

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

March 10, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Mason Hoffman

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, March 10th, 2026, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Board-Member Hoffman called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPOINT TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN

With the absence of both the Board Chairman and Board Vice Chairman, a temporary chairman must be appointed. Hoffman volunteered and the Board agreed by unanimous consent.

ROLL CALL DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bonifas, Stewart Brinegar, Bill Glenn, Jessi Hoeft, Mason Hoffman, Alan Kenning, Kyle Knight, Russ Ochsner, Neal Onnen, Aaron Paus, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Lawrence Walker.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Sara Schram, Jessica Hedges, Alicia Epps, Janet Valasek, members of the public.

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

PUBLICATIONS OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE

Hoffman 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 #1 –Ochsner moved to approve the agenda for the March 10th, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Kenning. Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION #2 –Hoeft moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Ochsner. Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes.

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Glen Bredthauer, Brent Hoops, Lyle Schroer, Jesse Vonspreckelsen.

Approval of Minutes of February 10th, 2026, Board Meeting

Approval of Certified Acres: There were no certified acres.

TREASURERS REPORTS – Alan Kenning

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Kenning reviewed the report. MOTION # 3 – Kenning moved to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Ochsner. Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Kenning reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 4 - Kenning moved to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Knight.**

Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek gave a brief report on NRCS activities.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman gave a brief report on NARD.

NRC Report – Lyle Schroer was absent.

STAFF REPORTS – Scott Nelson gave a brief Managers Report on NRD happenings.

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request to Relocate Gravity Irrigated Acres from the E1/2 of SW1/4 05-05-05W to Center Pivot Irrigated Acres in NE1/4 09-05-05W.-Orvis presented a variance request to relocate Gravity Irrigated Acres. **MOTION # 5 – Kenning moved to approve the Variance Request, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on a Variance Request to Add Acres in NW1/4 24-02-05W- Orvis presented a variance request to add acres in NW1/4 24-02-05W. **MOTION #6 – Knight moved to approve the Variance Request, seconded by Brinegar.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Water Resources Ad Hoc Committee Update

Members of the Water Resources Ad Hoc Committee provided an update on recommendations from the Committee regarding Water Resources. No formal action was taken.

Update Staff and Director Banking Authorization Signatures to remove William Glenn and Jay Meyer and add Jesse Vonsprekleson, Warren Taylor, and Alan Kenning – **MOTION # 7 – Ochsner moved to approve the Update to Staff and Director Banking Authorization Signatures, seconded by Paus.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update– Nelson went over the payment structure for updating the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. **MOTION # 8 – Knight moved to approve the payment of \$5800 over 2 years to update the Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Recreation Area Maintenance Bids. - Nelson presented the bids received for Recreation Area Maintenance and the Board discussed expectations for Recreation Area Maintenance. **MOTION # 9 – Paus moved to approve the Recreation Area Maintenance Bids as presented, seconded by Hoeft.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Scholarship Recommendations. – Hedges presented scholarship recommendations to the Board and discussion was held. **MOTION # 10 – Hoeft moved to award scholarships to Trevor Lindauer, Megan Macklin, Molly Hansmire, Hutchinson Vacek, Beau Bonifas, and Kamille Karr, seconded by Walker.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes, Bonifas abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Hoffman adjourned the meeting at 7:37 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 10th, 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.
