, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch and VonSpreckelsen notified the office of their intended absence.

Approval of Minutes of September 14, 2021, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

Approval of Certified Acres: Certified acres change of 1434.56 acres was reported.

MOTION # 2 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the absences of Hoffman, Hoops, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch and VonSpreckelsen, minutes of September 14, 2021, as circulated, and certified acre changes. Carried by roll call vote – 10 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 Hergott to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer’s Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 4 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - North Treasurer’s Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 5 - Meyer moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer’s Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

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

NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs: Heinrichs reported on the NARD Conference held in Kearney September 27-28.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Action on Bids for Sale of District’s 2010 Ford F-150 Truck. Bids were accepted for the 2010 Ford F-150 truck, four bids were received. **MOTION # 6 – Kimle moved, seconded by Kissinger to accept the bid from Teddy Crosier in the amount of \$3,088 for the purchase of the 2010 Ford F-150 truck.** Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes.

Action to Consider Adding Structure Liability Failure Insurance Coverage for Significant and High Hazard Dams: The cost of adding structure liability failure insurance coverage on the district’s significant and high hazard dams was presented for consideration. No action came out of committee.

Little Blue Valley Water System Project – Property Acquisition Update: Don Blankenau reported on the progress being made on the agreement with the City of Fairbury to drill test wells and develop a conservation easement on the land being used for the wells.

Other Business: There was no other business.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Review/Action – Tree Program Policy: Changes to the Tree Program were presented for approval.

MOTION # 7 – Hergott moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the revised Tree Program Policy. Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes.

Action on Jim’s Kids LLC Private Dam Application: One dam rebuild application was presented for approval. **MOTION # 8 – Hergott moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the dam rebuild application of Jim’s Kids LLC at 75% cost share not to exceed \$17,302.50.** Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes.

Low Income Household Water Assistance Program: The Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is offering a federally funded Low Income Household Water Assistance Program until September 2023 to assist customers in paying a delinquent water bill. Discussion was held. **MOTION # 9 – Luebben moved, seconded by Hoeft to sponsor the Low Income Household Water Assistance Program.** Failed by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Hergott, Hoeft, Luebben and Kimle. No: Heinrichs, Kissinger, Meyer, Wiedel and Wilder.

General Update – Little Blue Valley Water System Project: Orvis presented and reviewed the cost estimates for the construction cost of the Little Blue Valley Water System Project from the Engineer. Additional information will be brought to the November meeting.

Other Business: There was no other business.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 7:45 P.M.

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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 12, 2021, 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.