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Board of Directors Regular Meeting June 2, 2015 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, Tom Gaschler, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin

Board Members Absent: Brett Bullock and Loren Jessen.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS) and Page Johnston.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Information on River Flow Enhancement Bonds
Minutes of May 4 th Regular meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCs reports
Minutes of May 4 th Regular Board meeting	Report of District application, contract, agreement
Financial reports	Information on River Flow Enhancement bond

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m.

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

Brett Bullock and Loren Jessen are excused from tonight's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the minutes of the May 5, 2015 Regular Board meeting. Second by Wallin.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Gaschler moved to pay the Accounts payable and to accept the Treasurer’s report. Second by Wallin.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCs report and reported on the Conservation Client Gateway public website. This allows individual landowners and land users to request help on issues, apply for financial aid, review and sign plans, document and report completed practices and track payments and much more. Andy also reported that landowners in Dundy County have requested NRCs staff to look at their properties after flooding in the area.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated June 1, 2015 to include the Conservation Plans signed for Chase and Perkins County. Second by Bernhardt.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: No report.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements to include NSWCP applications, pooling contracts and transfer application. Second by Wallin.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reported that the stipulation is done and TERC will rule based on the record from last year and this includes 2013 and 2014 and will try to include 2015 with these.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that the states will be meeting in Denver in June and are trying to come to a long term agreement. Jasper discussed the article in the McCook Gazette concerning erosion on Medicine Creek.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper and Terry Martin reviewed and read the resolution for River Flow Enhancement bond. This will allow the NCORPE Board to refinance this bond and to lock in a lower interest rate.

- Terryberry moved to adopt Resolution 2015-01. Second by Wallin.

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

- Terryberry moved to adopt resolution 2015-02. Second by Bernhardt.
Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Nate gave a report on the grass seeding at NCORPE.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate discussed the UNL Pivot Research contribution with the Board. This project is at the UNL property in Perkins County. This would provide a research center in our District. There is possibly some other agencies that may contribute. Jasper reviewed that Republican River Coalition funds may be used for this.

- Gaschler moved to contribute up to \$30,000 to the UNL Pivot Research. Second by Terryberry.

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

Nate also discussed a Regional Conservation Partnership grant proposal for the NRD soil probe program. The NRD would need to provide \$100,000 annually for 5 years.

- Gaschler moved to direct the grant writer to write a grant to contribute for probes and URNRD would provide \$100,000 annually for 5 years. Second by Bernhardt.

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

Jasper discussed with the Board on the process of dissolving the Republican River Basin Coalition.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION: None

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer