

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 2, 2025, 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 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: Dave Brown, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Tyler Turner.

Board Members Absent: Jason Kunkel, Jay Lee, and Janice Stroup.

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

Others: Present: Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes November 4, 2025

Variance information

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes November 4, 2025

Financial reports

NRCS report

Draft Rules & Regulations

Variance information

Report of District applications, contracts,
agreements

NARD 457 deferred compensation plan

Roth amendment

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 November 4, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 4-absent, 1-abstain. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and gave a report on the updated USDA Office closure guidance. This covers any situations where offices in Nebraska need to close, such as inclement weather and applies to all OneUSDA employees in Nebraska.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Groundwater Committee met before the meeting and discussed the draft Rules and Regulation changes. Jasper reviewed the draft Rules and Regulations with the Board. They reviewed the amendments for consideration. Jasper will revise the draft Rules and Regulations and email them to the Board for review.

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 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 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.

- Stromberger on behalf of the Variance Committee recommendations to approve the Variance request of Yolanda Friesen Stromberger on behalf of the Variance Committees recommendation is to approve the Variance request of Yolanda Friesen to stop watering the wiper pivot and decertify 84.5 certified acres, leaving 126 certified acres on the pivot in NE 21-10-37 with the stipulation that 37.50 inches of carryforward will go with the certified acres. 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.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Brown moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated December 2, 2025 to include the NSWCP application. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported that the DWEE has been working with irrigation districts and the Bureau of Reclamation on how water was going to be accounted for, so they asked us to hold pumping wells until after the first of the year. We did test pumping to make sure things were ready when we do start pumping.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that all ten wells at Rock Creek are ready to pump. They have talked to the landowners close to the augmentation wells to let them know that we will be operating. The technicians are pulling meters in Perkins County and putting in new flowcoms.

Large arrived at 9:32 a.m.

The Board asked how the portal was coming along. Jasper reported PCS portal was slow in how it worked. We signed a contract with Longitude 103 to make some changes to pooling, and they are bringing real time data into the database and calculating usage with that. The user portal has water quality information and is now getting real time meter readings but is not displaying the use in a useful way. The next step is working on the portal to display in real time usage, one so you can look at it, and the user should be able to pull up their report.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION:

The NARD sponsors a 457 Deferred Compensation plan allowing pre-tax elective deferrals by participants. The NRD Benefits committee reviewed and recommended adding a Roth Elective deferral plan.

➤ Swanson moved to approve the Roth amendment to the plan. Seconded by Brown.

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

NARD Legislative conference will be January 26th – January 28th.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jasper reported to the Board that the average district use this year was 9.78 inches.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:51 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer

1-6-2024

