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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 11, 2018 at 1:30 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: Andy Keep, Brock Stromberger, Jay Lee, Janice Stroup

Information mailed to Directors:

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| Agenda | Report of District contracts, agreements, |
| Minutes of November 13th Regular Board Meeting | and applications |
| Variance request information | |

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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| Minutes of November 13 Regular Board Meeting | Report of District contracts, agreements and applications |
| Financial reports | |
| Audit report | Resolution for voluntary payments in lieu of real estate taxes |
| NRCS report | |
| URNRD Proposed Phase Designations | Republican River Basin Wide Plan-final |

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:37 pm.

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

Brett Bullock, Loren Jessen, Dean Large and Tom Terryberry are excused from tonight's meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Wallin moved to approve the November 13, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 4-yes, 1-abstain, 4-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jasper presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Fanning presented the FY 2017-2018 Audit report to the Board.

- Wallin moved to accept the audit report for FY 2017 – 2018. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 5-ye, 4-absnet. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed the information of the new NRCS Chief Matt Lohr.

- Bernhardt moved to approve the NRCS report dated December 3, 2018 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins Counties. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Bruce reviewed the URNRD Proposed Phase Designations and told the Board it is ready to go to hearing now.

- Wallin moved to take the URNRD Proposed Phase Designations to Public Hearing at the February Regular Board meeting. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-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 ½ of Section 33-10-39, to the SE ¼ 24-4-42 (12.1 acres), N ½ of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres), SE ¼ of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres) and the SW ¼ of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres). The historical use of 11.84 inches in the N ½ 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.

- Wallin on behalf of the Variance Committees recommendation to approve the Variance request of Kuenning and Sons to transfer 102.1 certified acres from the N ½ of Section 33-10-39, to the SE ¼ 24-4-42 (12.1 acres), N ½ of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres), SE ¼ of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres) and the SW ¼ of Section 25-4-42 (30 acres). There will be 17.9 certified acres decertified.

Roll call vote: 4-yes, 1-no, 4-absent. Motion carried. Voting yes: Bernhardt, Martin, Schroder, Wallin. Voting no: Kunkel. Absent: Bullock, Jessen, Large and Terryberry.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Wallin moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel presented a resolution to allow previous tax payments made to Dundy County for the Rock Creek property that the courts concluded were not needed because the property should have been exempt from taxes to be considered in-lieu of tax payments allowed by legislation passed in 2018. Jasper and the Board reviewed the resolution and the tax payments need verified to match with the correct year.

- Wallin moved to approve Resolution 18-12-01 with the stipulation that the table with tax year and taxed paid by adjusted to reflect the correct tax numbers for each year. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper reported that NCORPE authorized pumping of some water to replace water that Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District agreed to release from Henry Strunk. Frenchman Cambridge let additional water out instead of filling it up to ensure aid Compact accounting relative Harlan County Lake.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reviewed the Final draft of the Republican River Basin Wide-Plan with the Board.

- Kunkel moved to adopt the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan, as written in the final Draft, with the exception that the placeholder for the effective date of the plan, which is located on page 4 of the final Draft, will be replaced with a date that is consistent with the effective date stated in the orders issued by the Districts and NeDNR, and that will be no later than March 31, 2019. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Bruce gave an update to the Board on the drop structure project at the augmentation site and on the office remodel project. The contractors are to start the remodel project on January 7, 2019.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Janice Stroup has submitted a Letter of Application for the vacancy for Sub-District 1 in Dundy County. Ms. Stroup's address and voter registration has been confirmed. The Board and Ms. Stroup discussed the position.

- Wallin moved to accept Janice Stroup's application for the Sub District #1 Board vacancy. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:34 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer