

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board Meeting Minutes
August 9, 2022

CALL MEETING TO ORDER – Alan Wiedel

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, August 9, 2022, at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Wiedel called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Wiedel led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

INSTALLATION OF NEW BOARD MEMBER IN SUB-DISTRICT 5

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, Mason Hoffman, Brent Hoops, Alan Kenning, Jay Meyer, Lyle Schroer, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen and Alan Wiedel.

Directors Absent: Jessi Hoeft m Courtney Luebben and Marlin Kimle.

Others Present: Scott Nelson, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kevin Orvis, Erika Brinegar, Kathy Boysen, Alicia Epps; 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

Motion # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve the agenda for the August 9, 2022 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

Acceptance of Board Member Absences: Hoeft, Luebben and Kimle had notified the office of their intended absence.

Approval of Minutes of July 12th, 2022, Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

Approval of Certified Acres: Epps explained the process of how and when acres are considered certified irrigated acres. A list of additional certified irrigated acres was presented.

Motion # 2 – Taylor moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the absences of Hoeft, Luebben and Kimle, the July 12, 2022, minutes as presented and the list certified acres. Carried by roll call vote – 13 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 Kenning to approve the director per diem and expense for Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoeft, Hoffman and Hoops. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Kenning, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman and Hoops.

Motion # 4 – Meyer moved, seconded by Hoops to approve the director per diem and expense for Kenning, Kimle, Luebben, Meyer and Schroer. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hoops, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Abstain: Kenning, Meyer and Schroer.

Motion # 5 – Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the director per diem and expense for Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Bredthauer, Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Hoops, Kenning, Meyer and Schroer. Abstain: Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel.

Motion # 6 – Meyer moved, seconded by Taylor to approve the remaining Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water North Project Treasurer's Report. **Motion # 7 - Meyer moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project North Treasurer's report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Meyer reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **Motion # 8 - Meyer moved, seconded by Glenn to approve the Little Blue Public Water Project South Treasurer's report as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek: Valasek was not present.

NARD Report – Mason Hoffman: Hoffman noted the NARD fall conference is scheduled to be held in Kearney September 26 – 27.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE

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

Discussion/Action on Board Resolution for Nebraska Game & Parks Land and Water Conservation Fund Grant for Recreation Improvements at Lone Star, Liberty Cove and Prairie Lake: Discussion was held regarding adding the purchase of playground equipment for Lone Star, Liberty Cove and Prairie Lake to the FY 2023 budget and applying for a grant from the NE Game & Parks Land & Water Conservation fund for 50% of the cost. **Motion # 9 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Glenn to approve adding playground equipment for Lone Star, Liberty Cove and Prairie Lake recreation areas to the FY 2023 budget contingent upon if a grant from the NE Game & Parks Land & Water Conservation is received for 50% of the cost and to authorize the signature of the Resolution for the grant** Carried by roll call vote – 13 yes votes.

Discussion/Action to Include Funds for FY 2023 Budget for Lake Hastings WQMP Project:
The City of Hastings initiated a Quality Assurance and Project Plan with NE Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) for Lake Hastings water quality sampling and gauge monitoring, The Little Blue and Upper Big Blue NRD's have been requested to assist with the cost of the project. All directors were invited to attend a tour August 19th to review the project. **Motion # 10 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve \$8, 272 be added to the FY 2023 budget to assist with the Quality Assurance and Project Plan for Lake Hastings and added the Little Blue NRD will not be obligated to contribute future funds towards the project.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hoffman, Kenning, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. No: Bredthauer, Hoops, Meyer and Schroer.

Other Business: Discussion on a Director's tour in the future was held.

DESIGNATE VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE FOR 2022 NARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The NARD annual conference will be held September 26 -27. Mason Hoffman is the NARD representative and will attend the conference and be the district's voting delegate. Lyle Heinrichs is the alternate and will also be attending the conference.

FY 22-23 Budget Review

Nelson reviewed the FY 22-23 budget.

Motion on Lid Exception – 1% Increase to Restricted Fund Allowance

Motion # 11 – Shaw moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to approve the Resolution to allow a one percent addition the Little Blue NRD FY 2023 Restricted Fund Authority. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Hoffman, Kenning, Meyer, Schroer, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen and Wiedel. No: Bredthauer, Heinrichs and Hoops.

MOTION TO ADVANCE FY 22-23 BUDGET TO HEARING STAGE IN SEPTEMBER

Motion # 12 – Hoffman moved, seconded by VonSpreckelsen to advance the draft FY 22-23 budget to public hearing on September 13, 2022. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hoffman inquired about the Blue River Basin Model project, Heinrichs had questions on the upcoming NARD conference, Hoops made comments about the ARK Land flow test results, Shaw inquired about the Lutkemeier well concerns, Nelson informed all of the upcoming IMP meeting in Minden, Kenning asked questions about the Hebron River Access project.

ADJOURNMENT

Wiedel adjourned the meeting at 8:20 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 9, 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.
