

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

March 10, 2020

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10, 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, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel.

Board members absent:

Kevin Kissinger.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Erika Brinegar, Heidi McClintock; Janet Valasek and Robert Boettcher 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 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the agenda for the March 10, 2020 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences

Kissinger notified the office of his intended absence.

Minutes of February 11, 2020 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes. **MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the absence of Kevin Kissinger and the minutes of February 11, 2020 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Approval of Certified Acres

Adjustments to original certified acres were presented. **MOTION # 3 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the certified acres list.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Terry Sorensen of Minden provided a comment on the District's Groundwater Rules & Regulations (see attached).

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 less checks #48959 and 48984 which are to be held for separate action.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

MOTION # 5 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve checks # 48959 and 48984. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Hollister and Trausch.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project North Treasurer's Report.

MOTION # 6 - Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project North treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 7 - Meyer moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the Little Blue Water Project South treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Robert Boettcher

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

NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs gave a report on the NARD meeting held in Lincoln March 9th. Heidi then spoke a bit on the National Envirothon being held in Lincoln in July.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle

Legal Counsel Budget

There was nothing to report on this.

PROJECTS & PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Action to Approve Engineer for Kenesaw Drainage Project

Proposals were accepted for engineers for the Kenesaw Drainage Project, five proposals were received. **MOTION # 8 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hergott to select FolyShald/Common Sense and JEO as the engineers for the Kenesaw Drainage Project.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Hollister, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn.

Action to Approve Buffer Strip Application

Six Buffer Strip applications were presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Shaw to approve Buffer Strip applications for Theresa Smith in N1/2 31-7-9W in Adams County, Gary E Peppie Revocable Living Trust in pt. E1/2 30-5-1W of Fillmore County, Darrin Nienheuser in the NW1/4 3-6-10W of Adams County, Allen Lintz in the S1/2NW1/4 16-3-1E of Jefferson County, Aaron Augustin in the NE1/4 20-8-11W in Adams County and Osler Land Corp. in the SW1/4 5-8-12W of Adams County.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action to Select Scholarship Winners (Heidi McClintock)

Thirteen high school applications and one college application were received for the Little Blue NRD scholarships. **MOTION # 10 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve Regan Alfs, Kennedy DeBoer, Jonathan Kerwood, Nolan Weber and Ellie Norlen to receive a Little Blue NRD 2020 Secondary education scholarship.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Other Business

Joe Hergott suggested Snake Creek near Deshler as a watershed project, Heidi will speak at the Fairbury FFA Banquet and present their scholarship awards and Bill Glenn inquired about the possibility of getting the Village of Shickley's drainage funds from another budgeted project that will not be used rather than from the Projects Fund.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Water Resources Committee met February 25th.

Action to approve Amended Soil Sampling Rules

The Committee discussed possible changes to the soil sampling rules. **MOTION # 11 – Hollister moved, seconded by Brakhahn to amend rule 2.12.1 of the District's Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations and refer it to a public hearing.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Update on WQ-25

No action was taken. An approved product list will be created first and a cost-share amendment will be revisited later.

Action to Update LB-21A & B Cost-Share

Most years program LB21A & B has money left over, being underutilized, partly due to the wording of the policy. **MOTION # 12 – Hollister moved, seconded by Brakhahn to amend LB-21A & B wording as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action to Update IWM-2 Cost-Share

Discussion was held on amending the wording of IWM-2 cost-share. **MOTION # 13 – Hollister moved, seconded by Shaw to amend the wording of IWM-2 cost-share as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action to approve Paul LB-21A

An exception to LB-21A was presented for approval. **MOTION # 14 – Hollister moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the Paul exception to LB-21A.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Action to Approve Bohlen LB-21A

Another exception to LB-21A was presented for approval. **MOTION # 15 – Hollister moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Bohlen exception to LB-21A.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Tyler Goeschel presented a few updated to business within the office.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:06 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 March 10, 2020, 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.
