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Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 1, 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, Tom Gaschler, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Brett Bullock and Loren Jessen.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS) and Brandon Kuenning.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Variance information
Minutes of July 12, 2017 Regular meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Financial reports	Summary of TERC decision
NRCS report	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at

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

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the July 12, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Wallin.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

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

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

Jasper discussed the draft budget with the Board and is currently waiting on the valuations from each county. Jasper has a conflict for the September Board meeting and asked if September 18th would work for all Board members. The Board set the Regular Board meeting and the FY 17-18 Budget and Levy hearing for September 18, 2017 at 7:30.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported on the FY 2017 Watershed and Flood prevention proposals.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS report dated August 1, 2017 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins county. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper and the Board briefly discussed the allocation and the groundwater modeling project.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff Wallin presented the variance request for Brandon Kuenning. Brandon is requesting to transfer 124.4 certified allocated acres from the NE 25-9-40 to the NW 9-9-40.

- Wallin and the Variance Committee recommendation is to approve the variance request for Brandon Kuenning to transfer 124.4 acres from the NE ¼ of Section 25-9-40 to the NW ¼ 9-9-40, Perkins County without taking a reduction for historical use, carry forward will be 39 inches and the well at the current location would remain in use for the surrounding tracts.

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated August 1, 2017 to include the NSWCP application and pooling contracts. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reviewed the decision from TERC for the Dundy County tax protest.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that there will be a RRCA meeting in Burlington on August 21st.

Jasper reported on the rains and how it has affected the reservoirs.

The new manager for Lower Republican NRD, Todd Seil, started today and Mike Clements will retire on September 1st.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS: No report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reviewed the water sustainability grant, the water cash fund and telemetry equipment with the Board.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

The NARD Annual Conference will be in Kearney on September 25th and 26th.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer