

LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Minutes **October 11, 2011**

OPENING OF MEETING – RICH KAHMAN

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, October 11, 2011 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Chairman Kahman called the meeting to order at 8:30 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:

Michael Allen, Warren Brakhahn, James Cunningham, Edward Fleharty, Jeremy Groves, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Marlin Kimle, Tim Pohlmann, Charles Rainforth, John Rieckman, Steve Shaw, Gene Thomas, Randy Uhrmacher and Rich Kahman.

Directors absent:

Ross Fisher and Sacha Lemke.

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Onnen, Daryl Andersen, Kevin Orvis, Marlene Faimon, Marie Herbek; 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: Add Item 12 d) National Guard Armory Wetland. **MOTION # 1 - Rainforth moved seconded by Allen to approve the agenda for the October 11, 2011 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote - 15 yes votes.

ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA - ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES AND MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 13, 2011 BOARD MEETING

Onnen noted one correction to the minutes of September 13: Correct Motion # 11 to include Thayer County in the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Hebron and the Little Blue NRD. He also noted that Lemke had notified the office of his intended absence and was excused. **MOTION # 2 – Hergott moved, seconded by Heinrichs to accept the absence of Lemke and to approve the corrected minutes of September 13, 2011.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented with the exception of check # 41535.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 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 – 15 yes votes.

Hergott reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Hergott moved, seconded by Cunningham to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

AGENCY REPORTS

NRCS Report – Shanda Weber

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

NARD Report – Lyle Heinrichs

Heinrichs reported on the NARD Board meeting he attended on September 29 in Kearney.

NRC Report – Joe Hergott

Hergott gave a brief report on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting held on September 27.

STAFF REPORTS – Marlene Faimon

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

WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE REPORT – Tim Pohlmann

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

Regulated Well Permits and Possible Conditions

Three well permits that had not met either soil or aquifer minimum scores were presented for approval. **MOTION # 6 – Pohlmann moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve a well permit in the E1/2NE1/4 15-4N-12W for Shirley Ewing with the condition a flow meter is installed and annual reporting of withdrawals be reported to the District.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION # 7 – Pohlmann moved, seconded by Uhrmacher to approve a well permit in the E1/2SE1/4 13-5N-2W for Patricia Rippe Trust with the condition a flow meter is installed and annual reporting of withdrawals be reported to the District. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

MOTION # 8 – Pohlmann moved, seconded by Shaw to deny a well permit for Dean Thernes in the SE1/4 13-4N-1W until an NRCS conservation plan is completed and to waive the \$50 fee already paid to be used when a new permit is submitted. Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Summer 2011 Nitrate Sampling Results

Daryl Andersen reviewed the summer 2011 nitrate sampling results from across the District. The over-all results showed a slight increase in nitrates in the water.

Request for Exemption for Fall Applied Fertilizer

T-L Irrigation requested a variance from the fertilizer application rule. **MOTION # 9 – Pohlmann moved, seconded by Thomas to approve a T-L19N Fertilizer Variance for T-L Irrigation with the condition the variance is for one year and that they would evaluate the possibilities of using an inhibitor with this fertilizer in the future.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Ed Fleharty

A Projects and Planning Committee meeting was held prior to the regular Board Meeting.

Bids for Fencing for Dam Site 73 Mitigation Sites

Bids were let for the fencing of the property lines and mitigation areas at Dam Site 73. **MOTION # 10 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Rainforth to accept the bid from Stephan Statz in the amount of \$20, 400 for the installation of fence at Dam Site 73.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Change Order for Site 73 Seeding & Approval of Final Payment to Contractor

The roadway raising project for Site 73 is complete, however, the seeding and mulching was not included in the original bid and was added as a change order. **MOTION # 11 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the Change Order for Site 73 seeding and approve final payment and check # 41535.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

Village of Ayr – Modification of Interlocal Agreement

The Village of Ayr has requested consideration be given for them to use the funds awarded to them earlier through a grant for a project not specified in the grant. **MOTION # 12 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Groves to approve the use of District funds awarded earlier to the Village of Ayr through a grant to install a well to pump water into the lake.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes.

2012 Services and Product Price List

The price list for 2012 was presented. **MOTION # 13 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Cunningham to approve the 2012 Product and Service Price List as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 15 yes votes

National Guard Armory Wetland

The National Guard has an old dam site that has silted in and the dam has breached. They would like to enhance wetlands and are seeking support for design costs. **MOTION # 14 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Kimle to approve assistance to the National Guard Armory for design costs up to \$1,000.00 for the enhancement of wetlands on their property.**

BOARD DEVELOPMENT – GROUNDWATER IRRIGATED ACRES IN NEBRASKA

Onnen gave a presentation on groundwater irrigation in the State of Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

Kahman adjourned the meeting at 9:30 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 October 11, 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.
