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SUBJECT: Notice of Board of Directors Meeting
DATE: April 16, 2020
TIME: 7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: Via Teleconference

On March 17, 2020 Governor Pete Ricketts issued an executive order to permit state and local governmental boards, commissions, and other public bodies to meet by videoconference, teleconference, or other electronic means through May 31, 2020. The Governor's order stipulated that all such virtual meetings must be available to members of the public, including media, to give citizens the opportunity to participate as well as to be duly informed of the meetings.

Your health, as well as the health of your staff and the public we serve, is important and worth any temporary inconvenience. The month of April's Committee and Board meetings will be held via phone conference. We have posted instructions to access the phone conference on our website (www.upperbigblue.org/events) as well as sent them to each board member by mail. Call in number of **(888) 820-1398** will be used and the entry pass code of **1383495** followed by the # symbol. We have publicized the meetings in accordance with statute, so members of the public can still participate as usual.

We anticipate that moving to a phone conference format could come with some new challenges. We will do our best to accommodate each other through these less than ideal circumstances.

Sound: Pressing *6 will mute/unmute your phone during the conference. Please be sure to mute your phone at the start of the meeting to cut down on background noise and accidental comments. Unmute your phone when it is your turn to talk. Please plan to participate on the meeting call from a quiet place that is away from other activity, people, and electronics. Other electronic devices can cause interference and affect the quality of your call.

Comments: When there is an item for discussion, the chair will call roll to determine who would like to speak. This will ensure that everyone's comments are heard without anyone speaking over another. Before you give your comment be sure to say your name. We may recognize each other's voices, but members of the public on the call probably will not.

Motions/Discussion: When there is a motion on an agenda item, before you make the motion be sure to say your name. The same will hold true for those seconding the motion. We may recognize each other's voices, but members of the public on the call probably will not. Once there is a motion that has been made and a second is obtained, discussion on the motion may occur. The chair will cause the roll to be called to determine if any discussion on the motion is wanted. Once discussion is concluded, the roll will be again called for the official vote on the motion. When your name is called, vote your intention on the motion. The outcome of the vote will be announced following this voting procedure.

Thank you for your patience through this circumstance.

AGENDA

- I. Open Meetings Act
 - A. The Public Notice has been published in the York News-Times
 - B. **The Open Meetings Act is posted in the back of the room by the door.**
- II. Reminder – All cell phones shall be silenced during the meeting.
- III. Please be aware that this meeting is being recorded. When speaking, the desktop microphone button must be depressed. This ensures that your comments are recorded in their entire context. The recording becomes part of the public record along with written Board Minutes in accordance with State statute.
- IV. Roll Call
- V. Consideration of Directors' Requests for Excused Absences
- VI. Public Comments –

Anyone may comment on any matter *that is not* on this agenda. However, no Board action can be taken until the following board meeting, according to Nebraska's Open Meeting Act, unless the Board declares it an emergency.

Please hold comments on any listed item until it is considered.
- VII. Adoption of Agenda
- VIII. Approval of Minutes of the February 20, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting
- IX. **WATER & REGULATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT – Kuehner**

March Items

 - A. Groundwater Transfer Monte & Diana Drew
 - B. Routine Flow Meter Maintenance Payment – Tri City Meters
 - C. Aquifer Quality Well Abandonment Cost-Share Assistance Program Payments
 - D. Flowmeter Repair Cost-Share Payment
 - E. WISH Nebraska Inc. Payment – Materials for Resale
 - F. Klein Sales & Service Payment – Materials for Resale
 - G. Regional Groundwater Modeling Payment – Brown & Caldwell
 - H. Water Sciences Laboratory Payment
 - I. Certification of Irrigated Acres
 - J. Rule 5 Changes

April Items

 - K. Aquifer Quality Well Abandonment Cost-Share Assistance Program Payments
 - L. Regional Groundwater Modeling Payment – Brown & Caldwell
 - M. Certification of Irrigated Acres
 - N. Patricio Grassini, UNL, Data Request
- X. **PROJECTS & PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT – Robotham**

March Items

 - A. Land Treatment Program Cost-Share Payment
 - B. Buffer Strip Program – 3rd Quarter Payments
 - C. City of Stromsburg – Tree Planting Cost-Share

April Items

 - D. Land Treatment Program Cost-Share Payment
 - E. Mentink Dam – Slip Lining Project
 - F. Plotter / Scanner Purchase

XI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT – Miller

March Item

A. Directors Expenses for Attendance of 2020 GMDA Conference

April Item

B. Directors' 1st Quarter Per Diem & Expenses

XII. FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND APPROVAL OF BILLS TO BE PAID

XIII. NRCS Report – Bowers

XIV. NARD Report – Bethune

XV. Chairman's Report

XVI. Motion to Adjourn

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MAY MEETING SCHEDULE – Via Teleconference (Tentative)

Tuesday, May 12, 2020

6:30 p.m.

Immediately Following:

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Water Committee Meeting

Projects & Programs Committee Meeting

Executive Committee

Thursday, May 21, 2020

7:30 p.m.

Board of Directors Meeting