

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

April 14, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, April 14th, 2026, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Board President VonSpreckelsen called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Kyle Knight, Russ Ochsner, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Jesse VonSpreckelsen.

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

VonSpreckelsen 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

VonSpreckelsen 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 April 14th, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Schroer. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION #2 –Hoffman moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Ochsner. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes.

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Neal Onnen, Lawrence Walker.

Approval of Minutes of March 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, Knight and Paus abstained.

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 Ochsner. Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 gave a brief report on NRC.

Discussion/Action on 2025 Audit Report – Kyle Overturf reviewed the audit report for FY 2025 and concluded that the audit presented fairly. **MOTION #5 – Hoops moved to approve the FY 2025 audit report, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes.

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Discussion/Action on NRD Abandoned Well Cost Share Program – Orvis reviewed the current Abandoned Well Cost Share Program and limit amounts. As the cost of abandoning a well has increased, Orvis proposed increasing the Cost Share Program from 75% up to a limit of \$500, to 50% up to a limit of \$1500.00. **MOTION #6 – Shaw moved to increase the Cost Share Program for Abandoned Wells to 50% up to a limit of \$1500.00, seconded by Hoffman.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes, Glenn and Knight abstained.

Discussion on Certified Acres, Allocations & Variances- VonSpreckelsen requested this agenda item to give a general overview of the NRD rights as it relates to Certified Acres, Allocations & Variances.

Discussion/Action on GWMP Rule Changes- Nelson highlighted the potential updates to GWMP Rules. The Board asked Nelson to have legal give one more review before acting.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

VonSpreckelsen adjourned the meeting at 8:43 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 April 14th, 2026, 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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