

**LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes** **February 8, 2022**

**OPENING OF MEETING – Alan Wiedel**

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, February 8, 2022, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Wiedel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Wiedel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Roll call was held.

**DIRECTORS PRESENT**

**Board members present:**

Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Jessi Hoeft, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, and Alan Wiedel.

**Board members absent:**

Marlin Kimle and Courtney Luebben.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar; Janet Valasek representing the NRCS; Don Blankenau, legal counsel; numerous members of the public.

**PUBLICATIONS OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

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 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the agenda for the February 8, 2022, meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

**ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Kimle and Luebben had notified the office of their intended absences.

Approval of Minutes of January 11th, 2022, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

Approval of Certified Acres: Certified acre changes were provided.

**MOTION # 2 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the absence of Kimle and Luebben, the minutes of the January 11, 2022, meeting, as circulated, and the certified acre changes.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

### **TREASURERS REPORTS – Jay Meyer**

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

**MOTION # 3 – Meyer moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the director per diem and expense for Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoefft, Hoffman and Hoops.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoefft, Hoffman and Hoops.

**MOTION # 4 – Meyer moved, seconded by Hoops to approve the director per diem and expense for Kimle, Kissinger, Luebben, Meyer and Schroer.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoefft, Hoffman, Hoops, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Kissinger, Meyer and Schroer.

**MOTION # 5 – Meyer moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the director per diem and expense for Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wilder and Wiedel.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoefft, Hoffman, Hoops, Kissinger, Meyer and Schroer. Abstain: Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel.

**MOTION # 6 - Meyer moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the remaining report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water North Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 7 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 8 - Meyer moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

### **AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS Report – Janet Valasek:** Valasek gave a brief report on happenings at the NRCS.

**NARD Report – Mason Hoffman:** Hoffman reported on the NARD Legislative Conference held in Lincoln January 25 and 26.

### **CONSIDERATION OF SUB-DISTRICT THREE BOARD MEMBER**

#### **APPLICATIONS**

Wiedel noted a vacancy exists in Sub-District 3 due to the death of Jay Wilder. Two letters of interest to fill the vacancy were received and both candidates were in attendance. Wiedel introduced the candidates to be nominated, John Nelson and Glen Bredthauer, and asked them to make a few comments about their interest in becoming a member of the Little Blue NRD Board. Wiedel asked for any other nominations from the floor, there were none. **MOTION # 9 -Kissinger moved, seconded by Hoefft to cease nominations.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

The Directors then, by show of hands, voted on the candidate they chose to fill the position. The results were as follows; Nelson – 2 votes, Bredthauer – 12 votes.

Bredthauer was declared the winner and promptly took the Oath of Office as NRD Director for Sub-District # 3.

### **ACTION TO APPROVE NOMINATIONS FOR STANDING COMMITTEES**

The list of proposed standing committee members was presented for approval. Wiedel asked for any requested changes, there were none. **MOTION # 10 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the proposed standing committees for 2022.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### **LBVWS PROJECT – SUSAN THOMAS, LANDOWNER**

Susan Thomas addressed the board in opposition to the proposed Little Blue Valley Water System Project.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Review 2022 Vehicle Bids: Bids were let for the purchase of a new pickup; two bids were received.

**MOTION # 11 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Shaw to purchase a 2022 Ford F-150 from Kenesaw Motors in the amount of \$43,613.20.** Motion carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### **PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Projects and Planning Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Discussion/Action on Urban Conservation Cost-Share Program: Proposed changes to the Urban Conservation Cost-Share Program were presented for approval. Discussion was held. **MOTION # 12 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the proposed changes to the Urban Conservation Cost-Share Program as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Action on Edgar Urban Parks and Recreation Cost-Share Application: An application was received for the Urban Park and Recreational Trails Assistance Program. **MOTION # 13 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the application from the City of Edgar for Urban Park and Recreational Trails Assistance Program cost-share in the amount of \$4,560.00.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion on Feasibility Report of Upgrading Electrical Services at Buckley Creek: Staff compiled a feasibility report for additional electrical camper hook-ups at Buckley Creek Recreation Area. After discussion it was recommended to table the project at this time.

### **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Review 2021 Irrigation Water Use Summary Report: Orvis reviewed the irrigation water use summary report for 2021. Average use for all acres in the district went up from 6.7 inches to 8.0 inches.

Discussion/Action on Non-Reporting of Irrigation Use: All producers have submitted their annual pumpage report for 2021, no action was necessary.

