

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
November 8, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Alan Wiedel

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Wiedel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Wiedel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bredthauer, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Alan Kenning, Marlin Kimle, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel.

Directors Absent: Jessi Hoeft.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar, Kathy Boysen; Don Blankenau, legal counsel; Janet Valasek, NRCS; Chris Miller, Miller & Associates; Christy Haddan, Schulz & 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 Taylor to approve the agenda for the November 8, 2022 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Hoeft notified the office of her intended absence.

Approval of Minutes of October 11, 2022, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

Approval of Certified Acres: A report of certified acre changes was presented.

MOTION # 2 – Shaw moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the absence of Hoeft, the minutes of October 11, 2022, as circulated, and certified acres. Carried by roll call vote – 16 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 Shaw to approve the director per diem and expense for Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman and Hoops. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kenning, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer, Paus, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman and Hoops.

MOTION # 4 - Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the director per diem and expense for Kenning, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer and Paus. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hoops, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Kenning, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer and Paus.

MOTION # 5 - Meyer moved, seconded by Kenning to approve the director per diem and expense for Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hoops, Kenning, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer and Paus. Abstain: Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel.

MOTION # 6 - Meyer moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the remaining Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 7 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - North Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 8 - Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 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 NRD directors meeting recently held in Wahoo.

AUDIT REPORT – CHRISTY HADDAN – CPA, SCHULZ & ASSOCIATES P.C.

Christy Haddan of Schulz and Associates reviewed the 2022 audits for the Little Blue NRD, Water Project North and Water Project South.

LBVWS PROJECT UPDATE BY CHRIS MILLER, MILLER & ASSOCIATES

Chris Miller of Miller & Associates presented information on the proposed Little Blue Valley Water System. Chris noted that the City of Fairbury voted to pursue different options for their water supply and will no longer be a member of Little Blue Valley Water System. Miller provided information on alternative options available, discussion was held. A special meeting will be held November 29 to further discuss the direction of the future of the rural water projects.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

The Executive Committee did not meet this month.

Other Business: There was no other business.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Review/Action on Inter-local Cooperative Agreement with the Village of Ayr – Crystal Lake
The district has assisted the Village of Ayr with the management of Crystal Lake Recreation Area by providing insurance on the property through an inter-local agreement which has expired. **MOTION # 9 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the Inter-Local Cooperative Agreement with the City of Ayr and authorize its signature.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Consider Approval to Move Forward with LBVWS Project and Authorize the General Manager to Secure Project Funding from USDA Rural Development: No action was taken.

Review/Action on Prices for Services: An updated 2023 Prices for Services was presented for approval. **MOTION # 10 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the 2023 Prices for Services with the addition of Weed Barrier Discs.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Other Business: There was no other business.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

No Water Resources Committee meeting was held.

Other Business: There was no other business.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Brian Thomas spoke in appreciation for the discussion held regarding the LBVWS and what options are available for the future.

OTHER BUSINESS

Schroer noted the grant application to the Water Sustainability Fund for the Hydro-Geo Update was approved. Nelson mentioned the report included in the packet from the Conservation and Survey Division was information on groundwater movement near the Kearney and Adams County line.

ADJOURNMENT

Wiedel adjourned the meeting at 9:05 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 8, 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.