

# Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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## Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 3, 2020 at 9:00 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 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: Terry Martin, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Brock

Stromberger, Tom Terryberry, Tom Schroder.

Board Members Absent: Kerry Bernhardt, Jason Kunkel, Janice Stroup, Tyler Turner.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins, Bruce Curtis, Julia Strand.

Others Present: Andy Keep (NRCS).

#### **Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda

Minutes of October 6th, Regular Board Meeting

Report of District applications,

contracts, agreements

### Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of October 6th Regular Board Meeting

Financial reports

NRCS report

Transfer of allocation request Report of District applications, contracts and agreements

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:02 am.

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

Kerry Bernhardt, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Janice Stroup and Tyler Turner are excused from this month's meeting.

Introductions of Board, staff and others present were done.

#### **MINUTES:**

→ Merrihew moved to approve the October 6, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 5-absent, 1 abstain. Motion carried.

#### FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

Let Stromberger moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

#### NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report to the Board this month. Andy gave a report on COVID policies for USDA Service Centers.

## UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper reviewed the Transfer of Allocation request by Stan Brown. Stan is requesting to transfer 617.4 acre-feet of carryforward allocation off the SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  21-4-40 and transfer it to the

NW 22-4-40. Stan Brown and his father have farmed this tract for its entire history and have built up 56.17 inches of carryforward in the pool D-1 440 which contains the SE 21-4-40 and the NW 22-4-40. The field in the SE 21-4-40 is owned by Nina Fortkamp Estate and is being sold. Stan would like to be able to use the carryforward allocation he has built up on the SE 21-4-40 on the field he owns in the NW 22-4-40.

Lee moved to deny the Transfer of Allocation request by Stan Brown. Seconded by Terryberry.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

#### **VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None

Dean Large arrived at 9:10 a.m.

## REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

Stromberger moved to approve the Report of District Applications, Contracts and Agreements dated November 3, 2020 to include the NSWCP applications and the Expedited transfer applications. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 1-no, 4-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT: No report.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:** No report.

#### ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that the NRD received a two-year grant for the soil probe program from the State.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** No report.

**LEGISLATION:** No report.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:** No report.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** No report.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:21a.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, December 8, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry

Secretary/Treasurer