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# Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 13, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. 511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Brett Bullock, Tom Gaschler, Loren Jessen, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

**Board Members Absent:** Kerry Bernhardt, Jason Kunkel.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Others present:** Andy Keep (NRCS) and Russ Pankonin.

### Information mailed to Directors:

Minutes of October 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regular Board meeting	Variance request information
Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts

### Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of October 2, 2014 Regular Board meeting	Report of District application, contracts
Financial reports	Draft Audit report

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm.

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

Kerry Bernhardt and Jason Kunkel 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 October 2, 2014 Regular Board meeting as presented. Second by Wallin.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Large moved to approve the financial reports as presented. Second by Schroder.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT: NONE**

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report this month. Andy reported that they are currently completing the National Resources Inventory for cropland sites in our area. NRCS is currently working with farmers and ranchers that have enrolled in CSP in 2010 to re-enroll in the CSP program. They have 25 applications they are working on.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated November 7, 2014 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Second by Wallin.

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

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Jasper gave an update to the Board for chemigation program and fees. Legislation allowed NRD's to set their own fees. Jasper's calculated that the NRD's expenses would average about \$32 for permits. We will need to hold a hearing to adopt this rule change and we will need to submit to DEQ for their approval.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:**

Both variances scheduled for tonight have asked to be rescheduled for the December 2<sup>nd</sup> Board meeting.

**REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:**

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements to include the NSWCP applications and well decommissioning application. Seconded by Wallin.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Joel is waiting to hear from TERC on the hearing.

**REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:**

Jasper reported that DNR met with the NRD's and Irrigation Districts to present the preliminary forecast. They reported that Nebraska will need to make up 19,000 acre feet this coming year and the URNRD's share of that will be 12,700 acre feet. These are preliminary and they haven't done a lot of District by District model runs. The Lower and Middle Republican NRD's have used NCORPE last year and are getting credit. Jasper suggested pumping NCORPE and shutting down Rock Creek for a while. There will be a Compact meeting next week in Kansas.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

NCORPE - Jasper reported that they will be doing interviews on Monday for the NCORPE management position.

Rock Creek – Jasper asked that the Board consider adding a position for Rock Creek work and also to assist the technicians when they need it. This would allow Dirk and Nate to concentrate on their work more.

Jasper also asked about putting up a pole building on the back lot to free up some room in the shop. These items will be discussed at the December meeting.

Jasper discussed with the Board purchasing a fence cleaner with a brush to help clean the property at Rock Creek and possibly rent this piece of equipment out.

- o Terryberry moved to approve the purchase of a fence cleaner. Second by Wallin.

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

**ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT: None**

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:**

Tom Gaschler reported that Marla Smith had given him information on SCORE camp for next year. This will be an agenda item for the December meeting.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

Terry Martin gave a brief report on the NARD Board of Directors meeting he attended.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Jasper asked the Board about changing the time for Board meetings this winter. The Board meeting for December – April will be held at 10:00 am.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:31 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer