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Board of Directors Regular Meeting
August 9, 2016 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, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Jason Kunkel

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS), Doug Baney, Dirk Dinnel and Russ Pankonin.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Variance request information
Minutes of July 5 th Board meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreement

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of July 5 th Regular Board Meeting	Variance request information
Financial reports	Report of District applications, contract, agreements
Draft budget	NARD Annual Conference information

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

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

Jason Kunkel is excused from tonight's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

Terryberry moved to approve the July 5, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes as mailed. Seconded by Wallin.

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 accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

Tom Gaschler and Jasper reviewed the FY 16-17 draft budget and levy with the Board.

- ✚ Gaschler on behalf of the Budget Committee's recommendation moved to approve the draft FY 16-17 Budget and to set the levy at 6 cents and to set the FY 16-17 Budget and Levy hearing for September 13, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported on the Soil Heath Field Day and the Organic Farm tour that will be held August 24th at the Bruns/Demmel organic farm.

- ✚ Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Jessen.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Dean Large reported that the Groundwater Committee had meet and discussed water banking and transfers.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff Wallin presented the Variance Committee report.

Doug Baney is requesting a variance to transfer 115.7 acres from the NE 1/4 of Section 30-2-37 and 112.2 certified acres being transferred to the NW and SW of Section 18-4-41 and 3.5 certified acres be transferred to the NE 1/4 of Section 19-4-41, and to decertify 3.8 certified acres.

- ✚ Jeff Wallin reported that the recommendation of the Variance Committee is to approve the variance request of Doug Baney to transfer 11.57 acres from the NE 1/4 of Section 30-2-37 and 112.2 certified acres would be transferred to the NW and SW of Section 18-4-41 and 3.5 certified acres to the NE 1/4 of Section 19-4-41 and 3.8 acres would be decertified and request will be in effect in the 2016 season and contingent on lien search.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-no, 1-absent. Motion carried. Voting yes: Bernhardt, Bullock, Gaschler, Jessen, Martin, Schroder, Terryberry and Wallin. Voting no: Large. Absent: Kunkel.

Nina Oakley Trust is requesting a variance to transfer 33.4 certified acres from the NW 1/4 32-4-37 to the NW 1/4 18-4-41 and to decertify 11.7 certified acres.

- ✚ Jeff Wallin reported that the recommendation of the Variance Committee is to approve the variance request of Nina Oakley Trust to transfer 33.4 certified acres from the NW 1/4 of Section 32-4-37 to the NW 1/4 of Section 18-4-41 and to decertify 11.7 acres and going request will be in effect for the 2016 season and contingent on lien search.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 2-no, 1-absent. Motion carried. Voting yes: Bernhardt, Bullock, Gaschler, Jessen, Martin, Schroder and Wallin. Voting no: Large and Terryberry. Absent: Kunkel.

Jeff Wallin presented the Variance request of Richard and John Fries to transfer 148.9 certified acres and 122.7 certified acres going to the NE, SE and SW of Section 19-4-41 and 26.2 certified acres going to the SW ¼ of Section 31-4-41 and to decertify 4.1 acres. This will be an agenda item for the September Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- ✚ Terryberry moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated August 9, 2016 and to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

Chairman Martin called a 5-minute recess at 9:27 p.m.

Chairman Martin called the meeting back in order at 9:31 p.m.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that the Compact meetings with Kansas and Nebraska were productive and that there will be another meeting held in Burlington Co this month.

- ✚ Large moved to go into Executive session for pending negotiations and litigation with the Board, Legal Counsel, Manager and staff and not to exceed 15 minutes. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

The Board went into Executive session at 9:33 p.m.

- ✚ Wallin moved to come out of Executive session at 9:46 p.m. Seconded by Terryberry.

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

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper reported that Todd has been working on the Dundy County property and getting it cleaned up and also working on the building and has exercised the valves.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reviewed the sustainability grants with the Board. Nate has put in 4 different sustainability grants, one for the retirement of 7000 acres to incorporate a water banking concept, 2 grants to help with groundwater modeling and data collection and one for soil moisture probes.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

NARD Annual Conference will be held September 25th – 27th in Kearney, let Deb know if you are attending.

✚ Terryberry moved to have Tom Gaschler as voting delegate and Terry Martin as alternate at NARD Conference. Seconded by Wallin.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:02 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 13, 2016.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer