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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
February 5, 2019 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, Jay Lee, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Janice Stroup, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Brock Stromberger.

Board Members Absent: Janice Stroup and Brock Stromberger

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda Minutes of January 15th Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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| Agenda | Proposed Rule Changes Order 35 |
| Minutes of January 15th Regular Board Meeting | Report of District contracts, agreements and applications |
| Financial reports | Mark Wendell application |
| NRCS report | |

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 1:35 pm.

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

Brock Stromberger and Janice Stroup are excused from today's meeting.

Chairman Martin opened the public hearing on proposed new groundwater quality rules and regulations at 1:37 p.m. Joel Burke was appointed as Hearing Examiner.

Mr. Burke presented five exhibits into the record: Publisher affidavits from the Grant Tribune, Wauneta Breeze, Imperial Republican and the Benkelman Post and the proposed Rules and Regulations Order 35.

There was no testimony and the hearing was left open.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the January 15, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jasper presented the Financial Report to the Board.

- Kunkel moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report. Andy reviewed the Mutual Agreement and the Cooperative Working Agreement between the NRD and NRCS with the Board. Andy will be meeting with Jasper to review the framework for the Cooperative Working Agreement.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated February 1, 2019 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Dundy County. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Hearing Examiner Joel Burke asked if there was any testimony on the Proposed Rules and Regulations from any Board Members or the public. There was no testimony, and Mr. Burke turned the hearing over to Chairman Martin.

- Large moved to close the Proposed Rules and Regulations Hearing on Order #35. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

- Bernhardt moved to approve the Rules and Regulations Order # 35. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements dated February 5, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications and the Board of Educational Lands and Funds agreements. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report for this meeting.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported that Kansas and Colorado both have new leadership, so the Compact meeting was cancelled and a conference call this morning instead. The water supply is still looking good.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper reported that last year a legislative bill was approved that will require an annual report and a hearing on augmentation projects. NCORPE has had their report and hearing completed and the report for Rock Creek is available to board members and the public. The hearing for Rock Creek will be held at March 5, 2019 at the Regular Board meeting.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Bruce gave an updated on the remodel project and the Rock Creek project. There is a change order for the remodel project for a few small items that were needing changed.

There is a change order on the Rock Creek project for broken concrete near the site that was to be crushed and it was not completed, so the contractors had to purchase this material. The change is for \$1,737.42.

- Terryberry moved to approve change order #1 in the amount of \$1,737.42 for the Rock Creek Project. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Jasper reviewed bills that Senator Groene and Senator Hughes were presenting, and a few bills other Senators have introduced.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Mark Wendell presented the Board with his applications for the vacancy of Sub District #8. The Board visited with Mr. Wendell about his application. Jasper told the Board that there were a couple other applications that haven't been received yet. The Board will wait to review any other applicants and the review all the applications.

Jasper asked the Board about changing the time of the March meeting to 10:00 am so he can leave for Lincoln in the afternoon. The Board agreed to have the meeting March 5, 2019 at 10:00 am.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 2:26 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer