

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
October 7, 2025 at 9:32 am  
511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger Tyler Turner.

**Board Members Absent:** Jay Lee and Janice Stroup.

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

**Others Present:** None

**Information emailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts,
Regular Board meeting minutes September 9, 2025	and agreements

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	NRCS Report
Regular Board meeting minutes September 9, 2025	Report of District applications, contracts,
Financial reports	and agreements

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

**DIRECTORS' ABSENCES:**

**MINUTES:**

- Merrihew moved to approve September 9, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Turner.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**NRCS REPORT:**

Due to the federal government shutdown, there is no report. Land Judging contest is tomorrow but due to the shutdown NRCS staff is unable to help. Andy Keep is volunteering to help with the contest and Danielle did find someone to help with the site and it is being taken care of today and the contest is still scheduled for tomorrow.

- Stromberger moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated September 30, 2025, to include the Conservation plans as signed for Chase, Perkins, and Dundy Counties. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Jasper discussed with the Board possible additional changes to the Rules and Regulations due to the DNR-NDEE merger. Jasper also proposed, when adopting the Rules and Regulations, to include setting the allocation for the next allocation period.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:**

- Large moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts, and agreements dated October 7, 2025, to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jasper reported to the Board that the State of Kansas did provide the State of Nebraska with a request for water this fall. They request that the Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District account in Harlan County Lake contain 57,000-acre feet by June 1st. They are entitled to request up to 68,000-acre feet with the resolution in place. Historically since the resolution has been signed the most, they have used in a year is roughly around 52,000-acre feet. Their management has improved over the years, and they do have expensive repairs scheduled for Harlan County dam which has possibly started already. The cost of these repairs is split by KBID and NBID based on the percentage of water that each of them is holding in the lake. The Bureau gave an early forecast using their methodology and their official information does not start for a couple of months. The way that the Bureau does their forecast of available supply is to look at the actual volume that is in the lake right now and then they take an historical inflow number to add to this as to what will be available for June 1<sup>st</sup>. The number the Bureau has available now is 43,000-acre feet. If they give you a forecast, they will meet that forecast by adjusting the shutoff level in the lake. At this point Nebraska is expected to have to provide an additional 14,000-acre feet by June 1. The URNRD will take credit for some actions and augment stream flow to offset our depletions. We are not sure what amount of the 14,000-acre feet is our responsibility. Jasper discussed with the Executive committee that maybe half our augmentation responsibility will come from Rock Creek and the other half from NCORPE. We will possibly start pumping in January but might send small amounts in November and December.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nate reported that the last shipment of flowcoms for Perkins County had arrived, and the technicians will start working on those this fall. We have a base station at Elsie.

The Nitrogen reduction program signup has started, and we are taking applications for that until the middle of November.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** None

**LEGISLATION:** None

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

Jasper reported that there were no resolutions, so no business was discussed. The Big One Red funding and how it could work was discussed.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:40 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson  
Secretary/Treasurer

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