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NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
January 7, 2020 at 9:07 a.m.
511 East 5th 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 the FSA Office in Benkelman, 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: Kerry Bernhardt, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Brock Stromberger, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Tyler Turner.

Board Members Absent: Janice Stroup.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins, Bruce Curtis, Julia Strand and Deb Hayes. Joel Burke, legal counsel.

Others Present: Jeff Bubak, Wayne Haarberg, Brent Marvin and Blake Marvin.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Variance request information
Minutes of December 3rd Regular Board Meeting	
Variance request information	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of December 3rd Regular Board Meeting	Variance request information
Financial reports	Report of District applications, Contracts, and agreements

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

Introductions of Board, NRD Staff and guest were done.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the December 3, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Bernhardt

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

- Stromberger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Merrihew.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report. Andy reviewed the 2021 Local Working Group, including who the group is comprised of and what its responsibilities are. Local Working Group meetings are open to the public and a public notice is published in the papers. Andy would like to have a Local Working Group meeting on Wednesday, February 5th, 2020 at 1:30 p.m. at the NRD office.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated January 7, 2020 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Margaret and Brent Marvin are requesting a Variance to transfer 77.4 acres from the NW 34-7-39 and 5 acres from the NE ¼ 34-7-39 to the NW ¼ 35-7-39. After removing the end gun from the NW 35-7-39 they wish to establish a new pivot on the SW 35-7-39 with 97.4 certified acres that will be watered from the NW ¼ 35-7-39.

- Bernhardt, on behalf of the Variance Committee, recommended approval of the Variance request of Margaret and Brent Marvin to transfer 71.4 certified acres from the NW ¼ of Section 34-7-39 and remove the end gun off of the NW ¼ 34-7-39 that waters 6 acres, for a total of 77.4 certified acres being transferred to NW ¼ 35-7-39, removing the end gun on the NE ¼ 34-7-39 which waters 5 acres and transferring these acres to the NW ¼ 35-7-39, remove the end gun on the NW ¼ 35-7-39 which waters 15 acres for a total of 97.4 certified acres. The 97.4 certified acres will go with a new pivot in the SW ¼ of 35-7-39 which will be watered by the well in the NW ¼ 35-7-39. The carryforward on the NW 1/4 35-7-39 will be reduced to 39 inches and the carryforward will remain the same on the others.

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

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the Report of District Applications, Contracts and Agreements dated January 7, 2020 to include the NSWCP applications, well decommissioning applications and the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT:

Jasper reported that the State did have a meeting with Kansas and Colorado and made a presentation on accounting changes.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper discussed the possible renewable energy lease of NCORPE property that is being considered by the NCORPE Board.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported on the telemetry units and the technicians are working on them and getting them installed.

Jason Kunkel asked about the building remodel. Bruce reported that it is completed except for heat/air conditioning in the shop bathroom and this was not on the plans.

Bruce renewed his certification for flood plain manager.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Jasper reported that bills will be introduced before Legislative Conference.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Legislative Conference is in Lincoln at the end of this month. Jason will be the voting delegate with Terry Martin being the alternate delegate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Election of Officers:

Chairman Martin turned the meeting over to Vice Chairman Kunkel at 9: 36 am.

Vice Chairman Kunkel asked for nominations for Board Chairman.

- Stromberger moved to keep the Board Officers and Standing Committees the same for 2020. Seconded by Lee.

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

Vice Chairman Kunkel turned the meeting back over to Chairman Martin.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:55 am. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, February 4, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer