

Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
November 5, 2024 at 9:00 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 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: Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Janice Stroup, Jason Kunkel, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, Terry Martin, and Brock Stromberger.

Board Member Absent: Dave Brown, Tyler Turner, Jay Lee.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke (NRD Attorney) and Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda
Regular Board meeting minutes October 1, 2024
Audit

Report of District applications, contracts,
and agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda
Regular Board meeting minutes October 1, 2024
Financial reports
NRCS report

Report of District applications, contracts
and agreements
Agreement between NeDNR &
Upper Republican NRD

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:

- Large moved to approve the October 1, 2024, 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.

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

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

- Merrihew moved to accept the FY 23-24 audit from RJ Meyer and Associates. Seconded by Swanson.

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

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed the NRCS fiscal year 2024 accomplishments. Andy also reported that he has set the Local Working Group meeting for Wednesday, March 5, 2025 at the NRD office.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated November 5, 2024 to include the conservation plans as signed for Perkins County. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Stromberger moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated November 5 2024, to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contract, and well decommissioning. Seconded by Kunkel.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper presented the agreement between the State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Upper Republican NRD for the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act.

- Merrihew moved to approve the Agreement between the State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Upper Republican NRD for the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

Jasper discussed the recent NRD managers' meeting with the Board. DNR is working on updating statutes for municipal and commercial water use statutes. There should be nothing that will affect us. We have received notice that one of McCrometer sister companies, Adcon, which we use for our telemetry, weather stations and groundwater level monitoring wells, will no longer be in business, and they have provided us with different options for telemetry with their other companies. The NRD

contacted USGS and they assigned us fifteen different sat link addresses and after we purchase the equipment, we can deploy the satellite network from our recorder well and weather stations and then get that information through USGS system for free.

Jasper has a personnel item that he needs to update the Board on and asked to go into Executive session at the end of the Board meeting.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reviewed the bids for a new thirty-foot drill. He received bids from Regiers, Yost Farms Supply and 21st Century.

Regier, Crustbuster drill for \$102,500.00; Yost Farm Supply, Crustbuster drill for \$106,250.00 and a Great Plains drill for \$106,200.00; 21st Century, Crustbuster drill for \$107,000.00

- Kunkel moved to purchase the 30' Crustbuster drill from Regier for \$102,500.00. Seconded by Swanson.

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

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION: None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

- Stromberger moved to go into Executive session for personnel matters with the Board, Legal counsel, Jasper, and Nate present and not to exceed 15 minutes. Seconded by Merrihew.

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

The Board went into Executive session at 9:44 a.m.


- Stromberger moved to come out of Executive session at 10:02 a.m. Seconded by Schroder.

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

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:02 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer



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