

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
October 7, 2025, at 9:30 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 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: Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger Tyler Turner.

Board Members Absent: Dave Brown, Jay Lee and Janice Stroup.

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

Others Present: None

Information emailed to Directors:

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| Agenda | Variance information |
| Regular Board meeting minutes October 7, 2025 | |

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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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:

- Stromberger moved to approve October 7, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Merrihew.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

NRCS REPORT:

Due to the federal government shutdown, there is no report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper reported that he has sent the changes for the Rules and Regulations to Don Blankenau to review and to look at adding enforcement regulations.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Stromberger gave the Variance report. Yolanda Friesen currently owns a pivot and a wiper pivot with 210.5 acres that run off the same well in NE 21-10-37. Ms. Friesen would like to stop watering the wiper pivot and decertify 84.5 certified acres, leaving 126 certified acres on the pivot in NE 21-10-37. The 84.5 decertified acres would be used as offset for 84.5 certified acres added, with no reduction due to historical use, to a satellite pivot in NW 34-10-37 owned by Nikkel Land, LTD. The satellite pivot is allocated with and watered by the well in SW 27-10-37. Ms. Friesen would like to increase the irrigation efficiency of the well in NE 21-10-37 by no longer irrigating the wiper pivot and Nikkel Land would like to certify part of his current satellite acres. Due to the offset being only 1.6 miles apart, the increase in irrigation efficiency and the offset covering currently irrigated acres they are requesting no reduction in certified acres due to historical use. The end guns have been removed on the pivot and wiper pivot in order to increase efficiency. Ten-year historical use on NE 21-10-37 is 11.5 inches, leading to a reduction of 17.6 certified acres. The SDF is 1% in both locations. This is the first reading and will be an agenda item for the December 2, 2025, Regular Board meeting.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS: None.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported that Tom Riley has been working on a design for testing meters in house and we can set up a tank system without the scales to weigh water like they use in their water lab. We could do that without having an injection well and could use ultra sonic meters or mag meters that we send off to have them certified. We could potentially have two of those set up to make sure they are right. Mr. Riley also asked about having engineering students looking for internship work and discussed different projects the interns could do for the district with water projects..

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate presented the UNL funding request for their TAPS farm management program. We have helped fund this program before and the cost has remained the same.

- Turner moved to donate \$1000 to the UNL funding request for their TAPS program. Seconded by Swanson.

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

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jasper reported that the State did request that one-third to one-half of the projected short fall of what needs to be delivered to Kansas before the end of the year. URNRD will pump 1000-acre feet out of Rock Creek augmentation wells and Lower Republican will pump 2000-acre feet out of NCORPE augmentation wells. Middle Republican will use their water transfer with Frenchman Valley and Reclamation will transfer water to the Kansas account.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:26 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer