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Board of Directors Regular Meeting December 1 at 1:30 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, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Tom Schroder.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Brad Johnson, Sara Winslow, Sara Walker and Russ Pankonin.

Information mailed to Directors:

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| Agenda | Report of District Contract, applications, and agreements |
| Minutes of November 17 th Regular Board meeting | |

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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| Agenda | NRCS Report of Planning Activity |
| Minutes of November 17 th Regular Board meeting | Proposed Integrated Management Plan |
| Financial reports | Report of District applications, contracts |

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Tom Schroder and Loren Jessen are excused from the meeting tonight.

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

INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the November 17, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes as mailed. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Jeff Wallin arrived at 1:39 p.m.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

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

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

Jasper reviewed the FY 14-15 audit that was prepared by RJ Meyers & Associates.

- Terryberry moved to accept the FY 14-15 audit report from RJ Meyers and Associates. Seconded by Wallin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Sara Winslow gave the NRCS report this month. Sara reviewed the written report which included information on EQIP, CRP, CStP and CTA programs.

- 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 reviewed the Modified Integrated Management Plan.

- Terryberry moved to approve the Order adopting the Modified Integrated Management Plan. Seconded by Wallin.

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

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated December 1, 2015 to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Wallin.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported on the RRCA meeting and the State is working on a MOU with the Irrigation Districts and the three states adopted the revised resolution that will allow them to implement their latest resolution. Without the Irrigation District and the Bureau agreeing on a MOU it would allow Nebraska to administer the water downstream.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Rock Creek is having some flowmeter issue that Dirk is working on having some work done on them and some of the issues is the equipment being installed in the pit. The digital readouts will be moved so that they are not affected by the moisture. Then we will work on hooking them up the SCADA system to read those flowmeters. There was a laptop and now there is a desk top computer but it's not setup to work efficiently. The best option is to build a small office building next to well 3 for the computer and radio repeater to all run into that building.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dirk reported that USGS is requesting to upgrade the 6 recorder wells at \$6,000 per well for a total cost of \$36000. The cost split would be URNRD \$24,000 and USGS \$12,000. The annual contract for 2017 will double with the NRD share being \$18500 for yearly upgrades on the wells. Jasper discussed with the Board on looking at some other options for recorder wells. The Board would like information on costs before moving forward.

Nate reported on the Water Sustainability grant which would reverse water from the Platte and put into the Republican Basin and presented the Board with information on the costs for this.

- o Terryberry moved to authorize Nate to apply with the other NRD's for the Water Sustainability grant. Seconded by Kunkel.

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

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: Legislature will be in session starting January 6, 2016.

STATE ASSOCIATION: NARD Legislative Conference will be held the end of January in Lincoln. Deb will need to know by December 30th who is planning on attending this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be January 5, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the NRD office in Imperial.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer