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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
October 8, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.  
511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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 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:** Kerry Bernhardt, Jason Kunkel, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, Tyler Turner.

**Board Members Absent:** Tom Terryberry, Jay Lee and Dean Large.

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

**Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Report of District contracts, agreements and applications
Minutes of September 10 <sup>th</sup> Regular Board Meeting	
Variance request information	

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	Variance request information
Minutes of September 10th Regular Board Meeting	Report of District contracts, agreements and applications
Financial reports	
NRCS report	URNRD Groundwater Model information
Variance request information	URNRD Report 10-2019

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

**MINUTES:**

- Stromberger moved to approve the September 10, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

Jasper reviewed the Dundy County in lieu of tax and reported on the Dundy County Commissioners meeting that Joel and Jasper had attended. The county attorney is drafting a resolution for the commissioners, necessary for the NRD to be authorized to pay the in lieu of taxes for 2016 and 2017. The 2018 in lieu of taxes were paid in full.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed the final Memorandum of Agreement and the 1619 Acknowledgement between US Department of Agriculture, NRCS and URNRD. Andy also reported that they have a new Soil Conservation Technician located in the Grant Field office.

- Bernhardt moved to approve the final Memorandum of Agreement and the 1619 Acknowledgement between US Department of Agriculture, NRCS and URNRD as presented. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

- Stromberger moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated October 8, 2019 to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Lee.

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

**UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:** None.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:**

Kerry Bernhardt gave the Variance Committee report. 323 Enterprises LLC is requesting a variance to transfer 130.6 certified acres out of the rapid response area from NE 4-5-39, Chase County to the SE ¼ 4-4-38, Dundy County. They are requesting to transfer all 130.6 certified acres instead of the 108.56 allowed based on historical use and to drill a new well of the SE 4-4-38, which is a dryland quarter and convert to a livestock well in NE 4-5-39.

Discussion was held about reviewing Variance applications and to consider different ways to evaluate information due to CREP contracts starting to expire and retirement programs.

This is the first hearing for this request, and it will be an agenda item for the November Board meeting.

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

- Stromberger moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements dated October 8, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications and well decommissioning. Seconded by Kunkel

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** None

**REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT:**

Jasper reported that they are continuing to work on items.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

Jasper discussed a paid editorial that ran in a North Platte tabloid concerning NCORPE.

Bruce presented Change Order #2 for the drop structure at Rock Creek. The change order is for rock, excavation and hauling rock.

- Kunkel moved to approve the Change Order #2 for Rock Creek for the amount of \$15,990.47. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Bruce gave a short presentation on the development of a URNRD Ground Water Model and current status.

Nate reported that the URNRD Report will be going out in the area newspapers this week.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** No report.

**LEGISLATION:** No report.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:** No report.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

- Bernhardt moved to go into Executive Session with the Board and Staff present to discuss lease negotiations. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

The Board went into Executive Session at 10:50 a.m.

- Stromberger moved to come out of Executive Session. Seconded by Merrihew.

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

The Board came out of Executive Session at 11:25 a.m.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:27 am. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 5, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer