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Board of Directors Regular Meeting December 13, 2011 at 1:00 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 Bernhardt, Brett Bullock, Tom Gaschler, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Mick Strand, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Loren Jessen.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Nadine Bishop (NRCS).

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Audit report
Minutes of November 10 th Regular meeting	Report of District contracts, applications

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of November 10 th Regular meeting	Proposed Rules & Regulations
Financial reports	Report of District contracts, applications
Audit report	Legislative Conference agenda

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

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

Loren Jessen is excused from today's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2011 Regular Board meeting as mailed. Seconded by Wallin.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Large moved to approve the Treasurer’s report and to pay the accounts payable. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

Jasper and Tom Gaschler reviewed the Audit report with the Board. There were no significant findings with the audit.

Jasper and Tom Gaschler discussed with the Board the costs of hiring accountant firm to do quarterly reviews of the NRD’s financial reports.

- Gaschler moved to approve the Audit report for FY 2010-2011 that was done by RJ Meyer and Associates. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no public comments today.

NRCS REPORT:

Nadine Bishop gave the NRCS report and reported that NRCS has been finishing up EQIP and CRP projects for the year and also making CSP and AWEP payments.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated December 1, 2011 to include the conservation plans as signed. Seconded by Kunkel.
- Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper and the Groundwater Control Committee met earlier today to review the proposed rules and regulations. Dean and Jasper reviewed with the Board the draft changes. The Board discussed at length the proposed rules and regulations.

The Board discussed having a Special Board meeting to discuss the proposed rules and regulations. The Board set a Special Board meeting on January 9, 2012 at 9:00 am and the Regular Board meeting on January 12, 2012 at 1:00 p.m.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

Brendon Barger requested that his transfer request be postponed until the January Regular Board meeting.

- Large moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts and agreements to include the NSWCP applications and the well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper attended the NRRMDA meeting and Justin LaVene reported that Nebraska's response reports for the Special Master are due in March.

AUGMENTATION:

Chris Miller has been in contact with Jasper on the augmentation project. Chris would like to discuss a few more details with the Board on the project. Jasper will have Chris attend the Special Board meeting.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper discussed certified acres and if they are attached to the land or to the well. The original certification sheets were done by hand and Dirk would like to work with the technicians and landowner/proxy to recertify acres and attach acres to the correct parcels.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:

Tom Gaschler reported that the Master Conservationist award is due February 1, 2012 if anyone has any candidates.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

The agenda for Legislative Conference is in the Board packets and Board members need to let Deb know who is attending.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The NRD Christmas party will be held December 22nd if any Board members would like to attend.

Tom Terryberry and Dean Large gave a report on the Water Task Force meeting that was held yesterday.

Nadine reviewed the seeding recommendations for the augmentation site.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 4:08 pm. The next Regular Board meeting will be Thursday, January 12, 2012 at the NRD Office in Imperial starting at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer