

# **LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

## **Minutes**

## **June 18, 2020**

### **OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska and via video and phone conference. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:07 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, Marlin Kimle, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Lyle Schroer, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel. Kevin Kissinger and Robert Trausch joined the video/phone conference. Connection for remote members was poor.

### **OTHERS PRESENT**

Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Mandy Klipp, Alicia Epps, Erika Brinegar, Heidi McClintock; Janet Valasek 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, the public website of the Little Blue NRD and posted at the NRCS offices in the district and the Little Blue NRD office.

### **ADOPTION OF BOARD MEETING AGENDA**

**MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the agenda for the June 18, 2020 meeting, (rescheduled from June 9, 2020) as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Taylor notified the office of his intended absence.

Notification of Certified Acres: Adjustments to certified acres were presented.

Minutes of May 12, 2020 Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

**MOTION # 2 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Schroer to approve all consent agenda items.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Trausch).

## **ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay Meyer**

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were circulated.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report and discussed the new accounting cutoff dates will be changed to the end of each month. This was approved and recommended by our CPA, Christi Haddan.

**MOTION # 3 – Meyer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

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

**MOTION # 4 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project North treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Trausch).

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5- Meyer moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Little Blue Water Project South treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Trausch).

## **NARD REPORT**

Heinrichs gave a report on the NARD Awards given out and on the increase to the health insurance program. Kyle then also spoke about the damage to the NARD building in Lincoln during the riots and that the NARD is in the search for a new location.

## **PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Jesse VonSpreckelsen**

**Motion to Approve Hubbell Drainage Project** Action on this project was postponed from last meeting. **MOTION #6 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hergott to approve Hubbell drainage project for 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$10,000.** Carried by roll call – Yes: Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn and Heinrichs (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Kissinger).

**Motion to Approve Shickley Drainage Project** Action on this project was postponed from last meeting. **MOTION #7 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hergott to approve Shickley drainage project for 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$10,628.** Carried by roll call – Yes: Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn and Heinrichs (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Kissinger).

## **Discussion of the Edgar Drainage Project**

Edgar requested bids for their project after the Projects Committee meeting and reapplied. No action taken at this time.

**Motion to Approve Reynolds Drainage Project** Action on this project was postponed from last meeting. **MOTION #8 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Glenn to approve Reynolds drainage project for 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$12,781.42.** Carried by roll call – Yes: Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn and Heinrichs (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Kissinger).

### **Discussion of Carleton Drainage Project for \$18,121.59.**

Carleton's Drainage Project was denied at the Project's Committee meeting because it did not meet the criteria of the Urban Conservation Cost-Share Program. No action was taken.

**Motion to Approve Alexandria Drainage Project** Action on this project was postponed from last meeting. The State of Nebraska Department of Roads is making this mandatory due to road work around the village. **MOTION #9 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Glenn to approve Alexandria drainage project for 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$2,945.48.** Carried by roll call – Yes: Glenn, Hergott, Hoffman, Kellogg, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer, Shaw, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn and Heinrichs (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Kissinger).

### **Update on Dave Mazour Dam Cost-Share Money.**

Dave Mazour spoke to give updates on the contractor bids for the dam that are set out as follows: *75% of the original NRCS estimate was \$39,200. 75% of the low bid came in at \$46,275.30.* No action is needed at this time.

**Motion to Approve A-One Concrete for the ADA Sidewalk at Prairie Lake** Three bids were presented to the Projects committee as follows: AAA Best Concrete \$3,300, A-One Concrete \$4,050 and Ben Engel Construction \$4,638.42. The committee went with A-One Concrete since committee members were familiar with their work since they have done previous concrete jobs at Prairie Lake. They turned down the lowest bid since it was a late bid and the unfamiliarity of their work. **MOTION # 10 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to grant A-One Concrete the ADA sidewalk job at Prairie Lake for the bid of \$4,050.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Kissinger).

### **Discussion on Larry Mussman's Lone Star Land Proposal**

### **Discussion of Projects & Planning and Research & Education Budget**

The first draft of the Projects & Planning Budget and Research & Education Budget were reviewed.

### **Update on Village of Ong Cost Share Application**

### **Discussion on the Urban Conservation Cost-Share program.**

At the previous meeting it was brought up to change the cost share funding criteria. It currently states we may cover up to 50%, not to exceed \$300,000. The committee discussed changing it to "per capita" but did not think that would work well with the small villages. There are enough criteria for eligible projects that would sufficiently cover the necessary projects. S & P Dirtwork, commented that they do a lot of work for the towns in our district and how beneficial it is that the NRD helps cost share because most small towns can't afford to do it on their own and good drainage is a necessity for the citizens. The committee decided to keep the Urban Conservation Cost-Share Program as it is. No action was taken.

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Warren Brakhahn**

### **Motion to Approve Beehive Online Reporting Upgrade.**

Alicia Epps gave a report on how the Beehive database system will allow operators in the district to submit soil reports and pumpage reports online. LBNRD was given a quote of \$25,000 to upgrade.

**MOTION #11 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the upgrade to the Beehive system for the amount of \$25,000.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes (No vote recorded due to lost connection with Kissinger).

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Janet Valasek from NRCS gave a quick update on the phase opening of NRCS offices in our district due to the Covid-19 outbreak.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

It was decided to schedule a Director's workshop at the first part of August to discuss budgets and have an education program related to NRD information.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:29 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 June 18, 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.

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