

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
May 2, 2023 at 9:19 am
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.

Board Members Present: Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, CJ Swanson, Dean Large, and Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, Jay Lee, Jason Kunkel, Dave Brown.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke (Legal Counsel) Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda

Regular Board Meeting minutes April 4, 2023

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Regular Board Meeting minutes April 4, 2023

Financial reports

NRCS Report

Report of District applications, contracts
agreements

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:19 a.m.

Introductions of Board Members, Staff and Public.

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

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the April 4, 2023, regular board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The financial report was presented to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported on Post Inflationary Supplemental Payments (PISPs). The current rise in inflation has caused prices of certain commodities that are used for NRCS practices and activities to rise dramatically. The increase was not anticipated when NRCS determined the payment rates associated with conservation practice installations. NRCS is providing an additional payment to producers with certain practices planned in EQIP contracts, as long as those practices are completely installed between January 1st through September 1st, 2023. Only active EQIP contracts are eligible.

- Turner moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated May 2, 2023, to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated Mary 2, 2023, to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts and well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported that the Methodist Church division will be renting the Board room for six months.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that he received word from the Federal government that we have received the WaterSmart grant for \$830,000 for the telemetry project. With this grant and the two State grants that have been received about 90% of the cost should be covered. There are new requirements with Federal grants and Nate is working on these requirements.

Murfin Oil had asked to use our road to get to our neighbor's property but have found out that the landowner does not want them on their property. Murfin stated the since the property was landlocked that we would have to allow them access but our attorney advised that we don't have to allow this.

There is a new program called CRP Grassland. It's a Federal program that pays to incorporate a grazing plan on rangeland. Nate talked to FSA, and they said Rock Creek wouldn't be eligible because it was farmed. Nate contacted the State office, and they said the property could have been farmed. Nate is working with FSA to get this sorted out.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION: None

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:41 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer

Handwritten signature of CJ Swanson in black ink.

6/6/23