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Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 17 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 and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Tom Terryberry.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins, Dirk Dinnel and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Brad Johnson, Brad Edgerton, Aaron Thompson and Russ Pankonin.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Proposed Integrated Management Plan
Minutes of October 13 th Regular Board meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Proposed Integrated Management Plan
Minutes of October 13 th Regular Board meeting	URNRD NRD Rapid Response Areas
Financial reports	Report of District applications, contracts
NRCS Report of Planning Activity	NARD Interlocal agreement for seedling trees

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m.

Tom Terryberry is excused from the meeting tonight.

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.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Terry Martin opened the Public Hearing the Integrated Management Plan at 7:36 p.m. Joel Burke is appointed the Hearing Officer. Joel explained the order of testimony will be taken by any federal government agency, any state agency, then any local, government agencies or officials, and then the public. When you do testify, come forward and write your name down and if you're representing somebody please indicate who you are representing. There are exhibits received and they are #1 through #4 are the publisher affidavits with the notice of the meeting hearing tonight, #5 is a draft of the amended IMP and #6 is a letter from the DNR. And with that we will open it up to any federal agencies. Oral and written testimony was received from Aaron Thompson, Bureau of Reclamation and Brad Edgerton, Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District. Mr. Edgerton also had a packet of 5 documents to be added as exhibits. Mr. Burke asked if there was any more testimony and there was none. Mr. Burke closed the Public Hearing on the Integrated Management Plan at 7:58 p.m.

Terry Martin stated that due to the fact that there is testimony to review that it would be a good idea to vote on approving the IMP at the December 1st Regular Board meeting.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the October 13, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes as mailed. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

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

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

NRCS REPORT:

There was no NRCS report tonight.

- Gaschler moved to approve the NRCS report Of Planning Activity dated November 10, 2015 to include the Conservation Plants as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Wallin.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper and the Board discussed the map of the URNRD rapid response 10-2 and 10-5 areas and why it was expanded. Jasper also reviewed the dates involved with the IMP.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated November 17, 2015 to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Wallin.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reported on TERC. Everything is still in TERC's hands.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that the three states are still meeting and there will be a meeting in North Platte next week. All three states are committed to meeting monthly. They are still trying to get the short term agreement in effect.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

NCORPE wells are operating to provide the 33,000 feet, Basin wide, which was projected to be needed by June 1st.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Jasper presented the Tree Interlocal agreement with NARD and participating NRD's.

- Gaschler moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for seedling trees/shrubs with URNRD and NARD. Seconded by Wallin.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jasper and the Board discussed going to day meetings for the winter months. The Board of Directors agreed that effective December 1st that Board meeting will be held during that day at 1:30 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be December 1, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. at the NRD office in Imperial.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer