

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

July 18, 2020

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. 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, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Marlin Kimle.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Erika Brinegar; Janet Valasek representing NRCS and 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 Schroer to approve the agenda for the July 14, 2020 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Hergott & Rainforth notified the office of their intended absence.

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MOTION # 2 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Taylor to approve all consent agenda items. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Notification of Certified Acres: None were presented.

ACTION ON TREASURER'S REPORT – Jay Meyer

Copies of the Treasurer's Report were circulated.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report.

MOTION # 3 – Meyer moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

MOTION # 4 – Meyer moved, seconded by Schroer to approve director per diem and expense for Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman and Kellogg. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman and Kellogg.

MOTION # 5 – Meyer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve director and per diem for Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Schroer and Shaw. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kellogg, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. Abstain: Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer and Shaw.

MOTION # 6 – Meyer moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve director per diem and expense for Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer and Shaw. Abstain: Taylor, Trausch VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle.

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

MOTION # 7 - Meyer moved, seconded by Schroer 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

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 8- Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs 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

AGENCY REPORT

NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs: Heinrichs reported the NARD is working from home until they have a new office to move into. The NARD fall conference may have to be cancelled.

NRCS: Janet Valasek reviewed the happenings in the NRCS offices.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Committee met June 25th.

Action to Approve Employee Family Insurance Coverage: The addition of the benefit to share a portion of employee's family health insurance was proposed. **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to Approve Employee Family Insurance Coverage at the rate of 30%.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Heinrichs, Kellogg, Meyer, Shaw, Taylor, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Hoffman, Kissinger, Schroer and Trausch.

Action to Approve Employee Salary FY 20-21 Adjustments: The Employee salary adjustments were proposed. **MOTION # 10 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to allocate \$20,000 (2.65%) in the FY 2021 Budget for staff salary adjustments.**

After discussion Kimle made a friendly amendment and Brakhahn agreed to a friendly amendment to the previous motion to include 3.5% for salary adjustments. Failed by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Glenn, Kellogg, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kissinger, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor and Trausch.

MOTION # 10 – Hoffman moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve 2.65% salary be allocated for FY 2021 salary adjustments. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Action to Approve Managers Salary Adjustment: **MOTION # 11 – Kimle moved, seconded by Brakhahn to set the Manager’s salary at \$115,000 for FY 2021.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Action to Request for Mill Levy for FY 2021: **MOTION # 12 – Kimle moved, seconded by Hoffman to 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 2021 levy allocation of \$2,290,398.21.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

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

Action to Approve Belvidere Drainage Project: The Village of Belvidere requested assistance for drainage improvements. **MOTION # 13 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Belvidere Drainage Project for 50% of the total cost not to exceed \$2,345.10.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Action to Approve Edgar Drainage Project: The City of Edgar requested assistance for drainage improvements. **MOTION # 14 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the Edgar Drainage Project for 50% of the total cost, not to exceed \$3,996.50.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Russ Ochsner made comment on erosion occurring on his property due to the Roseland Dam being silted in.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:25 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 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.
