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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**April 2, 2024 at 9:00 am**  
**511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson, Brock Stromberger, Tom Schroder, Terry Martin, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large and Tyler Turner.

**Board Member Absent:** Harry Merrihew, Jay Lee.

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

**Others Present:** Andy Keep (NRCS) and Joel Burke, Attorney.

**Information emailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Variance information
Regular Board meeting minutes March 2, 2024	Report of District applications, contracts and agreements

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	NRCS report
Regular Board meeting minutes March 2, 2024	Report of District applications/contracts and agreements
Financial reports	

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the NRD Office.

Introductions of Board Members, NRD Staff and guests.

**DIRECTORS ABSENCES:**

Harry Merrihew and Jay Lee are unable to attend today's meeting.

**MINUTES:**

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

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent, 1-abstain. Motion carried.

## **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

- Stromberger moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the accounts payable. Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

## **NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report. Andy reported that on May 22<sup>nd</sup> the State Conversationist has been invited to attend their staff meeting. Damien Davis is the new Resource Conservationist for Trenton, and they had a successful prescribed burn at Maddux Cattle Company on approximately 420 acres in Chase County. Financial assistance and technical assistance were from NRCS, Pheasants Forever, Nebraska Game & Parks and others.

- Swanson moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated April 2, 2024, to include the conservation plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

## **GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Jasper reported that the Groundwater Committee met earlier to discuss the commercial allocation. Cooper and Jasper have been auditing the records and wanted to make sure they were administering it correctly. Golf courses are commercial use and we historically allocated them as if they were irrigation use, they all have certified acres on what their allocation was based on and now those acres will be treated as offset, as the NRD allocation goes down over time, their allocation will fall with that. They will also receive the 40-acre feet plus the offset they provide. Jasper and Cooper will be talking to the Madrid Ethanol plant about offset.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None

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

- Large moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated April 2, 2024, to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts, recertification and well decommissioning. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** None.

## **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jasper reported that the technicians have put cameras down all the recorder wells and are air lifting all the recorder wells, they have taken the covers off and getting them sandblasted, welded, and powder coated. Julia is working with Longitude 103 on the database and should see progress in two weeks.

Jasper discussed the State Awards and recommended that the NRD nominate Dan Hughes for all the help he done for the NRDS.

- Schroder moved to nominate Dan Hughes for the Hall of Fame award. Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

The Republican River Basin is the NARD tour this year. The dates are June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup> and will tour NCORPE, Rock Creek, and several other areas in the Basin.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** None

**LEGISLATION:** None

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

Jasper reported that Terry Martin is the new Chairman of NARD Legislative Committee.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Upper Republican NRD is in the Irrigation Leader magazine this month.

Terry Martin discussed air quality and reviewed the information he had received on this.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:46 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson  
Secretary/Treasurer