

Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 4 2022 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, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, CJ Swanson and Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: Janice Stroup.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke, (NRD Legal Counsel), Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts,
Regular Board Meeting minutes September 6, 2022	and agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS Report
Regular Board Meeting minutes September, 6 2022	Report of District applications, contracts
Financial reports	and agreements

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:03 a.m.

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

Introductions of Board Members, Staff and Public was done.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the September 6, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Brown.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

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

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

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed the Fiscal Year 2022 program accomplishments for the CSP, EQIP and CRP programs.

- Stromberger moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated October 4, 2022, to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Brown.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, Contracts and Agreements dated October 4, 2022, to include the NSWCP applications and well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Lee.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reviewed the letter from Dundy County Attorney Gary Burke concerning the TIF dispute Settlement agreement. The URNRD amount to receive is \$14,710.48.

- Brown moved to approve the TIF Settlement Agreement for the amount of \$14,710.48. Seconded by Swanson.

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

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported on Republican River Basin and pumping of augmentation sites. Even though it has been a dry year, Harlan County will be below the 240,000-acre feet level that is associated with the water short year designation under the settlement agreement which would mean Nebraska is in the 2-year settlement accounting. The agreement that we are operating under between the three states is what rules what actions need to be taken. Even though it is a water short year Kansas will likely have more than 40,000 acre feet for water next year, which under the operating agreement with Kansas and Colorado would mean that there won't be any action necessary to take early next year and it will be more of waiting to see what next year plays out under the operating agreement and if it is a water short year and a compact call year then Kansas could request us to pump whatever shortfall we project next fall.

AUGMENTATION PROJECT: No report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Terry reported that NARD annual conference was last week, and it was a good educational meeting this year.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jasper reported that the NRD held off reading meters this year and waited for pumping to wrap up. There will be no fall measuring this year and the technicians will read them in the spring. We have the data from continuous recorder wells and the measurements from the spring are used the most. Jasper looked at draw downs and the recorder well north of Benkelman had drawn down about five feet from about a year ago and the well is already starting to recover this year.

Jasper asked the Board about changing the November 1st meeting to November 8th due to a conflict with Managers meeting and NWRA meeting.

The November Board meeting will be held November 8th at 9:00 a.m. at the NRD Office.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer



10/8/22

