

**Upper Republican Natural Resources District  
Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
February 19, 2009 at 7:30 p.m.  
511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Greg Pelster, Tim Schilke, Tom Schroder, Mick Strand, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

**Board Members Absent:** Mike Mosel.

**NRD Staff:** Jasper Fanning and Deb Hayes.

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Others present:** Stan Loeffler, Max W. Hoffmeister and James R. Williams (NDNR).

**Information mailed to Directors:**

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**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

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Transfer guidelines

URNRD Irrigation Retirement Program guidelines

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

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

Mike Mosel is excused from Special Board meeting.

**OPEN FORUMS:**

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

**OPEN COMMENT PERIOD:**

None.

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Dean Large, Chairman of the Groundwater Control Committee, discussed the transfer guidelines with the Board. The Committee met and has reviewed the comments on the transfer guidelines. The Committee has set the transfer guidelines as listed under Item 1.

- Large moved to have Manager and Legal Counsel incorporate this language as amendments to Rule 11 and present at the next Board meeting to consider for public hearing. Seconded by Martin.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-no, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Voting yes: Bernhardt, Gaschler, Large, Martin, Pelster, Schilke, Schroder, Strand and Terryberry. Voting no: Wallin. Absent: Mosel.

Jasper and the Board discussed the Irrigation Retirement Program for the District. The Board suggested a stop and start date for Item #2. They discussed possibly having the date as May 1<sup>st</sup>. This will be an agenda item for the March 5, 2009 Regular Board meeting.

Jasper discussed with the Board leasing water from Riverside Irrigation District this year. Jasper reviewed the possibility of pursuing this as a permanent or long term option of purchasing their water. Frenchman Valley Irrigation District has also stated they would be interested in selling water. Brad Edgerton with Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District stated they may be interested in these purchases if they get benefits from the return flow that they may not otherwise see during the irrigation season.

James Williams, NDNR, reviewed the non binding arbitration with Kansas. The trial date is set for the middle of March and is to end by March 20<sup>th</sup>, responsive briefs are due in May and the final answer is due by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Pelster adjourned the meeting at 8:25 pm. The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, March 5, 2009 at the NRD Office in Imperial starting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer