

**Upper Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Special Meeting
March 25, 2010 at 1:30 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, Dean Large, Greg Pelster, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Mick Strand, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Tim Schilke and Mike Mosel.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Jim Schneider (DNR), Jason Kepler (DNR), Stan Loeffler

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda Draft IMP

Court order IPA Information

Chairman Pelster called the meeting to order at 1:41 pm.

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

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Chairman Pelster added Legal Counsel Report to the agenda. Joel reported that a decision was issued by the Chase County District Court regarding the LB 701 property tax refund. Joel reported that prior to the court making a decision on a case there has to be an actual conflict that takes place. The judge found that the Plaintiff (URNRD) failed to establish the existence of an actual justiciable controversy.

The LB 701 Property tax refund will be an agenda item for the April Regular Board meeting.

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN:

The Board, Jasper and DNR staff reviewed the draft Integrated Management Plan. Discussion was held as to when to hold a public hearing for the IMP. The Board and DNR staff will do a final review of the Integrated Management Plan and possibly set a hearing date at the April 5th Regular Board meeting.

IMPROVEMENT PROJECT AREA (IPA):

Jasper reviewed the IPA outline and statutes with the Board. NRD's have the authority to establish an IPA for any authorized purposes of a District. For a project with a special benefit to certain property the NRD is allowed to do a special assessment on the property or parcels. Jasper and the Board reviewed the special benefit procedure.

The IPA will be an agenda item for the April 5th Regular Board meeting.

Chairman Pelster adjourned the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer