

Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting December 8, 2020 at 9:00 am 511 East 5th Street, Imperial, NE

Agendas were sent to all Board Members and 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, and posted on the District website. The meeting was announced over KADL-Imperial, KRVN-Lexington and KOGA-Ogallala and published in area newspapers.

Board Members Present: Terry Martin, Jason Kunkel, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Janice Stroup,

Tom Terryberry, Tom Schroder, Tyler Turner

Board Members Absent: Kerry Bernhardt, Dean Large, Brock Stromberger.

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

Others Present: CJ Swanson, Chance Thayer, Senator Dan Hughes.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda

Minutes of November 3rd Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

Financial reports

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NRCS report

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the NRD Office.

Kerry Bernhardt, Brock Stromberger, Dean Large, are excused from this month's meeting.

Introductions of Board, staff and others present were done.

MINUTES:

Terryberry moved to approve the November 3, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 3-absent, 3-abstain. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

Lunkel moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 3-absent. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the FY 19-20 Audit Report and the auditors will file it with the State.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep sent a written NRCS report for the Board which was the News Release for the Local Working Group Meeting that is planned for March 3, 2021.

Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated December 8, 2020 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Perkins and Dundy Counties. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper discussed with the Board transfers with new wells. Jasper suggested advertising to the public if they would like to apply for a transfer that would require drilling a new well and providing offset for that. Applications would need to be in by January 15th and would be presented to the Board in February. Then we will do the same thing in November/December meeting.

Julia put together a usage report from 2004 - 2020 and the 2020 report is still preliminary. The average is approximately 11.08 for the past 3 years.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS: No report

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT:

The 3 States continue to meet and working on some issues that Kansas would like resolved.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

The forecast shows that we will have maintenance, but wells will not be utilized.

Nate reported that there is possibly a pump that went bad and Sargent is going to pull it and check it out.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that the technicians are installing more telemetry units.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Senator Hughes discussed the Legislative session with the Board. They will meet in session but with Covid he is not sure what testing will be for Senators and staff. This is the long sessions so they will have several items to get through this year.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Terry reported that the new building is going forward. They are working on funding and transferring funds and dividends.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:54 a.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, January 5, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry

Secretary/Treasurer

