

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Minutes

July 14th, 2026

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, July 14th, 2026, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Board President VonSpreckelsen called the meeting to order at 6:58 p.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL DIRECTORS

Directors Present: Glen Bredthauer, Bill Glenn, Jessi Hoeft, Alan Kenning, Russ Ochsner, Neal Onnen, Aaron Paus, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Lawrence Walker, Jesse VonSpreckelsen.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Kevin Orvis, Tim Hecke, Sara Schram, Alicia Epps, Jessica Hedges, Ryan Hellbusch, 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 DECLARE A DIRECTOR VACANCY

The board directed Nelson to seek interest from candidates for a Director Vacancy in Sub-District 7. **MOTION #1 -Kenning moved to Declare a Director Vacancy in Sub-District 7, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote, 12 yes votes.

ACTION TO ADOPT BOARD MEETING AGENDA

MOTION #2 –Taylor moved to approve the agenda for the July 14th, 2026, meeting as presented, seconded by Ochsner. Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

MOTION #3 –Ochsner moved to approve consent agenda items, seconded by Hoeft. Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes.

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Glen Bonifas, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Kyle Knight

Approval of Minutes of June 9th, 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 # 4 - Kenning moved to approve the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Paus.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Kenning reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Kenning moved to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project Treasurer's Report as presented, seconded by Shaw.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek gave a brief report on NRCS activities.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman was absent.

NRC Report – Lyle Schroer gave a brief report on NRC.

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

OPEN PUBLIC COMMENT – There was no public comment.

Discussion/Action to Approve NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan Roth Amendment–. **MOTION #6 – Shaw moved to approve the NARD 457 Deffered Compensation Plan Roth Amendment, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to Approve Norris Public Power Service Agreements for LBPWP- **MOTION #7 – Paus moved to Approve the Norris Public Power Service Agreements for LBPWP, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 11 yes votes, Glenn abstained.

Discussion/Action on Adams County FY 2027 Mill Levy Request. – **MOTION #8 – Hoeft moved to approve the Adams County FY 2027 Mill Levy Request, seconded by Schroer.** Carried by roll call vote, 12 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to Approve Public Recreation Area Rule Changes –Proposed changes were listed at the public hearing prior to this meeting. **MOTION #9 – Shaw moved approve the Recreation Area Rule Changes, seconded by Walker.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to Approve Groundwater Management Plan Rule Changes. – Proposed changes were listed at the public hearing prior to this meeting. **MOTION #10 – Ochsner moved to Approve Groundwater Management Plan Rule Changes, seconded by Kenning.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Municipal Water System Cost Share Request from City of Clay Center-**MOTION #11 – Shaw moved to approve the Cost Share Request, Contingent on splitting the cost, seconded by Glenn.** Carried by roll call vote – 11 yes votes, VonSpreckelsen abstained.

Discussion/Action on LBPWP Water Meter Bids- A bid for Municipal Supply was reviewed. **MOTION #12 – Paus moved to approve the Municipal Supply Water Meter Bid, seconded by Ochsner.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Discussion/Action on Hay Bids – 2026 Hay Bids were reviewed by the Board. **MOTION #13 – Ochsner moved to accept the 2026 Hay Bids as presented, seconded by Paus.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Review/Discussion on Draft FY 2027 Budget. Nelson gave a brief overview of the current Draft FY 2027 Budget. No action was taken.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

VonSpreckelsen adjourned the meeting at 7:58 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 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.
