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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting**  
**April 9, 2019 at 10:00 a.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, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Jason Kunkel and Tom Terryberry.

**Board Members Absent:** Jay Lee and Janice Stroup.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda Minutes of March 5th Regular Board Meeting

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of March 5th Regular Board Meeting	Report of District contracts, agreements and applications
Financial reports	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

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

Jay Lee and Janice Stroup are excused from today's meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

**MINUTES:**

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

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

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report which included information on the disaster assistance programs throughout the State.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated April 9, 2019 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Perkins County. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

**UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:**

Jasper reported the usage reports are being reviewed and are starting to be mailed.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:**

Kerry Bernhardt gave the Variance Committee report.

Dw/R Farms is requesting a Variance for the future if they are able to purchase property in the SW ¼ 20-1-37 and they are asking to decommission/convert well G-001476 and drill a new irrigation well on the land. They propose to transfer all certified acres from the SW ¼ 20-1-37 to its property in the N ½ of Section 30-1-38 and to decertify the remaining acres based on historical use pursuant to URNRD rules.

- Bernhardt on behalf of the Variance Committee's recommendation moved to deny Dw/R Farms request as presented.

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

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

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements dated April 9, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications, Corners for Wildlife, and the well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Large.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** No report for this meeting.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

Jasper discussed the Rock Creek pipeline with the Board. M & L Cattle (tenants) have applied for EQIP for an underline pipeline. They have asked if the NRD would reimburse them for their out of pocket expenses.

- Large moved to reimburse the tenant for out of pocket expenses related to EQIP for the underground pipeline project. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

**GWORKS:**

Jasper reviewed the Statement of Work between the URNRD and gWorks. This is Phase 3 of the contract and this contract will be on the chemigation and mobile tasks. Jasper will be working with them to modify the Statement of Work and the changes will not exceed \$55,000.

- Stromberger moved to allow management to work with gWorks with potential modification to the Statement of Works and not to exceed \$55000. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:**

Nate presented the funding request information on the UNL TAPS Farm Management Competitions. They are asking URNRD to consider making a \$1000 donation to the program this year.

- Schroder on behalf of the Information and Education Committee moved to donate \$1000 to the UNL-TAPS Farm Management Competitions.
- Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Danielle Haarberg presented information to the Board of Directors for ACE Camp. The NRD has sponsored up to 6 kids to go to this Camp and then they are required to write an essay about ACE Camp.

- Schroder on behalf of the Information and Education Committees recommendation to approve scholarship applications for ACE Camp.

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

**LEGISLATION:**

Jasper discussed Senator Groene's bill LB 606 bill with the Board.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:** No report.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

The Board discussed the May meeting and when to have it. The Board agreed to keep it on May 7<sup>th</sup> and have it start at 9:00 a.m.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:14 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer