

**Upper Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
January 14, 2010 at 7:30 p.m.
511 East 5th Street, Imperial, NE**

Agendas were sent to all Board Members and all others requesting agendas. Agendas were posted in the NRD Office in Imperial, the NRCS Offices in Grant and Imperial, and the FSA Office in Benkelman. The meeting was announced over KADL-Imperial, KRVN-Lexington and KOGA-Ogallala and published in area newspapers.

Board Members Present: Jeff Wallin, Tom Terryberry, Tom Schroder, Tim Schilke, Greg Pelster, Mick Strand, Terry Martin, Dean Large, Tom Gaschler, Kerry Bernhardt.

Board Members Absent: Mike Mosel

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Nadine Bishop (NRCS), Traci Witthuhn (RR Basin Coordinator), Gerald Coates, Stan Loeffler, Shad Stamm.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda
Minutes of December 1, 2009 Regular Board meeting
Variance Information

Report of District applications,
contracts and agreements
Letter from Marla Smith

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda
Minutes of December 1, 2009 Regular Board meeting
Financial reports
NRCS information
Variance Applications

Variance applications
Report of District applications,
contracts and agreements
Republican River Coalition report
Legislative information

Chairman Pelster called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Chairman Pelster announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted if anyone would like to review it.

Mike Mosel is excused from tonight's meetings.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- ❖ Martin moved to approve the minutes of the December 1, 2009 Regular Board meeting as mailed. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-abstain, 1-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- ❖ Martin moved to pay the Accounts Payable and to accept the Treasurers report. Seconded by Schilke.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Nadine Bishop gave the NRCS report. Nadine reported that NRCS staff is still working on CSP. The EQIP cutoff date for funding is February 1st with ranking needing to be done by February 15th. There will be a No-Till Conference on February 18th in Grant and NRCS would like the NRD to help sponsor this program.

- ❖ Martin moved to sponsor the Cover Your Ground workshop and not to exceed \$250.00 Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

- ❖ Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated January 14, 2010 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Dundy County. Seconded by Strand.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper reported that he is still talking to consulting engineers and USGS on updating the Groundwater Management plan.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Terry Martin gave the Variance Committee report.

Bruce Kramer is requesting to retire the well on SW ¼ 26-5-36 and drill a new well on the NW ¼ 4-4-36 and to transfer 126.7 certified acres from the SW ¼ of 26-5-36 to the NW ¼ 4-4-36. Mr. Kramer met with the Variance Committee earlier this evening to review his request. This request will be an agenda item for the February Board meeting.

Evelyn Stamm and Dallas Watkins are requesting to transfer 94.9 certified acres from the SE ¼ of Section 22-1-38 to the SE ¼ of Section 24-2-39. This would make a total of 227.3 certified acres on the SE ¼ of Section 24-2-39. The remaining 23.7 certified acres on the SE ¼ of Section 22-1-38 would be decertified. This request will be an agenda item for the February Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- ❖ Terryberry moved to approve the Report of District Applications, Contracts and agreements dated January 14, 2010 to include the pooling contract and the well decommissioning application. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Jasper reported that the District Court hearing on refunding the property tax will be held January 21st in McCook. There probably will not be a decision made on this day.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reviewed the letter from Brian Dunnigan with Department of Natural Resources which discusses the proposed changes and proposed adoption schedule for the IMP's.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN COALITION REPORT:

Traci gave the Republican River Basin Coalition report. Traci's written report included the financial report, agenda's for the NRRMDA meeting and the RRBC meeting which will be held February 1st in Imperial. Jasper gave an update on the augmentation study to the Board.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:

Mick reviewed the letter from Marla Smith concerning SCORE camp. This letter was mailed to all Board members. Jasper reported the District will hold some meetings with irrigators that are in the 10-2 area.

LEGISLATION:

Jasper and the Board reviewed some of the Legislative bills that have been introduced.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman Pelster turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Martin. Vice Chairman Martin asked for nominations for Chairman.

Tom Gaschler nominated Greg Pelster for Board Chairman.

- Large moved that nominations cease and elect Greg Pelster for Board chairman by unanimous vote. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-abstain 1-absent. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Martin turned the meeting back over to Chairman Pelster.

Chairman Pelster asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Tom Terryberry nominated Terry Martin for Board Vice Chairman.

- Gaschler moved that nominations cease and elect Terry Martin for Board Vice Chairman by unanimous vote. Seconded by Large

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-abstain, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Pelster asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

Tom Gaschler nominated Tom Terryberry for Board Secretary/Treasurer.

- Martin moved that nominations cease and elect Tom Terryberry for Board Secretary/Treasurer by unanimous vote. Seconded by Gaschler

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-abstain, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Pelster asked for nominations for NARD State Delegate.

Tom Gaschler nominated Terry Martin for NARD State Delegate.

- Large moved that nominations cease and elect Terry Martin for NARD State Delegate by unanimous. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Pelster asked for nominations for NARD State Delegate alternate.

Tom Gaschler nominated Jeff Wallin for NARD State Delegate alternate.

- Terryberry moved that nominations cease and elect Jeff Wallin for NARD State Delegate alternate by unanimous vote. Seconded by Strand.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-abstain, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Pelster reviewed URNRD committees list and made a few changes to it.

The Washington DC trip will be March 6th – 10th if any Board member interested in going. Tom Gaschler expressed interest in attending.

Joel Burke reported on the hearing date of January 21st for the LB 701 property tax. This hearing will be for all 3 cases that were filed.

Chairman Pelster adjourned the meeting at 8:58 pm. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 9, 2010 at the NRD Office in Imperial starting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer