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Board of Directors Regular Meeting October 4, 2011 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 Bernhardt, Brett Bullock, Tom Gaschler, Loren Jessen, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder and Tom Terryberry

Board Members Absent: Mick Strand and Jeff Wallin.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Brad Johnson and Russ Pankonin.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District contracts, applications
Minutes of September 6, 2011 meeting	USGS agreement
Variance information	Long Range Implementation Plan

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Variance request information
Minutes of September 6, 2011 meeting	Report of District contracts, applications
Financial reports	USGS agreement
NRCS report	Long Range Implementation Plan

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Mick Strand and Jeff Wallin are excused from tonight's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the minutes of the September 6, 2011 Regular Board meeting as mailed. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to approve the Treasurers report and to accept the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Jessen.

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

NRCS REPORT:

Nadine was unable to attend tonight's meeting but sent her monthly report.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated October 3, 2011 and to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper discussed having the Groundwater Committee getting together to update the Rules and Regulations.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Stuart Bartels is requesting a variance to decommission the well on the SE ¼ 10-4-36 and drill a new well on the NW ¼ 26-5-36 and to transfer the certified acres from the SE 10-4-36 to the NW ¼ 26-5-36 due to precipitation runoff which frequently floods the well and the crop.

- Jessen moved to approve the variance request of Stuart Bartels to decommission the well on the SE ¼ of Section 10-4-36, to drill a new well on the NW ¼ of Section 26-5-36, and to be allowed to transfer the certified acres with the reduction of 10 acres and the carry forward being 39" per acre. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Carol Tyerman is requesting a variance to connect two wells G-038665 and G-028914 to water the NE ¼ 21-6-39, part of the NW ¼ 21-6-39 and part of the SE 16-6-39. The wells would be connected by pumping water from G-028914 into an excavated pit well and using that to water two small pivots. The purpose of connecting the two wells would allow them to fully irrigate their allocated acres. Luke and Tim Tyerman were present to discuss this variance with the Board.

This variance will be an agenda item for the November 10, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

Dave Brown is requesting a variance to transfer 45 certified acres from the NE ¼ 19-5-39 to the NE ¼ 9-5-39 and to drill a well to water those acres on the NE ¼ 9-5-39. By transferring these acres he would be able to use the allocated water more efficiently. Dave Brown was present and reviewed this request with the Board.

This variance will be an agenda item for the November 10, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

Loren Jessen, Jessen Unlimited, is requesting a variance to connect wells G-062819 and G-52015 to water the three quarters in SW ¼ 33-11-40, NW ¼ 4-10-40 and the SW ¼ 4-10-40. By connecting the two wells they would be conserving energy and water by allowing rotation of

crops and would take pressure off the ripple control on the SW ¼ 33-11-40. Loren Jessen was present and reviewed the request with the Board.

This variance request will be an agenda item for the November 10, 2011 Regular Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements to include the NSWCP applications, the dissolve pooling contract request and the well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

- Terryberry moved to approve the transfer applications of Loren Jessen to transfer 25 acres from the SE ¼ 9-7-40 to the SW ¼ 9-7-40 and 35 acres from the SE ¼ 18-10-40 to the SE ¼ 4-10-41. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported on the NRRMDA meeting that was held and the conjunctive management model project.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN COALITION REPORT:

No report.

AUGMENTATION:

Jasper met with Chris Miller and they have been working on the pipeline design. Chris will be at the November Board meeting.

USGS JOINT FUNDING AGREEMENT:

Jasper and the Board reviewed the agreement with USGS for the 8 recorder wells. The agreement is \$240 higher than last year.

- Terryberry moved to approve the USGS Joint Funding Agreement for the amount of \$8640.00. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

NOVEMBER REGULAR BOARD MEETING:

There is a conflict with the November Board meeting and the Managers meeting. Chairman Martin set the November Regular Board meeting for November 10th at 7:30 p.m.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that he put a copy of the recent newsletter and the article that was in the Nebraska Farmer in the Boards packets.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:

Tom Gaschler reviewed the Long Range Implementation Plan with the Board.

- Gaschler moved to approve the Long Range Implementation Plan as presented. Seconded by Schroder.

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

LEGISLATION:

Jasper reported that they LR 314 Committee will meet Friday to give an update to the Natural Resources Committee.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Terry Martin gave a report from the NARD Conference business session and the resolutions that were presented during the session.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Dirk is in the process of updating the sub district boundaries in accordance with the new census.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:22 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 10, 2011 at the NRD Office in Imperial starting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer