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Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
April 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m.
511 East 5th 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. The call-in information for the meeting was sent to area papers, radio stations and all others requesting agendas.

Board Members Present: Kerry Bernhardt, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, Tyler Turner and Tom Terryberry.

Board Members Absent: Tom Schroder.

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

Others Present: Andy Keep.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District Applications, Contracts, and agreements
Minutes of March 3rd Regular Board Meeting	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Report of District applications, Contracts, and agreements
Minutes of March 3rd Regular Board Meeting	Gworks Phase contract
Financial reports	Prescribed Grazing Agreement
NRCS report	Rock Creek annual report

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:06 am.

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

Roll call of Board Members was done.

MINUTES:

- Merrihew moved to approve the March 3, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Terryberry.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. 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 Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported on operational status of the NRCS Office. There were no contracts to approve this month.

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: No report

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the Report of District Applications, Contracts and Agreements dated April 7, 2020 to include the pooling contracts. Seconded by Merrihew.
Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent . Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT: No report.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS: Jasper reported that regular maintenance was occurring at Rock Creek and NCORPE.

Jasper reported that the office is closed to the public. The office is still operating, and we are trying to do everything by appointment by lining up when customers can come get items. Staff is practicing precautions and all meetings have been cancelled or are over the computer.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Bruce reviewed the Gworks Phase contract to incorporate Nitrate Management functionality to our existing reporting Web GIS. This will cost \$76,000 with an additional fee of \$3,000 per year to host and maintain site. They will begin the work after July 1, 2020 and be completed by December 31, 2020.

- Terryberry move to approve the Gworks contract for \$76,000 with the additional fee of \$3,000 per year to host and maintain the site. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Nate reviewed Prescribed Grazing agreement with Ben Reinick. The contract is the same as last year.

- Stromberger moved to approve the Prescribed Grazing agreement with URNRD and Ben Reinick. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Terry Martin opened the Public Hearing for the Rock Creek 2019 Annual Report at 9:23 am. Nate reviewed the Rock Creek report with the Board. Terry Martin asked for any testimony and there was none. Terry Martin closed the hearing at 9:25.

- Large moved to approve the Rock Creek 2019 Annual Report as presented. Seconded by Lee.

Roll call vote: 10-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:27 am. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer