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# Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting January 6, 2015 at 10:00 am 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:** Kerry Bernhardt, Brett Bullock, Tom Gaschler, Jeff Wallin, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, and Tom Terryberry.

**Board Members Absent:** Loren Jessen.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Others present:** Andy Keep (NRCS), Brad Johnson, Russ Pankonin, Kyle Shepherd and Jerry Kuenning.

### Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Variance information
Minutes of the December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regular meeting	Report of District applications, contracts

### Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	USGS Funding Agreement
Minutes of December 2 <sup>nd</sup> Regular meeting	Chemigation information
Financial reports	Variance information
NRCS report	Report of District applications, contract, agreements

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 10:08 am.

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

Loren Jessen is excused from this month's meeting.

### OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

### MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the December 2, 2014 Regular Board meeting minutes as mailed. Second by Bernhardt.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to approve the Treasurers report and to pay the Accounts Payable. Second by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent.

**PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report this month. Andy reported on CSP and that they have extended the public comment period until January 20, 2015 to allow stakeholders to comment on the CSP interim rule.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS report dated January 1, 2015 and to approve the conservation plans as signed for Perkins County. Second by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Jasper reported to the Board that he was still reviewing information on data collection for wells. He would like to have the USGS Joint Funding agreement for recorder wells be an agenda item for the February 3, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

The Groundwater Committee met and discussed the chemigation fees due to the change in statutes. The Committee recommended having the cost for renewal and new permits at \$40 and a special permit would be \$50 and an emergency permit would be \$200. The Board would like to review this further at the February Board meeting.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:**

Jeff Wallin gave the Variance committee report. Jerry Kuenning, representative for Don and Donna Hutchens, is requesting to decommission or convert to range livestock well G-044567 in the NESW ¼ 22-9-39 and drill a new well on the SE ¼ 27-9-39 and to commingle the new well with G-046362 to water the NE ¼ 27-9-39 and the SE ¼ 27-9-39. This is the first hearing and board action will be taken at the February 3, 2015 Regular Board meeting.

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

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated January 6, 1025 to include the NSWCP applications and Board of Educational Lands and Funds applications. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Joel reported that he has received an order from the court and TERC has entered an order saying that they have vacated the hearing that was in June and they have determined that they have no jurisdiction if the leasees are not part of the appeal. They will reschedule another hearing with the leasees being made parties of the appeal. The Board told legal counsel to do what they felt was appropriate.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

Jasper introduced Kyle Shepherd as the new manager at NCORPE starting this week. Kyle discussed his plans for the week to get started in his new position.

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

Jasper reviewed the final forecast from DNR with the Board. The Lower and Middle Republican NRD received 47 ½ percent credit from the NCORPE project and the groundwater model determined that it was wetter in upper reaches than it was downstream so that affected our 2014 percentages. So with the forecast we will have the biggest percentage of water to make up.

**FULLY AND OVER APPROPRIATED DISTRICT REPRESENTATION:**

Jasper reported to the Board that some of the Districts that are fully and over appropriated have had some discussions on public relations and representation and forming a coalition. The group would like to get Dave Cookson and the new firm he is with on board to be available to lobby for the group. The cost would about \$5000 per District and they are in the process of finalizing this agreement. This would involve about 10 – 15 NRD’s. This will be an agenda item for the February 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT: No report**

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report**

**LEGISLATION: No report**

**STATE ASSOCIATION:** NARD Legislative Conference will be held January 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> and there are 4 Board members attending.

The Board appointed Tom Gaschler as voting delegate and Jason Kunkel as the alternate voting delegate for NARD Conference.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- Gaschler moved to retain the same officers for Board offices. Second by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Terry will review the URNRD Committee list and see if changes need to be made.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:34 pm. The next Regular Board meeting will be February 3, 2015 at 10:00 a.m. at the NRD Office.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer