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Board of Directors Regular Meeting December 5, 2017 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: Kerry Bernhardt, Brett Bullock, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder.

Board Members Absent: Tom Gaschler, Loren Jessen, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins, Bruce Curtis, Julia Franck and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS), Brad Johnson, and Senator Dan Hughes.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda Minutes of November 7, 2017 Regular meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda Amended Bond resolution
Minutes of November 7, 2017 Regular meeting NRCS report
Financial reports

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:36 pm.

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

Tom Gaschler, Loren Jessen, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin are excused from tonight's meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

Chairman Martin moved Item B-1 on the agenda, augmentation project update, up on the agenda after the financial report.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the November 7, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 1-abstain, 4-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jasper presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Kunkel moved to pay the Accounts Payable and approve the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Schroder.

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

MANAGER REPORT:

B. Augmentation Project – Bond Resolution

Jasper and Chairman Martin reviewed Bond resolution number 1205201701 with the Board members and answered questions.

- Bernhardt moved to approve the supplemental bond resolution, number 1205201701. Seconded by Kunkel.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed the Off-Highway Vehicle policy for NRCS with the Board. There was no report from NRCS that needed to be approved.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Dean Large, Chairman of the Groundwater Committee, reported that the committee met and reviewed pooling, carry forward and the groundwater quality monitoring program.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS: None.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel Burke had no report this evening.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that the States are still trying to work out a few issues. Julia attended the forecast meeting. Kansas believes they have the water they need and have it stored but there is the possibility that stream flow may need to be augmented late in 2018.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: None.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: None.

LEGISLATION:

Senator Dan Hughes was present and told the Board that he does have legislation drafted that would allow NCORPE to pay in lieu of taxes on the NCORPE property and is adding Rock Creek to the draft legislation, and wondered if URNRD Board would have a problem with that. The URNRD Board and Senator Hughes discussed this for a length of time. Senator Hughes also answered a few other questions that the Board had on other items such as LB98 before the Legislature.

Brett Bullock left the meeting at 1:58 pm.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Jasper discussed the GIS workshop project and a change order with the contract.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer