

**Upper Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Regular Meeting
November 2, 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: Tom Gaschler, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Mike Mosel, Greg Pelster, Tim Schilke, Mick Strand, Tom Terryberry, and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Kerry Bernhardt and Tom Schroder.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Nadine Bishop (NRCS), Stan Loeffler, Gerald Coates, Josh Wendell and Jason Kunkel.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda

Minutes - October 5, 2010 Regular Board meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

NRCS report

Minutes - October 5, 2010 Regular Board meeting Report of District applications & contracts

Financial reports Republican River Basin Coalition Financials

Chairman Pelster called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm.

Kerry Bernhardt is excused from tonight's meeting.

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.

Jeff Wallin arrived at 7:39 p.m.

MINUTES:

- ✓ Terryberry moved to approve the minutes of the October 5, 2010 Regular Board meeting as mailed. Seconded by Mosel.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Report to the Board.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

No comments this meeting.

NRCS REPORT:

Nadine Bishop gave the NRCS report. Nadine reported that NRCS is working with the EQIP contracts. The CRP contracts that were approved by FSA are being written and they hope to have them developed by November 15th. They are involved in a nationwide project that is looking at how much time is spent on activities that they do. NRCS has also received several applications for the WRP program. Nadine also reported that Craig Derickson has replaced Steve Chick.

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

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

No report.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- ✓ Terryberry moved to approve the Report of District Applications, Contracts and Agreements to include the NSWCP application. Seconded by Mosel.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel received a proposed settlement agreement from Bond and Kramer’s Attorneys. The attorneys will review the agreement with their clients and possibly present it to the Board in writing.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that on November 17th there will be a NRRMDA and Basin Coalition meeting. The Coalition will need to formally accept Tri Basin NRD in to the Coalition. The main item of business before the NRRMDA is that the Department had initiated a conjunctive management study and was working on submitting a grant proposal. The Association obligated 20% of the grant expense and there will be some consultant contracts that will need to be approved to get started.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN COALITION REPORT:

Nate reported on the Coalition financials for the past few months.

DISTRICT RETIREMENT PROGRAM:

Jasper discussed the District Retirement program with the Board. Discussion was held on two different options, permanent retirement on an irrigation tract or a dry year lease format where bids would be submitted for the amount they would get paid. Jasper suggested \$10 per acre for the program. Jasper discussed sending out a newsletter to irrigators in the District reviewing what the retirement program is about. Jasper will put together information for a permanent retirement program and send it out for bids and then have the Ground Water Committee review them. The information for a temporary retirement program can be submitted to the Board to review at the December Board meeting.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

No report.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:

No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Terry Martin will be attending the State Association meeting next week.

Chairman Pelster adjourned the meeting at 9:03 pm. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 7, 2010 at the NRD Office in Imperial starting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer