

**Upper Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
January 20, 2009 at 10:00 a.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: Kerry Bernhardt, Tom Gaschler, Terry Martin, Greg Pelster, Tom Schroder, Mick Strand, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Mike Mosel, Tim Schilke, Dean Large

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Dirk Dinnel and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Stan Loeffler, Brendon Barger, William M. Barger, Doug Beck, Kurt Bernhardt, Robert Mollendor, Russ Pankonin, Jim Cantrell and Boyd Mathews.

Information mailed to Directors:

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Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Draft Transfer guidelines

Draft District retirement program guidelines

Chairman Pelster called the meeting to order at 10:04 a.m.

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

Mike Mosel, Dean Large and Tim Schilke are excused from today's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

Wallin arrived at 10:08 a.m.

There were no comments during the open comment period.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Groundwater Committee reviewed the draft transfer guidelines with Board and guests.

Robert Mollendor, William Barger, Jim Cantrell and Kurt Bernhardt discussed their thoughts on the transfer guidelines.

The Groundwater Committee will review the transfer guidelines and the discussion from this meeting. This will be an agenda item for the February 3, 2009 Regular Board meeting.

Jasper reviewed the draft District Retirement program guidelines with the Board. This would be a volunteer program for irrigators.

This will be an agenda item for the February 3, 2009 Regular Board meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper discussed a rental policy for the Board room with the Board. Possible prices and rules were discussed also. This will be an agenda item for the February 3, 2009 Regular Board meeting.

Jasper reviewed the Building project with the Board. The contractor has been doing corrective work on the windows and working in the tree cooler. We have been holding the retainage amount until all the work is done. The contractor would like a payment for the percentage of work they have completed.

- Martin moved to direct management to work with the architect to pay the retainage fees as recommended by architect. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Pelster adjourned the meeting at 11:50 a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer