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Board of Directors Regular Meeting April 5, 2016 at 1:30 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.

Board Members Present: Kerry Bernhardt, Brett Bullock, Dean Large, Tom Gaschler, Jason Kunkel, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

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), Matt Zvolanek (NRCS), Brad Johnson, Kyle Shepherd, Curtis Johnson and Rob Schilke.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Variance request
Minutes of 2-4-16 meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Variance request
Minutes of March 1, 2016 meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Financial reports	Grant resolution
NRCS report	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:37 p.m.

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

Loren Jessen is excused from today's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the March 1, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Wallin.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: There were no public comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and introduced Matt Zvolanek with Perkins County NRCS. Andy also reported that highly erodible land and wetland compliance spot checks will be done in late May or early June and explained the eligibility requirements and the how the 2014 Farm Bill extended conservation compliance.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated April 1, 2016 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Dundy County. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

NCORPE:

Kyle Shephard was present and gave the Board an update on NCORPE activities. NCORPE has pumped 26,000 acre feet of water for compliance and the target amount is about 31000 acre feet. They will start tapering the wells to shut down wells on April 19th. They opened 10 miles of biking/hiking trail this past weekend.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper reported to the Board that there was no additional information on Champion Lake.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff Wallin gave the Variance Committee report.

Jeff reported that New Way Inc., R.J. Schilke, is requesting to transfer 96.9 certified allocation acres with the remaining allocation of 20.96 inches per acres and the carryforward of 36.76 inches per acres from the NW ¼ Section 1-6-38 to the NE ¼ of Section 10-6-39. Rob will work with Dirk on some possible changes for this variance. This is the first reading and will be an agenda item for the May 3rd meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated April 5, 2016 to include NSWCP applications, pooling contracts, transfer application and well decommissioning. Seconded by Wallin.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reported that we are still dealing with TERC and NCORPE hearing with TERC will be in May.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported on the meeting Kansas and Nebraska had in Manhattan. There will be another meeting in Lincoln the end of April.

ROCK CREEK PASTURE LEASE:

Jasper discussed the pasture lease the NRD has with FEM.

- Gaschler moved to continue the lease as is with FEM. Seconded by Schroder.

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

- Gaschler moved to have ground by Wilders rented to highest bidder. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate presented Resolution No. UR-2016-4-05-01 to the Board for the WaterSMART Drought Resiliency Project Grant program.

- Gaschler moved to adopt Resolution UR 2016-4-05-01. Seconded by Large.

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

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Jasper reported that the Niobrara bill passed.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report.

Nate reported that there were about 100 people signed in at the water conference.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be May 3, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer