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Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 2, 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, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Mick Strand, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Jason Kunkel.

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

Others present: Joel Burke (legal counsel), Nadine Bishop (NRCS), Brad Johnson, Greg Jensen, Nathan Vitosh and Josh Wendell.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Variance request
Minutes of July 5, 2011 Regular meeting	URNRD report of District applications, contracts

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS reports
Minutes of July 5, 2011 Regular Board meeting	Variance request information
Financial reports	URNRD report of District contracts
Draft Budget	Variable Rate Irrigation article

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

Jason Kunkel is excused from tonight's meeting.

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

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the minutes of the July 5, 2011 Regular Board meeting as mailed. Seconded by Large.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Chairman presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to pay the Accounts Payable and to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Large.

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

Tom Gaschler, Budget Committee Chairman, reviewed the draft budget with the Board. Tom also reported that the budget hearing and Levy hearing would need to be held next month.

Chairman Martin set the Budget Hearing and Levy for September 6, 2011 during the Regular Board meeting and directed management to publish the budget hearing notice.

Deb reviewed the letter from the State Auditor concerning last year's audit. After talking to the auditors they reviewed the audit and found the error and it has been corrected.

NRCS REPORT:

Nadine Bishop gave the NRCS report. Nadine reported that they are working on CRP contracts. Also job announcement were posted for a soil conservationist in Grant and for a soil conservation technician in Imperial. Also a Range Management Specialist position for Imperial is to be posted within the next couple of weeks.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS report dated August 1, 2011 to include the Conservation Plans as signed in Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Strand.

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

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

George Seward request will be an agenda item in September as not all information has been received.

DL Cattle Trading LLC is requesting a variance to connect two wells to water three quarters to conserve energy and water. Greg Jensen was present to discuss the variance with the Board. This request will be an agenda item for September 6th Regular Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated August 2, 2011 to include the Board of Educational Lands pooling contract. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel had nothing to report this month. The Board discussed the Supreme Court decision on the Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District lawsuit.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Nate reported on the meeting with the Special Master and reviewed the deadlines for filings.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN COALITION REPORT:

Nate reported that Middle Republican NRD withdrew from the Coalition and from having Kris Polly representation.

Terry, Tom Terryberry and Jeff discussed the meeting that was held in McCook with the Basin NRD's to discuss the depletion of stream flows that each NRD are responsible for.

AWEP:

Nate reported that the deeds were being mailed out and all the paper work is being finished.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dirk reported that chemigation inspections are finished; technicians are doing water sampling and soon will start testing with the ultra sonic meters. The technicians will start reading meters in September.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:

The pictures have been taken for Jerry Kuenning's award and possibly will be presented at the September Board meeting. The Benkelman Tree Board received the Community Conservation Award and will receive this award at NARD Conference in September.

LEGISLATION:

Tom Terryberry gave a report on the Water Policy Task Force meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Deb reported that NARD Annual conference will be held at the end of September.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:57 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at the NRD Office in Imperial starting at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer