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Board of Directors Regular Meeting December 13, 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 and published in area newspapers.

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

Board Members Absent: Loren Jessen.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Bruce Curtis, Julia Franck, Nate Jenkins and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information mailed to Directors:

Minutes of November 8, 2016 Board Meeting
Agenda

Variance information
Report of District applications, contracts,

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda
Minutes of November 8, 2016 Board meeting
Financial reports
NRCS report

Variance information
Report of District applications, contracts
Amendment to Bond resolution
SCORE camp information

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:38 p.m.

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

OPEN FORUMS:

Loren Jessen is excused from tonight's meeting.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and said he will be attending a Symposium on Innovative partnerships for Working Lands Conservations. The meeting will highlight the power of partner-driven conservation on private working lands and explore opportunities for innovative approaches that can bring in new partners, tools and approaches to further voluntary conservation.

Chairman Martin suggested approval of minutes and then to move URNRD Rules and Regulations, Variance Committee, up to Item 2 on the agenda.

MINUTES:

✚ Terryberry moved to approve the minutes of the November 8, 2016 Regular Board meeting as presented. Seconded by Wallin.

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

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff presented the Variance Committee report. George Seward is requesting a variance to transfer 60.4 allocated acres from the NE ¼ 22-1-40 to the E ½ 8-2-41 along with the remaining allocation of 65 inches. No new acres will be irrigated and no carryforward is requested. The acres requested to be transferred are in accordance with the historical use and SDF rules of URNRD. The donor tract has not been irrigated since 2003 and possibly has been in CREP or CRP. This will be an agenda item for the January Board meeting.

Jeff Wallin left the meeting at 1: 54 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

✚ Gaschler moved to approve the Treasurers report and to pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

✚ Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated December 1, 2016 to include the Conservation plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Wallin.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper discussed with the Board that 2017 is the end of the 5-year allocation period. The GW Committee will start meeting to discuss a new allocation.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

✚ Large moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated December 13, 2016 to include the well decommissioning contract. Seconded by Schroder.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

No change from last month. Kansas still wants 20,000 acre feet of water delivered from the augmentation projects to Harlan.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Todd is working on the flowmeters at the augmentation site and is working on the SCADA system operational. The initial plan is to pump about 4,000 to 5,000 acre feet out of Rock Creek and similar amount out of NCORPE.

Jasper reported on the amendment to the Bond Resolution that was approved at the October 4th Regular Board meeting.

✚ Terryberry moved to adopt Resolution 12132016 with the date amendments. Seconded by Large.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Bruce is working on updating the Groundwater Management Plan and he attended a training session on the Groundwater Model in Lincoln. He is working on the groundwater model for the District.

Nate reported that all 4 grants that were submitted were denied by the Natural Resource Commission. Jasper is checking to see how grants are scored by the Commission.

Nate told the Board that they should be receiving information from DNR on the Caucus meeting to elect Natural Resources Commission representative for the Republican River Basin. This will be January 11th at 12:30 at the McCook Fairgrounds.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:

Tom Gaschler gave a report on SCORE Camp that will be held in 2017. They are asking for assistance with tuition again this year.

✚ Tom Gaschler on behalf of the Information and Education Committee recommended that URNRD approve \$7000 for SCORE Camp this year.

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

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

NARD Legislative Conference will be held the January 24th and 25th 2017. Deb needs to know by January 3rd who will be attending. At the January meeting the Board will vote on a voting delegate for Legislative conference.

Jasper asked that the Board meeting be moved to January 5th due to the office being closed on January 2nd for the holidays.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be January 5, 2017 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer