

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
January 6, 2026 at 9:00 am  
511 East 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Imperial, NE**

Agendas were sent to all Board members and others requesting agendas. Agendas were posted in the NRD office in Imperial, the NRCS offices in Grant and Imperial, and posted on the District website. The meeting was announced over KADL-Imperial, KRVN-Lexington and KOGA-Ogallala and published in area newspapers.

**Board Members Present:** Dave Brown, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Tyler Turner.

**Board Members Absent:** Janice Stroup.

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

**Others: Present:** Andy Keep (NRCS).

**Information emailed to Directors:**

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes December 2, 2025

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda

NRCS report

Regular Board meeting minutes December 2, 2025

Draft Rules & Regulations

Financial reports

Report of District applications, contracts, agreements

Audit report

NARD Voting Delegate

NRCS report

Draft Rules & Regulations

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the back wall.

**DIRECTORS' ABSENCES:**

Jay Lee has missed three consecutive meetings.

Kunkel moved to reinstate Jay Lee as Director. Second by Large.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent, 1-abstain. Motion carried.

Tom Schroder arrived at 9:04 am.

**MINUTES:**

Stromberger moved to approve the December 2, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Second by Brown.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-absent, 2-abstain. Motion carried.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

- ✚ Brown moved to pay the accounts payable and to accept the Treasurer's report. Second by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

### **AUDIT REPORT:**

Jasper and the Board reviewed the auditor's report.

- ✚ Turner moved to accept the FY 2024-2025 Audit report. Second by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

### **NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported on the USDA's New Regenerative Pilot Program to lower farmer production costs and advancing the Make America Healthy Again agenda.

- ✚ Brown moved to approve the NRCS report of Planning activity dated December 31, 2025, to include the Conservation plans as signed for Perkins County. Second by Lee.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

### **GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Jasper and the Board reviewed the draft Rules and Regulation changes. Jasper will work with Don and the Groundwater Committee to review changes and any numbering changes.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None

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

- ✚ Brown moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated January 6, 2026, to include the NSWCP applications and the Board of Educational Lands & Funds applications and to approve CJ Swanson to sign contracts. Second by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** None

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jasper reported that we will start pumping out of Rock Creek and will start slowly and we still start delivering water for compact compliance. We did receive a letter from Game and Parks with their concerns on stream sediment at Rock Creek Fish Hatchery and Rock Creek Lake. We will work with them with these concerns.

### **ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nate reported that he is talking with a cooperater on the possibility of retiring acres.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** None

**LEGISLATION:** None

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

✚ Stromberger moved to have Tyler Turner as the voting delegate at NARD Legislative conference and Terry Martin as alternate. Second by Brown.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Election of Officers will start with the Chairman.

Chairman Martin turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Brown at 9:40.

Terry Martin was nominated for Chairman, and no other nominations were received.

✚ Turner moved to seize nominations. Second by Stromberger.

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

✚ Lee moved by unanimous vote to elect Terry Martin as Chairman. Second by Swanson.

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

Vice Chairman Brown turned the meeting back over to Terry Martin.

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for Vice Chairman.

Dave Brown was nominated for Vice Chairman, and no other nominations were received.

✚ Swanson moved that nominations cease and by unanimous vote to elect Dave Brown as Vice Chairman. Second by Schroder.

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

Chairman Martin asked for nominations for Secretary/Treasurer.

CJ Swanson was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer, and no other nominations were received.

✚ Merrihew moved that nominations cease and by unanimous vote to elect CJ Swanson as Secretary/Treasurer. Second by Lee.

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

**URNRD Committees:**

Chairman Martin asked if anyone wanted to change committees to talk to him and he would check on the Committees. Jason Kunkel would like to be on the Groundwater Committee.

Elections were discussed and District 2, 4, 6, 8, 10 and Member at Large are up for re-election.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:49 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson  
Secretary/Treasurer

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