

Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 1, 2024 at 9:00 am
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: Dave Brown, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Janice Stroup, Jason Kunkel, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, and Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, Jay Lee.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke (NRD Attorney). Senator Dan Hughes.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Regular Board meeting minutes September 10, 2024	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Financial reports	Interlocal agreement for obtaining seedling trees and shrubs between NRDs and NARD
NRCS report	

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

Vice Chairman Brown announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the NRD Office.

DIRECTORS ABSENCES:

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the September 10, 2024, regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Janice Stroup arrived at 9:04 am.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

- Kunkel moved to pay the accounts payable and to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep sent a written report for the Board meeting. This report updated the Office Closure guidance to all NRCS employees. This covers any situations where USDA offices in Nebraska need to close, such as inclement weather, and applies to all One USDA employees in Nebraska.

- Turner moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated October 1, 2024, to include the conservation plans as signed for Chase, Dundy, and Perkins County. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 3-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Senator Dan Hughes was present and thanked the Board for nominating him for the NRD Hall of Fame. He appreciated it and enjoyed attending the banquet and visiting with everyone.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated October 1, 2024, to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reviewed the Interlocal Agreement between NARD and the NRDs for seedling trees and shrubs with the Board. The only changes from the prior agreement included pushing back the due date for invoice deadlines, removing language regarding late fees for payment and increasing the seedling addendum to \$.06.

- Swanson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for obtaining seedling trees and shrubs between the participating Natural Resources Districts and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. Seconded by Stroup.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that the NRD technicians are reading meters and will soon do flowcom installations, and we have received 300 heads and expect 300 more. They are hoping the weather cooperates so they can get these all installed.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Jasper reported that the resolution that was presented concerning not having meetings was withdrawn by Upper Niobrara White NRD.

The resolution for electronic payments proceeded forward and NARD will be working on state statutes to have ready to present at Legislative conference.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Vice Chairman Brown adjourned the meeting at 9:16 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer



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