

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **November 9, 2021**

OPENING OF MEETING – Marlin Kimle

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 9, 2021, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:10 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 Hoefft, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Kevin Kissinger, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Jay Wilder and Marlin Kimle.

Directors absent:

Alan Wiedel.

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar.

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 Schroer to approve the agenda for the November 9, 2021, meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoefft, Hoops, Kissinger, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wilder and Kimle. No: Hoffman.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Wiedel notified the office of his intended absence.

Approval of Minutes of October 12, 2021, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

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

MOTION # 2 – Taylor moved, seconded by Wilder to approve the absence of Wiedel and minutes of October 12, 2021, as circulated. 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 Heinrichs to approve the director expense and per diem for Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoefft Hoffman and Hoops. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kissinger, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wilder and Kimle. Abstain: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoefft, Hoffman and Hoops.

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

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

MOTION # 6 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs 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 Hergott 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 Schroer to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer’s Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action to Approve Opening Money Market Accounts for the Rural Water Projects at Cornerstone Bank:

MOTION # 9 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Hoefft, to open money market accounts for Little Blue Public Water Project North and Little Blue Public Water Project South at Cornerstone Bank. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek: Valasek was absent, no report was presented.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman: Hoffman reported on the NARD directors meeting held in Chadron. Discussion was held on water quality topics.

ACTION TO APPROVE REDISTRICTING MAP

Due to the 2020 Census, updated sub-district boundaries are being updated. Goeschel presented new proposed boundary lines. After discussion, Goeschel will make a few adjustments to the boundary lines and present them at the December meeting.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

There were no items to discuss.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Action on Resolution to Accept Completion of District's Hazard Mitigation Plan: The Little Blue and Lower Big Blue NRD's, along with JEO Consulting Group, updated their Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The Resolution to approve the Plan was presented for approval. **MOTION # 10 – VonSpreckelsen moves, seconded by Taylor to approve the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, and authorize the Chairman to sign.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Hoops, Kissinger, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wilder and Kimle. No: Hergott.

Action to Approve Test Well Agreement for the Little Blue Valley Water System (LBVWS) Project: An Agreement to approve the drilling of test wells for the Little Blue Valley Water System was presented for approval. **MOTION # 11 - VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the Ground Water Exploration Agreement to drill five test wells on the William and Mary Glenn property and authorize district staff to sign the Agreement.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Hoops, Kissinger, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wilder and Kimle. No: Hergott. Abstain: Glenn.

Other Business: Discussion was held on the district's recreation areas during the winter months. Staff suggested the areas remain open but have the utilities shut down from December 1 to April 1.

WATER COMMITTEE

There were no items to discuss.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was received.

OTHER BUSINESS

Nelson gave a brief report on the Manager's meeting he attended in Chadron.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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 9, 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.

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