

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **February 11, 2020**

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Kimle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kimle noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was posted and available for anyone who may want to review the document

Roll call was held.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board members present:

Warren Brakhahn, William Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Zachary Hollister, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel.

Board members absent:

None.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Marie Herbek, Erika Brinegar, Alicia Epps; Janet Valasek and Michael Perry representing NRCS and numerous members of the public.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF 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 mailed 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.

ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2020 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

There were no absences.

Minutes of January 14, 2020 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes. **MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the minutes of January 14, 2020 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Approval of Certified Acres

Adjustments to original certified acres were presented. **MOTION # 3 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the certified acres list.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

TREASURER’S REPORT – Jay Meyer

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were circulated.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue NRD Treasurer’s Report. **MOTION # 4 – Meyer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer’s report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project North Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Meyer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project North treasurer’s report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 6 - Meyer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Little Blue Water Project South treasurer’s report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Michael Perry

Perry gave a brief report on the happenings in the NRCS.

NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs gave a report on the NARD meeting held following the Legislative Conference. Heidi then gave a brief report of upcoming events. Kyle reviewed legislative bills that were discussed at the conference.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle

The Executive Committee prior to the regular meeting.

Motion to Approve Director Attendance for NARD D.C. Conference

No Directors were interested in attending.

Motion to Approve Staff Attendance for NARD D.C. Conference

Kyle and Tyler were interested in attending the NARD D.C. Conference in March. **MOTION # 7 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve staff to attend the NARD D.C. Conference.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Motion to Approve Funds Transfer for Shickley Drainage Project

Approval for the Shickley Drainage Project was given at the December meeting, funds were not in the budget and will be taken from the projects sinking fund. **MOTION # 8 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the transfer of \$7,365.50 from the projects sinking fund for the Shickley Drainage Project.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Motion to Amend LBNRD Operating Policy 16, Paragraph I

An amendment to the LBNRD Operating Policy 16 Paragraph I was submitted for approval. **MOTION # 9 – Kissinger moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the amended the LBNRD Operating Policy 16, Paragraph I as written.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Motion to Approve Updated Master Plan

The Master Plan was presented for approval. **MOTION # 10 – Schroer moved seconded by Rainforth to approve the updated Master Plan.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

Legal Counsel Budget Update

Kyle reported the budget line item for legal counsel has been exhausted and funds may have to be moved from another account to cover additional charges.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Possible Action for Well Variance

A possible well variance for the Adams County Fire Department was presented for approval. **MOTION # 11 – Hollister moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve a well variance for the Adams County Fire Department.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes

Update on Pumpage Reports

Kevin presented the 2019 Pumpage Report.

Discussion or Possible Action on Soil Sampling

This was tabled until the March meeting.

Update on Joint Geologic Study for Tri-Basin and Little Blue NRD

A meeting was held in conjunction with the Legislative Conference on the joint geologic study for the Tri-Basin and Little Blue NRD. Kevin reported on the meeting.

ACTION TO APPROVE BUFFER STRIP APPLICATION

One buffer strip application was presented for approval. **Shaw moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve buffer strip application for LaBass Irrevocable Trust in section 24–3W–1E of Jefferson County.** Carried by roll call vote – 17 yes votes.

ELECTION OF PROJECTS AND PLANNING CHAIRPERSON

The members of the Projects and Planning Committee voted for chairperson of the committee. Bill Glenn and Jesse VonSpreckelsen were nominated. VonSpreckelsen was elected to fill position receiving 5 votes, and Glenn receiving 3 votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

No other business was presented.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:08 P.M.

