

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
December 3 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: Dave Brown, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson, Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: None.

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

Others Present: Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes November 5, 2024

Report of District applications, contracts,
and agreements

Long Range Implementation Plan FY 25-29

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Financial reports

NRCS report

Report of District applications, contracts
and agreements

Long Range Implementation Plan FY 25-29

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: None

MINUTES:

- Merrihew moved to approve the November 5, 2024, regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-abstain. 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 Lee.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report dated December 5, 2024, and reviewed the article wrote by Wyatt Kirwan, Range Management Specialist for NRCS which was Help for Ranchers Battling Woody Encroachment.

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: 11-yes. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper discussed with the Board that under part of LB962 which relates to municipal and industrial allocation and regulation there was a compromise between NRD representatives and municipal representatives. The compromise didn't allow an NRD or the State to require offsets for municipal and industrial growth, particularly for industrial use served by municipal wellfields. This is scheduled to come to an end in 2026. Some of the NRDs were involved in discussion with DNR and DNR was looking at drafting legislative changes that would make this transition more workable for those that did not have or never had rules in place for municipal wells. Jasper proposed some changes to the language that would allow NRD's that had existing regulations on municipal use to continue to use these and amend the regulations.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper presented Long Range Implementation Plan FY 2025-2029 to the Board. This has been approved by DNR.

- Brown moved to approve the Long-Range Implementation Plan FY 2025-2029. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION:

Jasper reported that NCORPE Board has been contacted about leasing part of the property for a solar farm. The NCORPE Board requested meetings with state senators to discuss and is currently waiting for the contract to be reviewed. The NCORPE board will have another meeting on December 9, 2024.

STATE ASSOCIATION: None.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:50 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer



1-7-2025