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# Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

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## **Board of Directors Regular Meeting February 4, 2016 at 1:30 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:** Kerry Bernhardt, Brett Bullock, Tom Gaschler, Jason Kunkel, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

**Board Members Absent:** Loren Jessen and Dean Large.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

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

### **Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Variance request
Minutes of 1-5-16 meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements

### **Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	Variance request
Minutes of January 5, 2016 meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Financial reports	Long Range Plan
NRCS report	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:44 p.m.

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

Loren Jessen and Dean Large are excused from today's meeting.

### **OPEN FORUMS:**

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

### **MINUTES:**

- Terryberry moved to approve the January 5, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-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 Wallin.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** There were no public comments.

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed the Veteran Recruitment appointments and EQIP preapprovals.

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:** No report.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:**

Jeff Wallin gave the Variance Committee report.

Clint McCallum is requesting to transfer 30.0 certified allocated acres with the remaining allocation of 39.01 inches per acre from the NW ¼ 25-7-36 to the NE ¼ 32-4-36 and also requesting to have a 10% reduction of acres instead of the 39% based on historical use and would decertify 3.0 acres instead of 11.6 acres. Mr. McCallum asked to waive the 30 day waiting period. After the Variance Committee discussed they did not feel the variance would be approved as presented, Mr. McCallum withdrew the request for the 30 day waiting period and will present an updated request at the March Board meeting.

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

- Tom Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated February 4, 2016. Seconded by Wallin.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Jasper discussed the lawsuits with Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District and Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District with the Board.

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

Jasper reported that the States are working together and will have a meeting at the end of February. Jasper also discussed the Bureau and how they are supposed to be complying with an order for storing water for Kansas Bostwick.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

Augmentation wells are still pumping at NCORPE. Dirk has been working at Rock Creek getting the new building put up for the SCADA system and computer.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Dirk and Jasper discussed the recorder wells with the Board. They had met with John Miller from USGS and after that meeting they will be looking at things to possibly add at the sites. Once they have a few of the technology questions answered then will come back with a counter proposal.

Nate presented the Board a draft of the Long Range Plan for the Board to review. At the March meeting suggestions can be reviewed and possibly adopt the final Plan.

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:** No report.

**LEGISLATION:**

Jasper reviewed the Governors property tax proposal that the Association is opposing but is willing to work with the Governor and Legislature on reasonable reform. Jasper recommended that the Board support the Niobrara NRD's with LB 1038 and Nate and Jasper could draft a letter of support.

- Terryberry moved to support LB 1038. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

Terry reported on the State Association and who the new officers are at the Association.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Chairman Martin reviewed the URNRD Committee list with the Board and left the Committees as they are.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:50 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be March 1, 2016 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer