

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **May 10, 2011**

OPENING OF MEETING – RICHARD KAHMAN

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kahman called the meeting to order at 7:50 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:

Warren Brakhahn, James Cunningham, Ross Fisher, Edward Fleharty, Jeremy Groves, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Sacha Lemke, Charles Rainforth, John Rieckman, Steve Shaw, Gene Thomas, Randy Uhrmacher and Rich Kahman. Mike Allen arrived at 8:10

Directors absent:

Marlin Kimle and Tim Pohlmann

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Daryl Andersen, Kevin Orvis, Marlene Faimon, Kent Thompson, Marie Herbek, Phil Odom, Andy Raun, Frank Kwopnioski, Mike Placke, Mike Schwab, Dane Hume, Tim Alfs, Paul Soucie; Shanda Weber and 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 change had properly been added to the posted board meeting agenda at least 24 hours prior to the commencement of the meeting: Discussion of Unit 8 Modeling will follow Item # 12. **MOTION # 1 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the corrected agenda for the May 10, 2011 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA - ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES AND MINUTES OF April 12, 2011 BOARD MEETING

Onnen noted that Kimle and Pohlmann had notified the office of their intended absence and were excused. **MOTION # 2 – Heinrichs moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the absences of Kimle and Pohlmann and to approve the minutes of April 12, 2011.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 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 Cunningham to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

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

MOTION # 4 - Hergott moved, seconded by Shaw to approve the report and payment of bills as presented. Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

Hergott reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Hergott moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 14 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Shanda Weber

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

RC&D Report

No report was available this month.

STAFF REPORTS – Kevin Orvis

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

REPORT FROM JEO ON HYDROGEOLOGIC MAPPING AND GROUNDWATER PLANNING TOOLS

JEO was hired by the District to conduct a Hydrogeologic Study for the District and was present to deliver a draft report of their findings, display various maps that have been produced and answer questions.

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Jim Cunningham

A Water Resources Committee meeting was held prior to the regular Board Meeting.

Report on Spring Water Levels – Kevin Orvis

Orvis presented the updated static water levels to the Committee. The average water level across the District rose 0.67 feet from the spring 2010 levels.

Paul Soucie Irrigation Project

A transfer request from Paul Soucie was tabled at the April 12 meeting in order to receive additional information on the potential impacts on the domestic water supply for the Village of Deweese. **MOTION # 6 - Uhrmacher moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the transfer permit for Paul Soucie from the SW1/4 of Section 31-5N-7W to the NW1/4 of Section 31-5N-7W but condition the transfer permit such that the applicant agrees that should adverse impacts be experienced by domestic water well owners as a result of the use of the water well associated with the new irrigation transfer, the applicant will work cooperatively with the domestic well owners to seek reasonable remedies which provide a safe and ample domestic water supply.**

MOTION # 7 - Uhrmacher moved, seconded by Cunningham to amend the previous motion to include that a flow meter be installed at the pivot point and an annual report is supplied to the District of water used. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Cunningham, Fisher, Fleharty, Groves, Heinrichs, Hergott, Lemke, Rainforth, Rieckman, Shaw, Thomas, Uhrmacher and Kahman. No: Brakhahn.

The vote on MOTION # 6 as amended to read: to approve the transfer permit for Paul Soucie from the SW1/4 of Section 31-5N-7W to the NW1/4 of Section 31-5N-7W but condition the transfer permit such that the applicant agrees that should adverse impacts be experienced by domestic water well owners as a result of the use of the water well associated with the new irrigation transfer, the applicant will work cooperatively with the domestic well owners to seek reasonable remedies which provide a safe and ample domestic water supply and require a flow meter be installed at the pivot point and an annual report is supplied to the District of water used. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Fisher, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Lemke, Rainforth, Thomas, Uhrmacher and Kahman. No: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Groves, Rieckman and Shaw.

MOTION # 8 - Heinrichs moved, seconded by Fleharty to rescind Motion # 8 of the April 12, 2011 meeting and allow additional well permits in Section 31-5N-7W. Carried by roll call vote. Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Allen, Fisher, Fleharty, Groves, Heinrichs, Lemke, Rainforth, Rieckman, Thomas and Kahman. No: Brakhahn, Cunningham, Hergott, Shaw and Uhrmacher.

Discussion of Water Management Concerns in the District
No discussion was held

MODELING OF UNIT 8

Funds received from the grant for conducting the Hydro-geologic Study were not all used. Discussion was held on using the remaining funds to model Unit 8. **MOTION # 9 – Fleharty moved seconded by Heinrichs to return unused funds received for the Hydro-geologic Study from the Department of Natural Resources and not to pursue modeling of Unit 8.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MARC DAM HAZARD CLASS AND FLOOD PLAIN STATUS

The Corps of Engineers designated the MARC Dam to be a High Hazard Potential Dam requiring an Emergency Action Plan if used in the NAD project. Onnen provided a report on this and the options available.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT - Fleharty

The Projects and Planning Committee met prior to the regular Board Meeting.

Dam Site 73 Agreement Between Saline County Road Dept. and LBNRD

An Interlocal Agreement between Saline County and the Little Blue NRD was presented for approval. **MOTION # 10 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the Interlocal Agreement between Saline County and the Little Blue NRD and to authorize the Chairman to sign the Agreement.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Engineering Agreements for Dam Site 73 Development

Speece Lewis has agreed to furnish on-site construction observation and staking for the Dam Site 73 roadway improvement. **MOTION # 11 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Brakhahn to accept the proposal from Speece Lewis Engineers to furnish on-site construction observation and construction staking for Dam Site 73 roadway improvements with anticipated costs not to exceed \$34,000.00.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes

Hebron Trail Agreement Modification Request

The City of Hebron requested and was approved to receive a grant from the District to assist in the construction of a bridge over the Little Blue River as part of their Trails Project. Since their approval they have decided to abandon the bridge portion of the project. **MOTION # 12 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Hergott to amend the grant for the City of Hebron’s Trail Project to allow the money be spent on the current phase of the project and not on the bridge portion.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes

Buckley Creek Camper Pad Development

The Committee tabled this for further information to be gathered.

Buffer Strip Application

No applications were received.

NARD FY 2012 BUDGET PROPOSAL

Heinrichs reviewed the proposed NARD 2012 budget. **MOTION # 13 - Hergott moved, seconded by Cunningham to recommend the Little Blue NRD support the FY 2012 Budget for the NARD.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes

LEGISLATIVE ACTIVITY REPORT

Onnen gave a report on the Legislative bills that may impact the Natural Resources Districts.

BOARD DEVELOPMENT – LIDAR MAPPING USES AND VALUE

Onnen gave a presentation on the use of Lidar mapping in the District.

OTHER BUSINESS

Onnen requested the June Board meeting be moved back a week to accommodate those people attending the NARD Basin Tour. **MOTION # 14 - Fleharty moved, seconded by Thomas to move the June Board of Directors meeting from June 14 to June 21.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes

ADJOURNMENT

Kahman adjourned the meeting at 10:35 P.M.

