

# LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

## Minutes

February 11, 2025

### CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Brent Hoops

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Vice Chairman Hoops called the meeting to order at 6:03 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, Brent Hoops, Alan Kenning, Russ Ochsner, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, and Warren Taylor. Directors Absent: Kyle Knight, Aaron Paus, and Jesse Vonspreckelsen.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Jessica Hedges, Sara Schram; Neal Onnen, Seametrics representative.

Hoops noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act is posted and available for anyone who may want to review the document.

### DIRECTOR VACANCY APPOINTMENT

The Board reviewed 2 applications for the vacancy in Sub-District 8. **MOTION #1 -Hoffman moved to appoint Neal Onnen as the Sub-District 8 Director.** By unanimous consent, Neal Onnen was appointed Director of Sub-District 8. Neal took the oath of office immediately following his appointment and became a voting member of the Board.

### 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 #2 –Hoffman moved to approve the agenda for the February 11, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Ochsner.** By unanimous consent, the board meeting agenda was adopted.

### ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: By unanimous consent, the Board accepted Board Member Absences for Kyle Knight, Aaron Paus, and Jesse Vonspreckelsen.

Approval of Minutes of January 14th, 2025, Board Meeting: **MOTION # 3 –Hoffman moved to approve the minutes for the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Ochsner.** By unanimous consent, the Board approved the minutes of the January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025, meeting.

Approval of Certified Acres: no certified acres currently.

### TREASURERS REPORTS – Bill Glenn

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Glenn reviewed the report.

**MOTION # 4 - Glenn moved to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 9 yes votes, Hoffman, Hoops, Ochsner, and Shaw abstained.

Glenn reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Glenn moved to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

## **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS Report** – NRCS Rep was not present.

**NARD Report** – Mason Hoffman: Hoffman gave a brief report on the NARD and the Legislative Conference.

**NRC Report** – Lyle Schroer: Schroer had nothing to report

Discussion/Action to approve travel to NARD Washington D.C. conference. **MOTION #6 -Hoffman moved to approve travel expenses for 1 staff member and up to 2 Directors, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to consider adding Seametrics Model PS32 to the Approved Meter List **MOTION #7 - Hoffman moved to add Seametrics Model PS32 to the Approved Meter List, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to consider new truck bids received by Little Blue NRD: Scott Nelson presented information regarding the two truck bids that were submitted. **MOTION #8 -Hoffman moved to approve the purchase of 2025 Ford F150 for \$45,334.40, seconded by Bonifas.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

## **TRANSFER WATER REQUEST FROM E1/2 21-1-4W to NW 27-1-4W**

Kevin Orvis presented a request to transfer water and a discussion was held. **MOTION #9 – Hoffman moved to deny the water transfer request, seconded by Bredthauer.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes, Shaw - No vote.

## **ADD ACRES IN SW1/4 35-7-10w**

Kevin Orvis presented a request to add irrigated acres and a discussion was held. **MOTION #10 – Ochsner moved to approve the addition of irrigated acres, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to seek Grant Funding for AEM Flight Data in Jefferson County. A representative from AEM presented information for providing Flight Data in Jefferson County **MOTION #11 –Kenning moved to authorize staff to seek Grant Funding for AEM Flight Data, seconded by Schroer.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Non-Compliance of Annual Pumpage Reports. Kevin presented information on non-compliant people who have not completed their annual Pumpage reports. Cease and Desist Letters have been generated and are ready to be sent. **MOTION #12 – Hoffman moved to direct staff to send Cease and Desist letters to non-compliant persons, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

Ochsner requested that the amount of Per Diem for district meetings be looked at next month.

