

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **September 17, 2020**

6:45 PM – Public Hearing to Set the FY 2021 Budget Final Tax Request

Open Hearing & Public Notice

Kimle opened the public hearing for the FY 21 budget review at 6:45 p.m. and presented the publication of notice. Hauschild reviewed the FY 2021 tax request and mill levy.

Questions, Comments, Testimony

No questions or comments were received.

Close of Hearing

Kimle closed the hearing at 6:48 p.m.

OPENING OF MEETING – MARLIN KIMLE

The Directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, September 17, 2020 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:

Warren Brakhahn, Bill Glenn, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Mason Hoffman, Everett Kellogg, Kevin Kissinger, Jay Meyer, Charles Rainforth, Steve Shaw, Warren Taylor, Robert Trausch, Jesse VonSpreckelsen, Alan Wiedel and Marlin Kimle.

Board members absent

Lyle Schroer.

OTHERS PRESENT

Kyle Hauschild, Tyler Goeschel, Marie Herbek, Kathy Boysen, Erika Brinegar; Janet Valasek 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, radio, television and 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 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the agenda for the September 17, 2020 meeting as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

ACTION TO APPROVE CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS

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

Approval of Minutes of August 11, 2020 Board Meeting: There were no changes to the minutes.

Certified Acres: A list of changes in certified acres was presented.

MOTION # 2 – Hoffman moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the absence of Schroer, the minutes of August 11, 2020 as circulated and certified acre changes. 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 Heinrichs to approve the Little Blue NRD treasurer's report and payment of bills 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 Hergott to approve the report and payment of bills 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 Hoffman to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs: Heinrichs reviewed the proposed NARD Resolution to be presented at the Fall NARD Conference on September 26-27 in Kearney.

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek: Valasek gave a report on the happenings in the NRCS offices.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Marlin Kimle

Motion to Approve the 20-21 Levy: **MOTION # 6 – Wiedel moved, seconded by Hoffman that the Little Blue NRD Board of Directors accept the Resolution on the final adoption of FY 2021 budget and property tax request of \$1,938,767.72 which will require a property tax levy rate of 0.022387.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Motion to Approve Insurance Proposal for New Insurance Provider: Bids were let for the District's insurance coverage. One bid was received and was interviewed. **MOTION # 7 - Hoffman moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the insurance bid of The Harry A. Koch Co.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Director Interviews and Selection: Hauschild noted that a Board Member vacancy existed in Sub-District 2 due to Zach Hollister moving outside of the sub-district boundaries. Letters of interest were received from Courtney Peeler, Brent Hoops and Andrew McCarty. Each candidate was asked to make a few comments about their interest in becoming a member of the Little Blue NRD Board. Hauschild then explained the procedure used to appoint the new Director. **Kimle nominated Courtney Peeler, Wiedel nominated Andrew McCarty and Hoffman nominated Brent Hoops into nomination to fill the vacancy position in Sub-District #2.**

The Directors then, by show of hands, voted on the candidate they chose to fill the position. The results were as follows; Peeler – 2 votes, McCarty - 2 votes, Hoops - 11 votes.

Hoops was declared the winner and promptly took the oath of office as NRD Director for Sub-District #2.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – Warren Brakhahn

The Water Resources Committee met September 8.

Motion to Approve Ong Request for New Well Construction: The Village of Ong applied for the Municipal Water System Assistance Program. **MOTION # 8 – Brakhahn moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the Village of Ong Cost Share Application for \$10,000, spread out over 2 years-\$5,000 each year.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Hoops, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Glenn.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Jesse VonSpreckelsen

The Projects and Planning Committee met September 15.

Motion to Approve Buffer Strip Applications: Four Buffer Strip applications were presented for approval. **MOTION # 9 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Kissinger to approve Buffer Strip applications for Cindy Williams of Fillmore County, Will Corman, Pamela Corman Living Trust and Danny Corman Living Trust of Nuckolls County.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Motion to Amend Outdoor Classroom Program: A revision to the District's Outdoor Classroom Grant was presented for approval. **MOTION # 10 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve eliminating the 10-year commitment for the Outdoor Classroom Grant.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Motion to Approve Urban Parks and Trails – Fairbury Isaac Park: An application was received from the City of Fairbury for the Urban Park & Recreational Trails Assistance Program. Laura Bedlan was present to discuss the application. **MOTION # 11 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Glenn to approve Fairbury Urban Park and Trails Cost-Share – Isaac Park for \$36,500.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Glenn, Heinrichs, Hergott, Hoffman, Hoops, Kellogg, Kissinger, Meyer, Rainforth, Shaw, Taylor, Trausch, VonSpreckelsen, Wiedel and Kimle. No: Brakhahn.

Motion to Approve Authorization of LBNRD staff to approve Buffer Strip Applications: **MOTION # 12 – VonSpreckelsen moved, seconded by Hoffman to approve authorization of LBNRD Staff to approve Buffer Strip applications.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No comments were received.

OTHER BUSINESS

Hauschild reported on the Steve Harms request for the District to hold an easement.

ADJOURNMENT

Kimle adjourned the meeting at 8:32 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 September 17, 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.
