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Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 13, 2018 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: Loren Jessen, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Terryberry, Tom Schroder and Jeff Wallin.
Board Members Absent: Brett Bullock and Kerry Bernhardt.
NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins, Bruce Curtis, Julia Strand and Deb Hayes.
NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.
Others present: Brock Stromberger.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda Minutes of October 2 Regular Board Meeting Allocation request information

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda Minutes of October 2 Regular Board Meeting Financial reports NRCS report Report of District contracts, agreements, and applications Long Range Plan

Variance request information Report of District contracts, agreements, and applications Long Range Plan

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:38 pm.

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

Brett Bullock and Kerry Bernhardt are excused from tonight's meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

 <u>Terryberry moved to approve the October 2, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes as</u> presented. Seconded by Jessen.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

Kunkel moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Accounts Payables. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

NRCS sent a written NRCS report and this report reviewed the District Conservationist attendance at NRD meetings.

Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated November 11, 2018 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Wallin.

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

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper reviewed the Brad Foote, Imperial Beef, allocation request with the Board. Imperial Beef will be increasing the capacity of the feedlot and in turn will be increasing their water consumption. This will require an offset of 32.5-acre feet (30 acres). Brad Foote explained to the Board that the offset will come from decertifying 30 certified acres from Pool C-19 838.

Wallin moved to approve Brad Foote's, (Imperial Beef) allocation request. Seconded by Jessen.

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

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff Wallin gave the Variance Committee report. Kuenning and Sons are asking for a variance to transfer 102.1 certified acres from the N 1/2 of Section 33-10-39, to the SE 1/4 24-4-42 (12.1 acres), N 1/2 of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres), SE 1/4 of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres) and the SW 1/4 of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres). The historical use of 11.84 inches in the N 1/2 33-10-39 and the increase of in SDF the transferrable certified acres will be decreased from 120 to 102.1. The historical use leads to a decrease of 10.7 certified acres and the increase in SDF leads to a decrease of 7.2 certified acres. There will be 17.9 certified acres decertified.

This Variance request will be an agenda item on the December 11th Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements. Seconded by Wallin.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported attended the three states meeting and the States are still working together on a few issues.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Bruce gave an update on the work at Rock Creek. They started last week on the drop structure project at Rock Creek. They are hoping to get the work done quickly.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate presented the Long-Range Plan to the Board.

 <u>Wallin moved to approve the URNRD Long Range Implementation Plan for 2018 – 2022</u> as presented. Seconded by Terryberry.
 Roll call vote: 7-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Nate reported that Cooper will start working on installing the telemetry units.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Board reviewed the December Board meeting as there are conflicts with the first Tuesday of the month the Board set the December meeting for December 11, 2018 at 1:30 pm.

The NCORPE meeting will be held on November 15, 2018 in McCook. Dean is unable to attend as alternate if another Board member is interested in attending in his place.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 8:30 pm. The next Regular Board meeting will be held December 11, 2018 at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry Secretary/Treasurer