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### **Board of Directors Regular Meeting February 13, 2018 at 1:30 p.m. 511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

**Board Members Absent:** Brett Bullock, Loren Jessen, Tom Gaschler and Tom Schroder.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Others present:** Andy Keep (NRCS) and Nate Vitosh.

#### **Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Minutes of January 9, 2018 Regular meeting	

#### **Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of January 9, 2018 Regular meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Financial reports	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 2:09 pm.

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

Brett Bullock, Loren Jessen, Tom Gaschler and Tom Schroder are excused from today's meeting.

#### **MINUTES:**

- Large moved to approve the January 9, 2018 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Terryberry.

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

#### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

Jasper presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to pay the Accounts Payable and approve the Treasurer's Report and to write off account S221 as uncollectable. Seconded by Wallin.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and the Local Working Group will be meeting March 21<sup>st</sup> to review and provide advice on the priorities for USDA conservation programs. Andy also reported that over the next few months NRCS Nebraska will be exploring options to organize their field offices to optimize their capacity and ability to collaborate as OneUSDA.

**GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Jasper reported that we will have to change our Rules and Regulations to include updating the dates for the allocation and updating the dates from the IMP from the 10-2 to 10-5 rapid response area. Then the Rules and Regulations will be consistent with the IMP.

Jasper and the Groundwater Committee, (Dean Large, Kerry Bernhardt, Tom Terryberry, Terry Martin), had met earlier to discuss the request of Highline Coop and Bart Stromberger.

1. Highline Coop is requesting a well permit and an allocation request for a domestic well and possibly a commercial well for their plant and to meet their commercial needs. Currently they are connected to city water line with Frenchman Coop and the City of Grant is requiring them to put a meter on. The Coop is looking at a domestic well at their site. This is an existing use so they needn't provide any offsets to change their use from the city's water supply system for their own well. Highline will be getting more information on total volumes to Jasper for this.
2. Bart Stromberger is requesting a domestic well permit and an allocation request for a heifer development feedlot. Our rules require offset if a well is larger than 50 gpm and can we regulate well less than 50 gpm. Joel is researching this to see if we can monitor these types of wells.

These will be agenda items for the March 13<sup>th</sup> Regular Board meeting.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None

**REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:**

- Terryberry moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts and the Board of Educational Lands and Funds contracts. Seconded by Large

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** Moved to later in agenda.

**REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:**

Jasper updated the Board on RRCA meetings. Nebraska and Colorado will have their agreement coming out for Colorado's non-compliance.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECT:**

Jasper and Nate gave an update on the augmentation bills.

**GIS WORKSHOP:**

Julie and Jasper reviewed the work that is being done of GIS workshop for the website and what all it can be used for.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nate discussed the Basin Wide Plan with the Board and the State is requesting to extend the deadline for April 17, 2019.

- Wallin moved to extend the deadline to April 17, 2019 for the Basin Wide Plan. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:** None.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Joel reported that he was still researching the rules on wells 50 gpm or less. Joel also reported that the appeal hearing with TERC at the Supreme Court will be March 9, 2018 at 9:00 in Lincoln.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

NARD Washington DC meeting is March 17-21, 2018. If anyone is interested in attending let Deb know before March 1<sup>st</sup>.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:44 p.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be held Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer