

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

December 9, 2025

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday December 9th, 2025, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Board Chairman VonSpreckelsen 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, Stewart Brinegar, Bill Glenn, Jessi Hoeft, Alan Kenning, Kyle Knight, Russ Ochsner, Neal Onnen, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Lawrence Walker, Jesse Vonspreckelsen.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Sara Schram, Jessica Hedges.

VonSpreckelsen 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 –Ochsner moved to approve the agenda for the December 9th, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Schroer. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION #2 –Ochsner moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Schroer. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes.

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops

Approval of Minutes of November 13th, 2025, Board Meeting

Approval of Certified Acres: There were no certified acres.

TREASURERS REPORTS – Bill Glenn

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Glenn reviewed the report. **MOTION # 3 - Glenn moved to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Bredthauer.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Glenn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 4 - Glenn moved to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

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

NARD Report – There was nothing to report

NRC Report – Lyle Schroer gave a brief report on the NRC.

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request Located in the NW14 13-6N-11W- Ochsner presented his case for the variance request and the board held discussion. **MOTION #5 – Kenning moved to approve the Variance Request, Seconded by Bonifas.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes, Ochsner abstained.

Discussion/Action to Form a Nominating Committee for 2026 Board Officers. After some discussion, the Board asked for Volunteers to join the nominating committee. Hedges, Vonspreckelsen, and Knight volunteered.

Discussion/Action to Create a Temporary Groundwater Ad Hoc Committee to Review Potential Groundwater Management Plan Rule Changes. After some discussion, the Board asked for Volunteers to join the Committee. Brinegar, Kenning, Knight, Ochsner, Onnen, Paus, and Schroer volunteered. Ad Hoc committees are limited to 5 members.

Discussion/Action to Create a Temporary Recreation Ad Hoc Committee to Review Potential Recreation Area Rule Changes. After some discussion, the Board asked for Volunteers to join the Committee. Bredthauer, Glenn, Hoeft, Taylor, and Walker volunteered.

Discussion/Action on Potential Changes to the District's Operating Policies. Discussion on Potential Changes to the District's Operating Policies was tabled after the Board requested an additional review by the District's Legal Firm.

Discussion/Action on Potential Changes to the District's Personnel Policies Handbook. Discussion on Potential Changes to the District's Personnel Policies Handbook was tabled after the Board requested an additional review by the District's Legal Firm.

MOTION #6 – Paus moved to enter Executive Session at 6:58 PM to discuss legal and Finance Matters, seconded by Knight. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION #7 – Hoeft moved to end Executive Session at 7:18 PM, seconded by Walker. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Vonspreckelsen adjourned the meeting at 7:22 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 13th, 2025, 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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