

**LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes** **August 10, 2021**

**OPENING OF MEETING – Marlin Kimle**

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kimle called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Kimle led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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:**

Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Jessi Hoeft, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Courtney Luebben, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel, Jay Wilder and Marlin Kimle.

**Directors absent:**

Kevin Kissinger.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar, Jessica Hedges, Tim Hecke; Dave Bedlan representing NRCS; members of the public.

**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, newspapers in the district 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 Luebben to approve the agenda for the August 10, 2021 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS**

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

Approval of Minutes of July 13, 2021, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

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

**MOTION # 2 – Taylor moved, seconded by Schroer to approve the absence of Kissinger and the minutes of July 13, 2021 as circulated.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**ACTION ON TREASURER’S REPORT – Jay Meyer**

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

**MOTION # 3 – Meyer moved, seconded by Schroer to approve Director expense and per diem for Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoeft, Hoffman and Hoops.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel, Wilder and Kimle. Abstain: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoeft, Hoffman and Hoops.

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

**MOTION # 5 – Meyer moved, seconded by Shaw to approve Director expense and per diem for Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel, Wilder and Kimle.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoeft, Hoffman, Hoops, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor. Abstain: Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel, Wilder and Kimle.

**MOTION # 6 - Meyer moved, seconded by Luebben to approve the remaining Little Blue NRD Treasurer’s Report as presented with the exception of check # 50049.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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

**MOTION # 7 - Meyer moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project - North Treasurer’s Report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 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 Public Water Project - South Treasurer’s Report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

NRCS Report: Bedlan gave a brief report on the happenings at the NRCS.

NARD Report: No report was presented.

**INTRODUCTION ON NEW STAFF MEMBERS**

Nelson introduced Jessica Hedges as the Media & Communications Specialist and Tim Hecke as the Natural Resources Technician.

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

The Executive Committee met prior to the regular meeting.

LID Exception: **MOTION # 9 – Kimle moved, seconded by Hoeft to approve the Resolution to allow a one percent addition to the Little Blue NRD FY 2022 Restricted Fund Authority.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Motion to Advance FY 21-22 Budget to Hearing Stage in September: The FY 21-22 budgets were reviewed by Nelson. **MOTION # 10 - Kimle moved, seconded by Hoffman to Advance FY 21-22 Budget to Hearing Stage in September.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to Create a Resolution Related to Executive Order 14008 “Tracking the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad”. Discussion was held, further discussion will be held at the September 14<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Other Business: There was no other business.

## **PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

The Projects and Planning Committee met August 3rd.

Discussion/Action of Board Resolution for Nebraska Game & Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Recreation Improvements at Lone Star and Liberty Cove: A resolution was presented for approval to apply for a grant from the Nebraska Game and Parks for rest room and playground improvements at both Liberty Cove and Lone Star Recreation Areas. **MOTION # 11 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Wiedel to approve the Nebraska Game & Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant Resolution of Acquisition or Development for Outdoor Recreation at Lone Star and Liberty Cove and authorize the Chairman to sign.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Approve Date/Time/Location for Holding a Public Meeting Regarding Recreation Improvements at Lone Star and Liberty Cove: A part of the LWCF Grant is to receive public input on the recreation area improvements. Public meetings are planned at Lone Star and Liberty Cove to receive comments and input on the proposed improvements. **MOTION # 12 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve public meetings be held at Liberty Cove and Lone Star Recreation Area’s on August 27<sup>th</sup> to receive input on proposed improvements to the parks.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Appoint 2 Board Members and/or Staff to Serve as Board Members for the Little Blue Valley Water System: Two members from the LBNRD are required to be appointed to the Little Blue Valley Water System Board. **MOTION # 13 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Resolution appointing Scott Nelson and Kevin Orvis to serve on the Board of the Little Blue Valley Water System and authorize its signature.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman, Hoops, Luebben, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel, Wilder and Kimle. No: Hergott.

Other Business: There was no other business.

## **WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

Review Vadose Zone Study Final Report: Goeschel gave a presentation on the Vadose Zone Study that was completed. Questions were answered and discussion held.

Other Business: There was no other business.

## **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Joe Hergott commented on the weed barrier sold by the District.

## **OTHER BUSINESS**

There was no other business.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:15 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 August 10, 2021, 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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