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Board of Directors Regular Meeting June 15, 2017 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, Tom Gaschler, Loren Jessen, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: None.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS), Brad Johnson, Russ Pankonin, Dallas Watkins, Bruce Lefler, and Geneie Andrews.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Minutes of May 2, 2017 meeting	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Variance information
Minutes of May 2, 2017 meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Financial reports	Bond resolution for NCORPE
NRCS report	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:57 pm.

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

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Wallin moved to approve the minutes of the May 2, 2017 Regular Board meeting as presented. Seconded by Wallin.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to pay the Accounts Payable and to accept the Treasurer's Report. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 10-yes. Motion carried.

Jasper would like to meet with the Budget Committee after the Board meeting to review the draft budget. Jasper reviewed that this is the last year that NRD's have authority to use additional 3 cents for water management activities. There were 3 bigger projects that URNRD applied for water sustainability funding and there is the potential that those may get funded within the next few months depending on how the Commission decides to deal with their funds. Jasper had met with the Executive Committee earlier and discussed 6% salary increase for staff.

- Terryberry moved to approve the salary budget with a 6% increase for wages. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 10 yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report this evening. Andy presented a Conservation Update report for NRD Managers to the Board. Andy also reported that NRCS does have a new intern working with them this summer.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated June 8, 2017 to include the Conservation Plans for Perkins and Chase County. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 10-yes. Motion carried.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff gave the Variance Committee report.

#1 George Seward is requesting a variance to transfer 35.7 certified acres from the SW ¼ 22-1-40 to the SE ¼ 23-3-42 (136.5 certified acres) and SW ¼ 23-3-42 (98.7 certified acres). There are 13 miles between SW 22-1-40 and the SE & SW 23-3-42. There will be no carryforward and no additional irrigated acres. This is the first reading of the Variance and this will be an agenda item for the July Board meeting.

#2 KAK Inc is asking to transfer allocation from their pools. They are renting two tracts with two pivots which are short of allocation. They are asking to transfer allocation from two of their pools to these two tracts. This was the first reading of the Variance and this will be an agenda item for the July Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the URNRD Report of applications, contracts and agreements dated June 15, 2017 to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts and well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 10-yes. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reported that the attorney for Dundy County has filed for a status hearing from TERC.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper discussed the status of water short year accounting for Republican River Compact compliance. We are out from under the two-year averaging resolution and have exceeded the 68,000 foot requirement in the new resolution with Kansas and Colorado, and the 119,000 acre feet that includes the water that Kansas can request but didn't ask us to pump. We will be utilizing the 5 year averages only for calculating compliance. There has been quite a bit of water that went past Guide Rock and Hardy so the 5 year balance this year should be good or at least this year's piece of it will good.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS: None.

NCORPE BOND:

Bruce Lefler with Ameritas was present to discuss the NCORPE Bond resolution. Bruce reviewed the final accounting for each NRD for the refinancing of the NCORPE Series 2013A and Series 2013B bonds and the final numbers associated with these bonds.

- Terryberry moved to approve Resolution #06152017 for the NCORPE bond. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 10-yes. Motion carried.

ENVIROTHON 2020:

Terry Martin reported on the North American Envirothon 2020 that will be held in Lincoln and NARD will be sponsoring this. They are asking each NRD to contribute and our NRD amount is \$2127 for two years and then we may not have to pay.

- Terryberry moved to approve \$2127 per year and the total amount not to exceed \$7500 for NARD Envirothon 2020. Seconded by Wallin.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: 10-yes. Motion carried.

GIS CONTRACT:

Geneie with GIS Workshop was present to present information on the GIS proposal. Jasper explained that there are two parts to this proposal.

#1 The first proposal is for GIS to take our sequel database, which is what we use to keep our certified acres and allocations, and merge it with our mapping and GIS layers that we have for well locations, meter locations, certified acres, and combine those two so that the numbers in our database are tied to the mapping. Also, GIS Workshop will develop an application that we can use and manage in an effective streamline and error proof method than what we have right now. This will be about \$95,000 to update our database.

#2 When assessing the occupation tax and managing things in general Dundy County does not have digitized parcel boundaries or information to use in GIS. They still use hand drawn maps and files. The biggest use to digitizing this is certifying acres and seeing which parcel they are on

is to help with assessing and collecting the occupation tax. Jasper would like the Board to approve this providing we can get an agreeable working relationship with Dundy County Commissioners and Assessor meaning that they will provide the data and assist us in keeping it updated and see if they are willing to share some of the cost. The cost for this would be approximately \$88,000.

- Terryberry moved to proceed with Dundy County GIS provided an agreement is reached with Dundy County and is subject to Board approval. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 10-yes. Motion carried.

- Terryberry moved to proceed with the GIS workshop update on URNRD database. Seconded by Wallin.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT:

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Terry reported that the Health insurance will have a 5% increase and dental will have a 2.9% increase.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The July meeting is supposed to be held on July 4th and Jasper asked if Thursday, July 13th would be ok to have the Board meeting.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer