

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
July 12, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Alan Wiedel

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 12, 2022, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Wiedel called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Wiedel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

CONSIDERTATION OF BOARD MEMBER NOMINEES FOR SUB-DISTRICT 5 VACANCY

A vacancy in sub-district 5 was advertised to be filled due to the resignation of Kevin Kissinger. No letters of interest were received. The vacancy will be re-advertised.

ROLL CALL OF DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bredthauer, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Jessi Hoeft, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Alan Kenning, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel.

Directors Absent: Marlin Kimle.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar, Kathy Boysen; Janet Valasek representing NRCS; John Mohr of Leonard Rice Engineering; members of the public.

NOTE: THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT IS POSTED BY THE WEST DOOR

Wiedel 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

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

Nelson noted the following change had properly been added to the posted board meeting agenda at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting: Item 11a, Discussion/Action on Adams County FY 2023 Mill Levy Request. **Motion # 1 – Hoeft moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the agenda for the July 12, 2022 meeting with change.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Approval of Minutes of June 14th, 2022, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

Approval of Certified Acres: No changes to certified acres were presented.

Motion # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the absence of Kimle and the June 14, 2022, minutes as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

TREASURERS REPORTS – Jay Meyer

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Meyer reviewed the report.

Motion # 3 – Meyer moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer’s Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water North Project Treasurer's Report. **Motion # 4 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project North Treasurer’s report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **Motion # 5 - Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer’s report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek: Valasek gave a brief report of happenings in the NRCS.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman: Hoffman noted there was nothing new to report.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Discussion/Action on Adams County FY 2023 Mill Levy Request:

Motion # 6 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Hoffman to adopt the following resolution: BE IT RESOLVED that, in accordance with State Statute 77-3443, the Little Blue Natural Resources District Board of Directors hereby requests a fiscal year 2023 levy allocation of \$1,832,075.36 and authorize the Chairman to sign. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to Sell the District’s 2014 Ford F-150: Due to the purchase of a new pickup the 2014 Ford F-150 will offered for sale. **Motion # 7 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Trausch to authorize staff to advertise the 2014 Ford F-150 for sale on Big Iron.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Discussion/Review Draft FY 2023 Budget: Nelson gave a brief review of the progress of the FY 2023 budget.

Other Business: There was no other business.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Action on Hay Bids: Bids were let for the harvesting of hay at the district owned properties. **Motion # 8 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the high bids for hay removal at Liberty Cove, Bruning Dam, Roseland Lake, Prairie Lake and Lone Star.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Review Preliminary Investigation Feasibility Report (PIFR) – West Branch 32 – Mile Creek Watershed: Information was provided on the proposed project on the West Branch Thirty-Two Mile Creek Watershed.

Discussion/Review Draft FY 2023 Budget: The FY 2023 budget was approved.

Other Business: No other business was discussed.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Water Resources Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

Hoops noted the FY 2023 budget was approved.

Discussion/Action to Apply for a Water Sustainability Grant to Update the District’s 2011 Hydrogeologic Study: A proposal from Leonard Rice Engineering to update the district’s 2011 Hydrogeologic Study was discussed. John Mohr was present to answer questions.

Discussion/Action to Hire Leonard Rice Engineering to Prepare and Submit a Water Sustainability Grant for the District’s 2011 Hydrogeologic Study:

Motion # 9 – Hoops moved, seconded by Shaw to authorize Leonard Rice Engineering to apply for a grant on the district’s behalf to update the district’s 2011 Hydrogeologic Study at a cost of \$6,000. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Other Business: There was no other business.

OTHER BUSINESS

Goeschel gave a brief report of the GMDA Conference he recently attended at Copper Mountain, CO.

ADJOURNMENT

Wiedel adjourned the meeting at 7:45 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 July 12, 2022, 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.
