

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

February 10, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 10th, 2026, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Board Chairman VonSpreckelsen called the meeting to order at 6:04 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, Mason Hoffman, Alan Kenning, 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, Dave Bedlan, members of the public.

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

VonSpreckelsen 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 February 10th, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Schroer. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Brent Hoops, Kyle Knight.

Approval of Minutes of January 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 Paus. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

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 Taylor. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Dave Bedlan gave a brief report on NRCS activities and advised the Board of his upcoming retirement.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman gave a brief report on NARD.

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

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Discussion/Action to upgrade our Annual Subscription for Microsoft Office Software- Hedges presented information and a request to upgrade the software for added security. **MOTION # 5 – Ochsner moved to approve the Annual Subscription for Microsoft Office Software Upgrade, seconded by Walker.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

REVIEW 2025 ANNUAL PUMPAGE REPORT

Orvis gave an overview of water usage across the district for the year 2025.

Discussion/Action on Notice that Signet Meters are Being Discontinued

Orvis reviewed the meters being discontinued and options for meters going forward. The Board took no formal action.

Discussion/Action to Approve Travel to NARD Washington D.C. Conference- The Board reviewed the upcoming NARD Washington DC Conference. Nelson presented the travel itinerary and expected costs.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request to Transfer Water from the E NE1/4 19-06-08W to SW1/4 19-06-08W- Orvis presented a variance request to transfer water from the E NE1/4 19-06-08W to SW14 19-06-08W. **MOTION #6 – Hoffman moved to approve the Variance Request, seconded by Bonifas.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request to Add Acres in 06-03-02W – Orvis presented an update to the variance request that was tabled at last month's meeting. **MOTION # 7 – Bonifas moved to approve the variance request, seconded by Bredthauer.** Carried by roll call vote – 10 yes votes; Hoffman, Paus, Schroer, Shaw, Vonspreckelsen – no.

Discussion/Action to Seek Funding for AEM Flight Data in Jefferson County– Nelson presented. **MOTION # 8 – Hoffman moved to seek finding for AEM Flight Data in Jefferson County, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to Issue Cease & Desist Orders for Non-Reporters of Water Usage

As of 4:15 p.m. on February 10th, 2026, all non-reporters have come into compliance. No Cease & Desist orders were needed.

Recreation Ad Hoc Committee Update. Hoelt updated the Board on the changes recommended by the committee to the Recreation Area Rules and Regulations.

Discussion/Action on Recreation Ad Hoc Committee Recommendations. MOTION # 9 – Hoeft moved to approve Prairie Lake Watershed Improvement Plan Phase 1, seconded by Kenning. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Water Resources Ad Hoc Committee Update

Members of the Water Resources Ad Hoc Committee provided an update on recommendations from the Committee regarding Water Resources.

MOTION #10 – Hoffman moved to enter Executive Session at 7:48 PM to discuss Legal Matters, seconded by Bredthauer. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION #11 – Hoffman moved to end Executive Session at 8:12 PM, seconded by Ochsner. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Vonspreckelsen adjourned the meeting at 8:17 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.
