

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **June 21, 2011**

OPENING OF MEETING – RICHARD KAHMAN

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kahman called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Kahman led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kahman noted that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meeting Act was posted and available for any one who may want to review the document

Roll call was held.

DIRECTORS PRESENT

Board members present:

Mike Allen, Warren Brakhahn, James Cunningham, Ross Fisher, Edward Fleharty, Jeremy Groves, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Marlin Kimle, Sacha Lemke, Charles Rainforth, John Rieckman, Steve Shaw, Gene Thomas, Randy Uhrmacher and Rich Kahman.

Directors absent:

Tim Pohlmann

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Daryl Andersen, Kevin Orvis, Marlene Faimon, Marie Herbek; Janet Valasek representing the NRCS.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF OFFICIAL DISTRICT NOTICE PUBLICATIONS

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, 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

Onnen noted that the following changes had properly been added to the posted board meeting agenda at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting: Remove item 12h, Wetland Mitigation Agreements – Site 73 and add Item # 14, Executive Committee Report. **MOTION # 1 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the corrected agenda for the June 21, 2011 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA - ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES AND MINUTES OF MAY 10, 2011 BOARD MEETING

Onnen noted that Pohlmann had notified the office of his intended absence and was excused.

MOTION # 2 – Hergott moved, seconded by Heinrichs to accept the absence of Pohlmann and to approve the minutes of May 10, 2011. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

TREASURER'S REPORT – Joe Hergott

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

MOTION # 3 – Hergott moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 4 - Hergott moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Hergott reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 -**

Hergott moved, seconded by Kimle to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Janet Valasek

Valasek gave a brief report of the activities in the NRCS offices.

NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Lyle reported on the NARD Board meeting he attended on June 13.

NRC Report – Joe Hergott

Joe gave a brief report on the NRC meeting held on June 9 in Sidney, NE.

STAFF REPORTS – Mike Onnen

The staff report was mailed to the Director's earlier. Onnen reviewed the report and answered questions.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Jim Cunningham

A Water Resources Committee meeting was held May 31 and also prior to the regular Board Meeting.

Hastings Wellhead Protection Rules

Hastings Wellhead Executive Committee discussed the use of a nitrogen exhibitor. **MOTION # 6 - Cunningham moved, seconded by Heinrichs to present the draft policy for management of the Hastings Wellhead Protection Area at a public hearing.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Groundwater Transfer Permits

Two groundwater transfer permits were presented. **MOTION # 7 - Cunningham moved, seconded by Uhrmacher to approve the groundwater transfer request for Alan Wiedel from the Southwest ¼ of Section 31-3N-3W to the Southeast ¼ of Section 31-3N-3W.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Cunningham, Fisher, Fleharty, Groves, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kimle, Lemke, Rainforth, Rieckman, Thomas, Uhrmacher and Kahman. No: Brakhahn and Shaw.

MOTION # 8 - Cunningham moved, seconded by Fisher to approve the transfer permit for Bernard Hinrichs from the Northeast ¼ of section 21-4N-2W to the four corners that lie at the center of the section. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fisher, Fleharty, Groves, Heinrichs, Hergott, Kimle, Rainforth, Rieckman, Shaw, Thomas, Uhrmacher and Kahman. Abstain: Lemke

Rules and Regulations Considerations

The rules are still under review by the Committee and no action was proposed at this time.

Orvis gave a brief report on the dedicated observation wells network and the first years' results.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT - Ed Fleharty

The Projects and Planning Committee met June 16.

Village of Ruskin Drainage Project

The Village of Ruskin is interested in completing a community drainage improvement project and requested assistance from the District. **MOTION # 9 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to assist the Village of Ruskin with 50% of cost share funds for a drainage study and storm water drainage improvements up to \$30,000.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fisher, Fleharty, Groves, Hergott, Kimle, Lemke, Rainforth, Rieckman, Shaw, Thomas, Uhrmacher and Kahman. No: Heinrichs

Bruning Rural Fire Department Dry Hydrant for Bruning Dam

The Bruning Rural Fire Department has requested that the Little Blue NRD provide materials for the installation of a dry hydrant at the Bruning Dam. **MOTION # 10 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Thomas to provide materials to install a dry hydrant at the Bruning Dam for the Village of Bruning up to \$750.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes

Village of Ayr – Crystal Lake Improvements

The Village of Ayr made a request for some improvements at the Crystal Lake Recreation Area to enhance the camping facilities. **MOTION # 11 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to award the Village of Ayr with \$5,000 towards improvements to Crystal Lake Recreation Area.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes

Cost Share Projects

Discussion was held on cost share practice LB-21. Action was tabled and it will be sent back to Committee.

Buffer Strip Program Application

One Buffer Strip applications was presented for approval. **MOTION # 12 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Shaw to approve a six acre Buffer Strip Application in the amount of \$649.20 for General Ag Service of Nuckolls County in 28-1N-5W.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Engineering Agreement for Dam Site 73 Development

A site inspection proposal submitted by Schemmer and Associates for dam site 73 was presented. **MOTION # 13 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Groves to approve the Engineering Service Contract for Site 73 with Schemmer and Associates not to exceed \$34,800 plus reimbursable expenses estimated of \$3,500.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

Bids for Site 73 Roadway Construction

Bids were solicited for the Site 73 roadway construction. Two bids were received. **MOTION # 14 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Heinrichs to award Collins Contracting a contract for Site 73 roadway construction in the amount of \$213,121.70.** Carried by roll call vote – 16 yes votes.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH COMMITTEE REPORT – Warren

Brakhahn

The Information and Research Committee met prior to the regular Board Meeting to prepare their FY 2012 budget. No action is necessary at this time.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Rich Kahman

The Executive Committee met prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

MOTION # 15 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Fleharty to designate \$15,000 in the FY 2012 budget for staff salary adjustments and to set the Manager’s salary at \$75,190 for FY 2012.

Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Brakhahn, Cunningham, Fisher, Fleharty, Groves, Hergott, Kimle, Lemke, Rainforth, Rieckman, Shaw, Thomas, Uhrmacher and Kahman. Abstain: Heinrichs.

FINAL LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT

Onnen gave the final Legislative Activity Report for the year.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT – REPORT ON NRD WESTER TOUR

Onnen gave a presentation on the NRD Basin tour of Western Nebraska and Eastern Wyoming that he and Orvis participated in.

ADJOURNMENT

Kahman adjourned the meeting at 9:25 P.M.

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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 June 21, 2011, 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.
