

**Upper Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
July 6, 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: Kerry Bernhard, Tom Gaschler, Terry Martin, Greg Pelster, Tim Schilke, Tom Schroder, Mick Strand, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Mike Mosel and Dean Large

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Nadine Bishop (NRCS), Roger Stockton, Robert Tigner, Dennis Noffsinger, Doug Peterson, Craig Scott, Brad Edgerton, Gerald Coates, Brad Johnson, Elanya Murphy, Dan Buyag, and Russ Pankonin.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District Applications & Contracts
Minutes June 10, 2010 Regular Board meeting	NARD Communications Summit
Minutes June 16, Special Board Meeting	Nebraska Game & Parks agreement
Minutes June 22, 2010 Special Board meeting	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS Information
Minutes June 10, 2010 Regular Board meeting	Report of District Applications & Contracts
Minutes June 16, Special Board Meeting	Republican River Coalition report
Minutes June 22, 2010 Special Board meeting	NARD PR Summit agenda
Financial reports	

Chairman Pelster called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

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

Tom Schroder was excused from the June 10, 2010 Regular Board meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced. Mike Mosel is excused from tonight's meeting.

MINUTES:

Terry Martin had two corrections to the June 10, 2010 minutes. On page 3 the purchase amount for equipment should be \$6636.60 and under Republican River Basin Coalition Report Chairman Pelster called a recess at 9:23 pm and Board was back in session at 9:29 pm

- Terryberry moved to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2010 Regular Board meeting as corrected. Seconded by Martin.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 3-absent. Motion carried.

- Terryberry moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2010 Special Board meeting as mailed. Seconded by Strand.

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

Terry Martin had a correction to the June 22, 2010 minutes. On page 5 the roll call vote lists Tim Schilke twice. Under voting no it should list Martin and not Schilke.

- Martin moved to approve the minutes of the June 22, 2010 Special Board meeting as corrected. Seconded by Terryberry.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Martin moved to pay the Accounts Payable and to approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Strand.

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

Jasper asked that personnel issue be discussed in executive session.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

There were no public comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Nadine gave the NRCS report. Nadine reported that NRCS staff is still working on the CSP program. Gene Heathers has been working on EQIP contracts and Caleb Caton has been working with producers in the Wetland Reserve Program.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated July 1, 2010 and to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Chase, Perkins and Dundy County. Seconded by Schilke.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Tom Gaschler gave the draft Budget Committee report. Jasper reviewed the draft budget with the Board. Jasper reported that he hopes the NRD will be able to reduce the levy and will be able to use the LB 701 property taxes. He has contacted the State Auditors' office to make sure that by not levying this year it won't cause problems for next year. The Budget Committee discussed having an occupation tax of \$6.00 this fiscal year. This will be used for leasing surface and groundwater and as well as augmentation projects. Jasper reviewed the staff salary increases of 5% with \$10,000 added for a summer intern.

- Terryberry moved to direct Management work within the draft budget for salaries with the 5% increase. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

Jeff Wallin arrived at 8:00 p.m.

WILD NE INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT:

Jasper reviewed the Wild Nebraska Interlocal Agreement with the Board. This is a 10 year contract.

- Martin moved to renew the Wild Nebraska Interlocal Agreement for 10 years. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Roger Stockton reported to the Board that AmeriCorps is working on Swanson Lake and removing trees on the beaches and recreation areas. Dan Buyag and Elania Murphy are with AmeriCorps outreach program and gave a short program on AmeriCorps and Triple C.

Robert Tigner gave an update on the research plot. The valves have been installed and the control box will be hooked up this week. The field day has been set for August 2, 2010.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper reported that the Groundwater Committee will need to start reviewing the Rules and Regulations for possible changes.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Martin moved to approve the report of District applications, Contracts, and agreements to include the NSWCP applications and the well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Strand.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Jasper discussed the IMP with the Board and stated there may be some definitions that were overlooked and asked if the Board wanted to change the language for compensation.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reported that Jasper and he are working on the orders for Jack Bond and Bruce Kramer. Joel has met with two of the respondent's attorneys. The orders will become binding when they are served and the orders will be served to the respondents attorneys.

Chairman Pelster called a 10 minute recess at 8:25 pm.

Chairman Pelster called the meeting back in session at 8:36 pm.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper will be attending the arbitration meeting in Kansas City next week.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN COALITION REPORT:

Jasper reviewed the Coalition report with the Board. There will be a RRMDA and RRBC meeting on July 26th in Holdrege.

AUGMENTATION:

Jasper reported that the consultants have requested input on what the NRD Rules and Regulations would require if an augmentation site is implemented. Jasper told them that he would want local draw down analysis to protect other local uses. Also Jasper would want the compact accounting reviewed.

PR SUMMIT:

NARD is sponsoring PR Summit and this is to help NRD's with public relations help keep up to date with the media.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dirk reviewed the Master Plan with the Information and Education Committee. They will review this and give Dirk any changes they may have.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION COMMITTEE:

Mick reported on the Master Plan and they hope to have it done by the September Board meeting.

LEGISLATION:

Jasper reported that the Water Sustainability Task Force had their first meeting. Tom Terryberry was elected the Chairman. Tom reported that they are looking for a facilitator and the next meeting will be held towards the end of August.

Chairman Pelster asked for a motion for executive session for personnel issues.

- Martin moved to go into executive session with the purpose to protect the rights of and to prevent needless injury to the reputation of the individuals with the Board, Manager, Legal Counsel and staff for personnel and legal matters and not to exceed one hour. Seconded by Strand.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

The Board went into executive session at 8:55 pm.

- Terryberry moved to come out of executive session at 9:39 p.m. Seconded by Martin.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Pelster reviewed the budget again and discussion was held on the mill levy. Jasper stated that he is reviewing the budget forms and is in contact with the State Auditor.

Chairman Pelster reported to the Board that the Executive Committee met with Jasper this evening for his evaluation. The Executive Committee recommends that Jasper's salary increase by 5%.

- Martin moved to set Jasper's salary at 120, 750.00. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-no, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Voting yes: Bernhardt, Gaschler, Martin, Pelster, Schilke, Schroder, Strand and Terryberry.

Voting no: Wallin. Absent: Mosel and Large.

Chairman Pelster adjourned the meeting at 9:46 pm. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at the NRD Office in Imperial starting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer