

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
November 29, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Alan Wiedel

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in a special meeting on Tuesday, November 29, 2022 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Wiedel called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Wiedel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bredthauer, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Jessi Hoefft, Mason Hoffman, Alan Kenning, Marlin Kimle, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Warren Taylor, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel. Steve Shaw arrived at 7:06

Directors Absent: Brent Hoops and Robert Trausch.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar; Chris Miller, Miller & Associates; 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 Luebben to approve the agenda for the November 29, 2022 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

MOTION # 2 – Schroer moved, seconded by Kenning to approve the absence of Hoops and Trausch. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Wiedel invited the public to feel free to offer comments regarding the Rural Water Projects future.

A member of the Rural Water Advisory Board of Directors commented that at past user meetings discussion indicated the Water Projects would look for their own source of water. He stressed the advisory board would like to hear from the public if that is really what they would prefer.

Ron Williams inquired what the total dollar figure would be and if the test wells were sampled.

Rich DeBoer of the Rural Water Advisory Board stated he did not want to go the route of abandoning the projects.

Ron Yantz provided cost information of a horizontal collector well system.

Craig Shumard of the Rural Water Advisory Board commented he did not wish to go back to purchasing water from Fairbury and to see our own source of water.

ACTION TO TERMINATE LBVWS INTER-LOCAL COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FAIRBURY

Nelson stated he needed direction from the board if they wish to terminate the Little Blue Valley Water System inter-local agreement with the City of Fairbury. He stated there were some bills that will have to be paid by both Fairbury and the LBNRD before the termination is final.

MOTION # 3 – Hoffman moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to terminate the LBVWS inter-local agreement with the City of Fairbury after all bills are paid by both parties. Carried by roll call vote
Yes: Bredthauer, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Kenning, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer, Paus, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Glenn.

REVIEW/ACTION ON WATER PURCHASE RENEWAL AGREEMENT WITH THE CITY OF FAIRBURY

The City of Fairbury has agreed to continue to sell water to the Little Blue Rural Water Projects. Nelson and Orvis negotiated the terms of the water purchase agreement with Fairbury and the terms were reviewed. **MOTION # 4 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Water Purchase Agreement with the City of Fairbury and authorize its signature.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

DISCUSSION/ACTION TO PURSUE FUNDING FOR A NEW WATER SOURCE FOR THE LITTLE BLUE PUBLIC WATER PROJECTS

Chris Miller of Miller & Associates provided a presentation of what the options are for a water supply and what options are wanted to be pursued. **MOTION # 5 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to have staff explore an inter-local agreement with the Village of Alexandria, speak with rural water users for their opinion and report their findings and move the meeting in December to the 15th.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ADJOURNMENT

Wiedel adjourned the meeting at 8:35 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 November 29, 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.
