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Board of Directors Regular Meeting October 13, 2015 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, Loren Jessen, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry, and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Tom Gaschler.

NRD Staff: Nate Jenkins and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS),

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Resolution documents
Minutes of September Board meeting	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS Report
Minutes of September 1, 2015 Regular Board meeting	Draft IMP
Financial reports	Resolution documents

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

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

Tom Gaschler is excused from tonight's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the September 1, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Jessen.

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 pay the Accounts payable and to approve the Treasurer’s report and to write off account W020. Seconded by Wallin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy gave the NRCS report and reported on the EQIP program and sign up and also reported on NRCS Outreach to Underserved groups program.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated October 5, 2015 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Wallin.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Board reviewed the draft IMP for any changes before taking it to hearing. Nate reviewed the few changes that were made.

- Terryberry moved to approve the draft Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for a joint hearing with Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (DNR) with the date being set sometime after November 12th and the date be coordinated with (DNR) and to hold the November Regular Board meeting on the same night. Seconded by Wallin.

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

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS: None.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Nate reported that there hasn’t been a RRCA meeting. Nate reviewed that the NRD’s will need to come up with approximately 55,000 acre feet of water and approximately half of that will be the Lower Republican NRD and URNRD share is about 15,000 to 17,000 acre feet. Jasper is looking at using Rock Creek and how or when we should use NCORPE to come up with our share.

Nate discussed the lawsuit between the Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District and the State.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Terry Martin and Deb presented information on amending the Bond Resolution. The original resolution had the percentages of payments between the Districts in NCORPE fixed. Since URNRD is contributing \$1 million in cash for repayment of the outstanding bonds, which we

received as cost share from DNR, the percentages needed to be altered. This resolution accomplishes that.

- Terryberry moved to adopt the amended Bond resolution. Seconded by Wallin.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT:

We have been doing some crossing work at Rock Creek and the discharge box in the pipeline was settling some and it was fixed. We will be putting a concrete apron in front of it to hold it and remove the concrete blocks and hydraulic jacks and then put several yards of flowable fill underneath it.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: None.

LEGISLATION: Nate reported on the NCORPE hearing and about 100 people attended and testimony from both sides. After the hearing the Senators toured NCORPE property.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Terry Martin gave a report on NARD Annual Conference that was held in Kearney at the end of September.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer