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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
January 15, 2019 at 1:30 p.m.  
511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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:** Jay Lee, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Janice Stroup, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Brock Stromberger.

**Board Members Absent:** Kerry Bernhardt.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Others present:** Andy Keep, Wyatt Kirwan, Brad Johnson, Harry Merrihew and Sheila Stromberger.

**Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Report of District contracts, agreements,
Minutes of December 11th Regular Board Meeting	and applications
Variance request information	

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	SCORE Camp funding request
Minutes of December 11 Regular Board Meeting	Farming Evolution sponsor request
Financial reports	Harry Merrihew letter
NRCS report	
Report of District contracts, agreements, and applications	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:34 pm.

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

Kerry Bernhardt is excused from today's meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

**MINUTES:**

- Kunkel moved to approve the December 11, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Schroder.

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

The corrections are: Board members absent were Brett Bullock, Dean Large, Tom Terryberry and Loren Jessen.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Jasper presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Large moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Accounts Payables. Seconded by Kunkel.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report this month. Andy introduced new employee Wyatt Kirwan to the Board. Andy also reported on the partial Government shutdown and how it affects their office. There will be a Local Workgroup meeting on January 23<sup>rd</sup> at the NRD Office.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS report dated January 2019 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins Counties. Seconded by Lee.

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

**UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Bruce reviewed the URNRD Proposed Phase Designations and reviewed a few changes he had made.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None

Tom Terryberry arrived at 1:50 p.m.

**REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:**

- Large moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements to include the pooling contract. Seconded by Schroder

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Joel reviewed a misunderstanding with the Dundy County Commissioners and the payment for the second half of the 2017 taxes and the Dundy County Commissioners were contemplating selling the tax certificate. The first half of the 2017 taxes were paid before the Supreme Court ruled that we should be tax exempt. TERC ruled for 2013 – 2016 and 2017 hasn't been acted on and is still pending.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jasper reported on the 3-state meeting he attended last week in Lincoln and they are still working on items. Reclamation is working on some ice issues and when the gates were opened remotely a cable had snapped. There will be another 3 states meeting in Manhattan on February 5<sup>th</sup>, so Jasper will not be at the next Board meeting.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

Bruce updated the Board on the drop structure project and the sheet piling is in and the grading is finished but no rock yet.

Jasper reported that we have purchased a grass drill for seeding in Dundy County.

Jasper reported to the Board on the NCORPE property and the selling of 8 quarters by the highway. NCORPE sold eight and bought five back.

**IN LIEU OF TAX:**

Jasper and the Board discussed the In Lieu of Tax. There are still items that are taxable at the property in Dundy County that are not being used for the augmentation project or public use. The remainder of the parcels that are grassland and if they were taxable the amount of taxes would be \$31,024.77. This is the maximum voluntary In Lieu of Tax payment that the NRD can make to Dundy County for the 2018 tax year. Jasper recommends that the NRD pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2017 unpaid taxes as In Lieu of Tax and for 2018 pay the \$31,024.77 as In Lieu of Tax.

- Terryberry moved to pay the 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the 2017 unpaid taxes as In Lieu of Tax and for 2018 pay the \$31,024.77 as In Lieu of Tax. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nate reported on the telemetry project and the soil moisture grants have been approved. Nate reviewed the retirement acres grant. This would be a 60/40 match. This will be in the rapid response area. We will take bids to see if there is any interest and there will be a one-time payment.

Bruce updated the Board on the office remodel. They started last week and made good progress.

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:**

Sheila Stromberger presented a letter to the Board to be sponsors of SCORE Camp this summer.

- Lee moved to approve the funding request from CCS Education Foundation for SCORE Camp for \$10,000.00. Seconded by Kunkel.

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

The Farming Evolution 2019 will be held in February and the NRD as been asked to be a sponsor again this year.

- Terryberry moved to approve the Farming Evolution 2019 funding request and sponsor amount be \$500.00. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 8-1-absent. Motion carried.

**LEGISLATION:** No report.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:** Legislative Conference will be January 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> at Embassy Suites in Lincoln.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Harry Merrihew has submitted a Letter of Application for the vacancy for Sub-District 5 in Chase County. Mr. Merrihew's address and voter registration has been confirmed. The Board and Mr. Merrihew discussed the vacancy.

- Terryberry moved to accept Harry Merrihew's application for the Sub District #5 Board vacancy. Seconded by Kunkel.

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

**ELECTIONS OF OFFICERS:**

Chairman Martin turned the meeting over to Tom Terryberry.

Tom Terryberry asked for nominations for Chairman. Jay Lee nominated Terry Martin for Chairman and a second from Jason Kunkel.

- Large moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Terry Martin as Chairman. Seconded by Schroder.

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

Tom Terryberry turned the meeting back over to Terry Martin.

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for Vice Chairman. Tom Terryberry nominated Jason Kunkel as Vice President and a second by Jay Lee.

- Schroder moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous ballot for Jason Kunkel as Vice President. Seconded by Large.

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

Terry Martin asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer. Brock Stromberger nominated Tom Terryberry with a second from Janice Large.

- Kunkel moved that nominations cease and to cast a unanimous vote for Tom Terryberry as Secretary/Treasurer. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

Tom Schroder left the meeting at 3:25 p.m.

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for the NCORPE Board.

- Terryberry moved that the NCORPE Board delegate and alternate remain the same and if Terry Martin is unable to attend he has the authority to appoint another Board member to represent in his place. Seconded by Lee.

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

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for NARD delegate and alternate.

- Lee moved to appoint Terry Martin for NARD Representative and Jason Kunkel as alternate. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:31pm. The next Board meeting will be held February 5, 2019 at 1: 30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer