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NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 3, 2023 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: Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Janice Stroup, Dave Brown, Tom Schroder, CJ Swanson and Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee and Brock Stromberger.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke (Attorney) and Andy Keep (NRCS), Kort Kemp.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Variance Information
Regular Board meeting minutes September 12, 2023	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS Report
Regular Board meeting minutes September 12, 2023	Report of District applications, contracts, Variance request information

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:17 a.m.
Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the NRD Office.

MINUTES:

- Brown moved to approve the September 12, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent, 2-abstain. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep with NRCS gave the NRCS report and reviewed the Memorandum of Agreement between NRCS and URNRD, and Appendix A – Acknowledgement of Section 1619 compliance and the Civil Rights Responsibilities for Partners checklist and was signed by Terry Martin, Chairman.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jasper presented the Variance Committee report.

#1 - Board of Educational Lands and Funds are requesting to transfer a total of 13.0 certified acres from SW ¼ 36-4-41 and NW ¼ 36-8-41 to the NE ¼ 16-10-36 and drill a new irrigation well on the quarter. There will be 124.8 certified acres transferred from SW 36-9-41 and 5.2 certified acres transferred from NW 36-8-41. The request is also for no reduction in certified acres due to the SDF increase from SW 36-9-41 or historical use from NW 36-8-41. The SDF at SW 36-9-41 is 0.9%, at NW 36-8-41 is 6.8% and NW 16-10-36 is 6.8% increase from 0.9% to 6.8% would be a reduction of 7.4 certified acres. The historical use of SW 36-9-41 is 14.87 inches, and the historical use of NW 36-8-41 is 9.86 inches. The transfer distance is 29 miles from SW 36-9-41 to NE 16-10-36 and 30.2 miles from NW 36-8-41 to NE 16-10-36. After meeting with the Variance Committee and discussing the historical acres and how it works, they may not want to take the 5.2 certified acres.

#2 – Chris Cornelius, Triangle C Farms and Ranches are requesting to transfer 125.0 certified acres from NE ¼ 12-11-38 to NE ¼ 28-11-37 with no reduction in certified acres due to SDF increase, decommission the irrigation well in NE ¼ 12-11-38 and drill a new irrigation well in the NE ¼ 28-11-37. They would also like to transfer the full 81.20 inches of carryforward with the certified acres and would like the ability to pool the new certified acres with their other fields. The transfer distance is 4.4 miles, the 10-year historical average of NE 12-11-38 is 13.04 inches and the SDF of NE 12-11-38 is 0.05% and the SDF of NE 28-11-37 is 0.2% for an increase of 0.15% which would be a decrease of 0.19 certified acres.

These variance requests will be agenda items for the November Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Swanson moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated October 3, 2023, to include the pooling contracts. Seconded by Brown.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper asked the Board to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations related to the sale of the grain bins at Rock Creek.

- Brown moved to go into Executive Session to discuss negotiations related to the sale of the grain bins at Rock Creek with the Board, Legal Counsel and Staff present. Seconded by Swanson.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:33 am.

- Turner moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:37 am. Seconded by Schroder.

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

- Swanson moved to authorize staff to draft and execute a purchase agreement and deed to convey to Jim and Lisa Reinick 15 grain bins, truck scale and scale house and approximately four acres more or less for \$250,000 and to exclude the value of the augers that are owned by Larry Winger. Seconded by Brown.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: None

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Terry Martin reported on NARD Annual conference and that it was a good conference again this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer