# LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT Minutes April 14, 2020

# **OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska and via video conference. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Kimle 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: Warren Brakhahn, William Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs,

Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Marlin Kimle, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel. Steve Shaw

joined the video conference late.

**Board members absent:** Joe Hergott

OTHERS PRESENT Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek,

Erika Brinegar, Heidi McClintock.

# 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 – Meyer moved, seconded by Kimle to approve the agenda for the April 14, 2020 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

# **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

#### Minutes of March 10, 2020 Board Meeting

There were no changes to the minutes. MOTION # 2 – Kissinger moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the minutes of March 10, 2020 as circulated. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay Meyer

Copies of the Treasurer's Reports were provided. Meyer reviewed the Little Blue NRD, Little Blue Public Water Project North and Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's Reports. MOTION # 3 – Meyer moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve the Little Blue NRD, Little Blue Public Water Project North and Little Blue Public Water Project South treasurer's reports and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

# **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Marlin Kimle**

Motion to Accept Recommendation of Miller and Associates as Little Blue Water Projects Engineer
Bids were accepted for an Engineer for the Rural Water Projects new water source, three were
interviewed. MOTION # 4 – Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve Miller and Associates as
the Engineer for the Rural Water Projects new water source project. Carried by roll call vote – 15
yes votes.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

No comments were received.

#### **OTHER BUSINESS**

Kyle reported on the public hearing for the Rural Water Projects water source project and upcoming committee meetings.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

| Kimle adjourned the meeti | ng at 7:40 P.M. |
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| COUNTY OF THAYER          | )               |
| 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 April 14, 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.



# STATE of NEBRASKA OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR

# LINCOLN

# EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 20—03 CORONA VIRUS – PUBLIC MEETINGS REQUIREMENT LIMITED WAIVER

WHEREAS, In order to provide flexibility to assist in meeting the emergency conditions and subsequent impacts brought on from COVID-19, a state of emergency was declared in Nebraska on March 13, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the State of Nebraska is committed to providing seamless government operations to the people of Nebraska throughout the state of emergency; and

WHEREAS, state and local governmental boards, commissions and other public bodies must comply with the Open Meetings Act so that citizens may exercise their democratic privilege of participating in meeting of public bodies; and

WHEREAS, for public health purposes, meetings and gatherings have now been limited to no more than 50 people and may be further limited if the presence of COVID-19 warrants;

**NOW THEREFORE,** I, Pete Ricketts, Governor of the State of Nebraska, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of Nebraska, hereby issue this limited waiver of certain requirements of the Nebraska Open Meetings Act.

Pursuant to this declaration, I hereby order the following:

- 1. This executive order applies to all governing bodies as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1409 (1) and to all public meetings as defined in Neb. Rev. Stat. § 84-1409 (2).
- 2. All governing bodies may meet by videoconference or by telephone conferencing or by conferencing by other electronic communication so long as there is made available at such meeting access to members of the public and to members of the media.

- 3. The advanced publicized notice and the agenda requirements for meetings that are set forth in Neb. Rev. Stat. §84-1411 and the remaining provisions of Nebraska's Open Meeting Act shall continue to be complied with by all governing bodies and are not waived by this executive order.
- 4. This waiver shall apply to all public governing body meetings that occur from today through May 31, 2020.

**IN WITNESS THEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Nebraska to be affixed on this 17th day of March, 2020.

#### **ATTEST:**



Pete Ricketts, Governor

Robert B. Evnen, Secretary of State