

**LITTLE BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Minutes** **June 10, 2008**

**OPENING OF MEETING – JARRAD STROH**

The directors of the Little Blue Natural Resources District met in regular session on Tuesday, June 10, 2008 at the Little Blue Natural Resources District Office, Davenport, Nebraska. Vice-Chairman Stroh called the meeting to order at 8:00 p.m.

Stroh led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Stroh 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, Edward Fleharty, Lyle Heinrichs, Joe Hergott, Tim Pohlmann, Charles Rainforth, Jason Reiners, John Rieckman, Steve Shaw, Jerrad Stroh and Wryan Wright.

**Directors Absent:**

Michael Allen, Ross Fisher, Jon Lichti, Gene Thomas and Richard Kahman.

**OTHERS PRESENT**

Mike Onnen, Kevin Orvis, Kent Thompson, Marlene Faimon, Marie Herbek, Janet Valasek and Jack Hultquist representing the NRCS, and Dan Nitzel.

**PUBLICATION OF BOARD MEETING NOTICE**

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 item # 11c, Report on Hazard Mitigation, will be discussed under item # 15. He also stated Item # 9b, NRC Meeting Report – Joe Hergott, will not be given. **MOTION #1 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Brakhahn to approve the revised agenda for the June 10, 2008 meeting as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

**ADOPTION OF CONSENT AGENDA - ACCEPTANCE OF BOARD MEMBER ABSENCES AND MINUTES OF May 13, 2008 BOARD MEETING**

It was noted that Fisher, Thomas, Allen and Kahman had notified the office of their intended absence and were excused. **MOTION # 2 – Hergott moved, seconded by Wright to accept the absences and approve the minutes of May 13, 2008.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

Copies of the Little Blue NRD Treasurer's Report were circulated. Wright reviewed the report. **MOTION # 3 – Wright moved, seconded by Rainforth to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

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

**MOTION # 4 - Wright moved, seconded by Hergott to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

Wright reviewed the Little Blue Public Water Project - South Treasurer's Report. **MOTION # 5 - Wright moved, seconded by Heinrichs to approve the report and payment of bills as presented.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

**AGENCY REPORTS**

**NRCS REPORT – Jack Hultquist**

Copies of the Natural Resources Conservation Service monthly report had been mailed to the Directors earlier. Jack Hultquist, Irrigation Water Management Specialist from Clay County, reviewed the report. Hultquist distributed a CD to the Board containing irrigation web sites, all of his Irrigation Newsletters and other pertinent irrigation information.

**TRAILBLAZER RC&D MINUTES**

Copies of the April 28, 2008 and May 19, 2008 Trailblazer RC&D Reports were mailed to the Directors earlier.

**STAFF REPORT – Kent Thompson**

The staff report was mailed to the Director's earlier. Thompson reviewed the report. He reviewed the progress of tree planting. Onnen then noted that Jana Tietjen, Administrative Assistant from the Hebron NRCS Office, had notified him of her resignation effective August 1.

**PROJECTS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE – Ed Fleharty**

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

**ATV Park Proposal & Discussions**

The ATV group from Thayer County made a formal request to the NRD for assistance in developing an ATV Park. **MOTION #6 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Pohlmann to commit \$10,000 for each of the next two years in cash funds or in-kind services for assistance in development of the project.** Motion and second withdrawn.

**MOTION #7– Fleharty moved, seconded by Pohlmann to commit \$10,000 for each of the next two years in cash funds or in-kind services for assistance on development of the ATV Park in Thayer County with the specification that the funds would be used only for items that fall under the Little Blue NRD Urban Park and Recreation Program Guidelines.** Carried by roll call vote. Yes: Brakhahn, Fleharty, Heinrichs, Hergott, Pohlmann, Rainforth, Reiners, Rieckman, Shaw, Wright and Stroh. Abstain: Cunningham.

### **Little Sandy Creek Project – Discussion of Dam Site 12 & 73 Requirements**

Onnen updated the Board on the progress of Dam Sites 12 & 73 404 permits and discussion followed.

### **BIDS FOR SALE OF WATER PROJECT PICKUP**

With the purchase of a new pickup for the Water Projects, bids were solicited for the sale of the old pickup. **MOTION #8 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Wright to accept the bid of \$265.00 from Jim Johnson for the purchase of the Water Projects pickup.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

### **EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT – Jerrad Stroh**

#### **Review of Building Architect Proposals**

Two proposals were received for architectural services on making improvements to the NRD building and grounds. **MOTION #9 – Wright moved, seconded by Reiners to accept the bid from Victor Aufdemberge Architect for consulting services for the renovation of the NRD Building at a cost of 7% of the total project cost.** Carried by roll call vote - 12 yes votes.

#### **Staff Salaries for FY 2009 Budget**

**MOTION #10 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Wright to designate \$15,600 (average 4.5%) in the FY 2009 budget for staff salary adjustments.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

#### **Establish General Manager’s Salary**

**MOTION #11 – Fleharty moved, seconded by Wright to set the Manager’s salary at \$67, 600 (4%) for FY 2009.** Carried by roll call vote – 12 yes votes.

#### **Legal and Engineering Services Associated with 404 Permits**

The 404 permit for Dam Sites 12 & 73 will require additional investigation and engineering services. Onnen distributed a letter received from Jaron Bromm, regarding possibly using his assistance in acquiring the 404 permits. **MOTION #12 – Rainforth moved, seconded by Cunningham to authorize obtaining assistance from Jaron Bromm to obtain the 404 Permit for Dam Site 73 with a limit of \$1,200.** Carried by roll call vote - 12 yes votes.

### **DISCUSSION ON STATE -WIDE ISSUES AND IMPACTS ON NRDS**

Onnen reviewed several issues that were discussed at the recent Manager’s meeting. Among them were the court’s action regarding LB 701 and state public relations of the NARD and NRD’s.

### **BOARD DEVELOPMENT – ALL HAZARD MITIGATION INFORMATION**

Onnen gave a presentation on the progress of the All Hazard Mitigation Plan that is in the process of being developed with the public entities within the Lower Big Blue and the Little Blue NRD’s.

