# LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

## Minutes November 10th, 2026

**CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Brent Hoops**

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10th, 2026, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Board Vice President Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL DIRECTORS**

Directors Present: Glen Bonifas, Glen Bredthauer, Bill Glenn, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Alan Kenning, Kyle Knight, Russ Ochsner, Neal Onnen, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Sara Schram, Jessica Hedges, Ryan Hellbusch, Tim Hecke, Janet Valasek.

Hoops 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**

Hoops 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 –Hoffman moved to approve the agenda for the November 10th, 2026, meeting with the option of skipping items 16 and 17, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes, Shaw no, Knight absent.

**ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

**MOTION #2 –Schroer moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 11 yes, Knight absent.

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Brinegar, Hoeft, Taylor, Walker, VonSpreckelsen

Approval of Minutes of October 13th, 2026, Board Meeting

Approval of Certified Acres: There were no certified acres.

**TREASURERS REPORTS – Alan Kenning**

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Kenning reviewed the report. **MOTION # 3 - Kenning moved to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Bredthauer.** Carried by roll call vote – 11 yes votes, Knight absent.

Kenning reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 4 - Kenning moved to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Paus.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

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**AGENCY REPORTS**

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

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman gave a brief report on the latest NARD meeting as well as upcoming Legislative Conference.

NRC Report – Lyle Schroer had nothing to report on NRC.

STAFF REPORTS – Nelson gave a brief Managers Report on NRD and Water Project happenings.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request to Relocate Certified Irrigated Acres from NW ¼-20-4N-01W to SE ¼-11-3N03W & SE ¼-03-3N-03W. Orvis presented information on the request to relocate Certified Irrigated Acres **- MOTION #5 – Paus moved to the Relocation Request, seconded by Knight.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Review Fall 2026 Water Level Reports– Orvis reviewed the Fall 2026 Water Level Reports and gave a brief history on how water levels have been trending.

Discussion/Action on Bids for a New Tractor- Hecke reviewed bids that were received for a new tractor to be used for tree planting and road maintenance. A lengthy discussion was held. **MOTION #6 – Hoffman moved to approve the Purchase of a John Deere 4066R w/Loader and top tilt option, seconded by Paus.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on the Purchase of Video Surveillance Equipment for Main Office Building- Hecke reviewed costs from 4 providers for Video Surveillance Equipment. After some discussion, the Board Directed Hecke to obtain bids from 2 additional local security equipment providers. No action was taken.

Closed Executive Session – **MOTION #7 – Ochsner moved to enter Executive Session to discuss ongoing legal issues at 7:15 pm, seconded by Shaw.** Carried by roll call vote – 11 yes votes, Hoops no.

End Closed Executive Session **MOTION #8 – Hoffman moved to end Executive Session at 7:56 pm, seconded by Bonifas.** Carried by roll call vote, 12 yes votes.

## OTHER BUSINESS

Upcoming vacancies in Sub District 2.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Hoops adjourned the meeting at 7:58 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 November 10th, 2026, 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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