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Board of Directors Regular Meeting
March 5, 2019 at 10:00 a.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, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup and Tom Terryberry.

Board Members Absent: Jason Kunkel.

NRD Staff: Nate Jenkins, Bruce Curtis and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Mark Wendell and Tyler Turner

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda Minutes of February 5 Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Report of District contracts, agreements and applications
Minutes of February 5th Regular Board Meeting	Rock Creek Augmentation annual report
Financial reports	Tyler Turner – letter of application
NRCS report	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 10:00 am.

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

Jason Kunkel is excused from today's meeting.

Chairman Martin opened the public hearing on for the Rock Creek Augmentation Annual Report at 10:01 a.m. and appointed Joel Burke 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 Rock Creek Augmentation Report.

There was no testimony and Chairman Martin left the hearing open.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Bernhardt moved to approve the February 5, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

The Board reviewed the NRCS written report. Andy's report reported that a new employee will be starting April 1st. Luther Thompson II will be the new Soil Conservationist in the Imperial office. Luther worked as an intern in the Imperial office the summer of 2015. Also included in Andy's report was the updated NRCS Off-Highway safety policy for authorized users.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated March 1, 2019 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Perkins County. Seconded by Large.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Nate reported on usage reports and why the reports are late. The technicians noticed there was an issue with the pooling part of the report. He also reviewed the pilot project with HEA for 300 meters and HEA is working on a contract for this project.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements dated March 5, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications, pooling request, well decommissioning applications and the Board of Educational Lands and Funds agreements. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report for this meeting.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Nate gave the Managers report since Jasper was gone. Nate reported on the letter that was sent to the Dundy County Commissioners describing the NRD's interest in paying of in-lieu of taxes to Dundy County for the second half of 2017. The NRD would like Dundy County to declare the property tax exempt for that year so it can legally pay in-lieu of taxes pursuant to LB758.

The NRD has purchase a grass drill and there has been grass seed ordered for 700 acres at Rock Creek.

NCORPE – Jasper and Nate will be overseeing the NCORPE staff for a while. Middle Republican NRD was doing this and stepped back from this. The land deal with NCORPE is finished.

ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT:

Joel asked if there was any testimony on the Annual Rock Creek report and there was none. Chairman Martin closed the Public Hearing at 10:32 a.m.

- Stromberger moved to approve the Rock Creek Augmentation Project Annual Report. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Bruce gave an updated on the remodel project and the Rock Creek project. On the Rock Creek project there hasn’t been much work done right now. Once they can get started again, work should be completed in about 5 days.

The Remodel project has 3 change orders that need to be approved.

#1 adding an angle plug strip in the room downstairs. \$714.00

#2 adding storage under the stairs that will need a door. \$665.00

#3 adding countertop and cabinets to room. \$5140.00

We are hoping to have room completed by April 1st but it will probably be later as they have to move the tree compressor and it has been too cold for concrete and they are also waiting on some supplies.

- Terryberry moved to approve the change orders for the remodel project, change order #1 for \$714.00, change order #2 for \$665.00 and change order #3 for \$5140.00. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Nate reported on the bill from Senator Groene which gives NCORPE the option to sell property. Jasper and several others will be testifying against this bill.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Tyler Turner sent an application letter to the Board to fill the vacancy in Sub District 8.

Mr. Turner was present and introduced himself to the Board. Mark Wendell is a candidate also and was present at the meeting. Chairman Martin asked each candidate three questions and then opened questions up to the rest of the Board. Chairman Martin explained to the candidates that he will open the floor for nominations and if there are none then the Board may wait and decide next month.

- Bernhardt moved to appoint Tyler Turner as the new Director for Sub District 8 and to fill the term for 4 years. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 2-no, 1-abstain, 1-absent. Voting yes: Kerry Bernhardt, Jay Lee, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Terryberry and Brock Stromberger. Voting no: Janice Stroup and Tom Schroder. Abstain: Harry Merrihew. Absent: Jason Kunkel.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:59 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer