

## Little Blue NRD Questions

- 1) **As an elected leader, how will you help to shape a positive, growth-oriented narrative for the Hastings community?**

***Subdistrict 1***

***Glen Bonifas:*** No response turned in.

***John Nelson:*** As an elected leader on the Little Blue Natural Resource District Board of Directors I would focus on the Master Plan and Mission of the NRD and its impact on the Hastings community. The city of Hastings and Adams County make up over 20% of the NRD. The balance of environmental needs and protective measures, as well as the physical and social needs of district citizens directly impacts Hastings and the County. Leadership and collaboration with the community must happen to protect our resources.

***Subdistrict 2***

***Brent Hoops:*** The Hastings community needs clean and healthy natural resources to draw people and drive growth. I will continue to advocate for the preservation and development of natural resources in and around our community.

***Subdistrict 3***

***Glen Bredthauer:*** No response turned in.

***Subdistrict 4***

***Warren Taylor:*** No response turned in.

- 2) **NRDs have many responsibilities granted to them by the State...What are your top two concerns which need to be addressed by the Little Blue NRD?**

***Subdistrict 1***

***Glen Bonifas:*** No response turned in.

***John Nelson:*** The Little Blue NRD must continue to put water management quality and quantity as top concerns of the district. Water is our greatest resource and impacts the livelihood and economy of our community and state.

***Subdistrict 2***

***Brent Hoops:*** The Little Blue NRD covers a broad area to include Hastings, but my top two concerns specific to Hastings are the following: 1) Hastings Lake needs to be evaluated for water quality improvement. 2) The ongoing drinking water Nitrate reduction project should continue to be supported and monitored to ensure its continuing success.

**Subdistrict 3**

**Glen Bredthauer:** No response turned in.

**Subdistrict 4**

**Warren Taylor:** No response turned in.

**3) How can the municipalities and the NRD work better together to conserve our natural water resource?**

**Subdistrict 1**

**Glen Bonifas:** No response turned in.

**John Nelson:** I believe municipalities and the NRD leadership need to focus on collaborative efforts to better understand the plans and goals by working together applying the vision and mission of the Little Blue NRD projects and initiatives.

**Subdistrict 2**

**Brent Hoops:** Communication between Little Blue communities and the NRD is critical. The NRD can help fund municipal projects when the NRD board is well-informed on the work that is being proposed for improvements.

**Subdistrict 3**

**Glen Bredthauer:** No response turned in.

**Subdistrict 4**

**Warren Taylor:** No response turned in.

**4) What experience(s) or education do you have that would better prepare you for this position?**

**Subdistrict 1**

**Glen Bonifas:** No response turned in.

**John Nelson:** In my career in education, I have utilized communication, collaborative planning, problem solving and goal setting to meet the needs and growth of the school community and district. Additionally, I have been connected to agriculture and have an understanding of its impact on our community and state.

**Subdistrict 2**

**Brent Hoops:** As an Adams County farmer who lives within the city of Hastings, both my personal and professional well-being are directly impacted by water quality and natural resources. I work to ensure that best practices are implemented to preserve the quality and quantity of those resources that we all depend on in our daily lives.

**Subdistrict 3**

**Glen Bredthauer:** No response turned in.

**Subdistrict 4**

**Warren Taylor:** No response turned in.