

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 4, 2016 at 7:30 p.m.
511 East 5th 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: Kerry Bernhardt, Brett Bullock, Loren Jessen, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Tom Gaschler and Tom Terryberry.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins, and Bruce Curtis.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS), Brad Johnson, and Kelly Sudbeck.

Information mailed to Directors:

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Minutes of September 13 th meeting	Bond resolution
Variance information	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Financial reports	Bond resolution

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:36 p.m.

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

Tom Gaschler and Tom Terryberry were excused from tonight's meeting.

OPEN FORUMS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Wallin moved to approve the September 13, 2016 Regular Board meeting minutes as mailed. Seconded by Bullock.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Wallin moved to pay the Accounts payable and to accept the Treasurer’s report. Seconded by Bullock.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report. Andy reported on the Continuing Resolution that will keep their operations running through December 9, 2016. Since funding for the Farm Bill program is mandatory funding they hope to be able to offer EQIP, CSP and other programs as usual.

- Kunkel moved to approve the NSWCP Report of Planning Activity dated October 3, 2016 and the Conservations plans as signed for Chase and Perkins county. Seconded by Wallin.

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

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff Wallin gave the Variance Committee report. The Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds are requesting a variance to drill two new irrigation wells in the NW 1/4 and NE 1/4 of Section 36-12-40 with no increase in irrigated acres and no increase in net pumping by installing these wells. Currently the two pivots are allocated but they do not have wells. The water is being pumped from wells that are on privately owned wells in 25-12-40 and this property is being sold. This will be an agenda item for the November 8, 2016 Regular Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Wallin moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated October 4, 2016 to include the NSWCP application. Seconded by Bullock.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper introduced Chelsey from Kansas Department of Agriculture at tonight’s meeting.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper reported that last meeting he attended with the three Compact states a couple of weeks ago with the Bureau of Reclamation and Irrigation Districts to revise an MOU on how they want to split the water in Harlan County that would implement the resolution that was adopted by the three States. Then it will be up to Kansas and KBID as to how much water they want Nebraska to deliver in the upcoming year. The initial indication from Kansas was that Nebraska would have had about 8,000 acre feet more water to meet compact compliance for 2016. With the volume of

water in Harlan County, what's expected to be there, and the preliminary forecast it is not expected that they will want us to deliver any of the water.

NCORPE BOND:

Jasper reviewed the Resolution authorizing the River Flow Enhancement Refunding Bond, Series 2016 for NCORPE. Bruce Lefler with Ameritas explained the Resolution bond with the Board and the refinancing of the Bond.

- Large moved to approve Resolution 10042016 as presented. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Jasper reported that at NARD Conference there were 2 policies presented to NARD.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

There is a Managers meeting on November 1st so the Board moved the November meeting to November 8, 2016.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer