

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 11th, 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 14th, 2025, meeting as presented, seconded by Ochsner.** By unanimous consent, the Board approved the minutes of the January 14th, 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 Nelsen 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Hoops adjourned the meeting at 8:40 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 January 14th, 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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