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Board of Directors Regular Meeting January 5, 2016 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 Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Loren Jessen.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Brad Johnson, Andy Keep (NRCS), Nate Johnson and Ronal Johnson.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District Contract, applications, and agreements
Minutes of December 1 st Regular Board meeting	
Variance request	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Variance request
Minutes of December 1 st Regular Board meeting	Report of District applications, contracts & agreements
Financial reports	URNRD Committee list
NRCS Report of Planning Activity	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:32 p.m.

Loren Jessen is excused from the meeting today.

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.

Chairman Martin reviewed the Notice of Public Hearing that was received from the Chair and Members of the Planning Commission of the City of Imperial.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the December 1, 2015 Regular Board meeting minutes as mailed. Seconded by Wallin.

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 Wallin.

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

Jasper asked that Account S215 be wrote off and deemed uncollectable.

- Terryberry moved to write off account S215 and is uncollectable. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No public comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report this month. Andy reviewed the written report which included information on the Conservation Client Gateway Recruiting – the Huskers CCG Surge and Recognizing the Importance of the Planning Process for NRCS.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report Of Planning Activity dated January 4, 2016 to include the Conservation Plants as signed for Chase and Dundy County. Seconded by Wallin.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff Wallin presented the Variance request from Ronal Johnson. Ronal is requesting to transfer 82.1 certified allocated acres with the remaining allocation of 14.72 inches per acre and carryforward of 31.89 inches per acre from the NE ¼ of Section 6-5-38; 32.9 certified allocated acres with the remaining allocation of 28.90 inches per acre and carryforward of 39.00 inches per acres from the SW ¼ of Section 7-5-38; and 5.0 certified allocated acres with the remaining allocation of 28.90 inches per acre and carryforward of 39.00 inches per acres from the NW ¼ of Section 7-5-38 to the NW ¼ of Section 30-5-38 and to drill a well on the NW ¼ of Section 30-5-38 and to either decommission or convert to range livestock the well G-061348 that waters the NE ¼ of Section 6-5-38. Mr. Johnson is also requesting to waive the 30-day waiting period.

- Wallin moved to waive the 30 day waiting period for the Ronal Johnson variance request. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

- Wallin moved to approve the Variance request of Ronal Johnson to transfer 82.1 certified allocated acres with the remaining allocation of 14.72 inches per acre and carryforward of 31.89 inches per acre from the NE ¼ of Section 6-5-38; 32.9 certified allocated acres with the remaining allocation of 28.90 inches per acre and carryforward of 39.00 inches per acres from the SW ¼ of Section 7-5-38; and 5.0 certified allocated acres with the remaining allocation of 28.90 inches per acre and carryforward of 39.00 inches per acres from the NW ¼ of Section 7-5-38 to the NW ¼ of Section 30-5-38 and to drill a well on the NW ¼ of Section 30-5-38 and to either decommission or convert to range livestock the well G-061348 that waters the NE ¼ of Section 6-5-38 pending on lien search approval. Seconded by Schroder.

Discussion.

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated January 5, 2016 to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts, well decommissioning and School Land agreements. Seconded by Wallin.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reviewed the transmittal of Short-Term and Long-Term Forecast of Available Water Supplies in the Republican Basin from NDNR with the Board.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Nate reported on the Water Sustainability grant that was approved at last month's meeting. When this was presented to the NCORPE Board in December and before the meeting Twin Platte Board had said they were in favor of the grant proposal as long as it reduced their pipeline cost by 40% or 4 million dollars. So the proposal that was presented reduced their cost by 4.8 million dollars. There were no issues at the NCORPE Board and then Twin Platte NRD discovered another grant they had and used this grant on the north pipeline. Twin Platte expressed that they did not want to proceed with the grant and so at this point we are not proceeding with the grant proposal and the deadline was December 30th. There is a possibility that we can apply in July.

Nate reported that URNRD applied for 4.8 million dollars for URNRD to permanently retire acres associated with Rock Creek

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Dirk reported on recorder wells and the cost of repairs would be cheaper if the NRD did the repairs. There is a possibility of assistance with DNR for this. Dirk will continue to research this.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: Legislative session starts tomorrow, January 6th.

STATE ASSOCIATION: NARD Legislative Conference will be held January 26th and 27th in Lincoln.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman Martin reviewed the process of Election of Officers and Chairman will be elected first. Chairman Martin turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Wallin at 2:25 p.m.

Vice Chairman Wallin asked for nominations for Chairman. Tom Gaschler nominated Terry Martin. Vice Chairman Wallin asked for any other nominations.

- Gaschler moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for Terry Martin as Chairman. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-abstain, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Vice Chairman Wallin turned the meeting back over to Chairman Martin at 2:29 pm.

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for Vice President. Kerry Bernhardt nominated Jeff Wallin. Chairman Martin asked for any other nominations for Vice President.

- Gaschler moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for Jeff Wallin as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Tom Gaschler nominated Tom Terryberry. Chairman Martin asked for any other nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

- Gaschler moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for Tom Terryberry for Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Wallin.

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

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for NARD representative. Tom Terryberry nominated Terry Martin. Chairman Martin asked for any other nominations.

- Gaschler moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for Terry Martin as NARD representative. Seconded by Wallin.

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

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for NARD alternate. Tom Terryberry nominated Tom Gaschler as NARD alternate. Chairman Martin asked for any other nominations.

- Terryberry moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous vote for Tom Gaschler as NARD alternate. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for NCORPE representative. Gaschler nominated Terry Martin. Chairman Martin asked for any other nominations for the NCORPE representative.

- Gaschler moved that nominations cease and to cast unanimous vote for Terry Martin as NCORPE representative. Seconded by Wallin.

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

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for NCORPE alternate representative. Gaschler nominated Dean Large. Chairman Martin asked for any other nominations for the NCORPE alternate representative.

- Tom Terryberry moved that nominations cease and cast a unanimous vote for Dean Large and NCORPE alternate representative. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

- Bernhardt moved to continue the policy that in the Chairman's or alternate absence the Chairman may appoint any Board member or staff member as a NCORPE representative. Seconded by Gaschler.

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

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATE:

- Gaschler moved that Jason Kunkel be the voting delegate and Tom Terryberry as alternate for NARD Legislative Conference. Seconded by Wallin.

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

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:40 p.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be February 2, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the NRD office in Imperial.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer