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NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
May 5, 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, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, Tyler Turner and Tom Terryberry, Tom Schroder.

Board Members Absent: Jason Kunkel and Jay Lee.

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

Others Present: Andy Keep and Joel Burke, Scott Dicke.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Minutes of April 7 th Regular Board Meeting	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of March 3rd Regular Board Meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Financial reports	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:03 am.

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

Roll call of Board Members was done.

MINUTES:

- Stromberger moved to approve the April 7, 2020 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-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: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and said the NRCS is offering financial and technical assistance to livestock producers for animal mortality disposal resulting from impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated May 5, 2020 to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Perkins County. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Tom Schroder joined the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Jasper reviewed chemigation inspections with the Board and having the technicians not schedule appointments with the applicators for wells with electric motors. For all other wells - diesel and natural gas - the applicators will be contacted by technicians to set up appointments.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: No report

Dean Large joined the meeting at 9:17 a.m.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the Report of District Applications, Contracts and Agreements dated May 5, 2020 to include the NSWCP application, Corners for Wildlife applications and the well decommissioning application. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT:

Jasper reported that the three states are still working on fixing issues related to accounting and flooding.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS: Jasper reported that neither project will be operating this year. They are doing maintenance and reseeding at Rock Creek.

OFFICE PAINTING:

Jasper reported to the Board that he had gotten bids on painting the offices, boardroom, kitchen and bathrooms. He received 3 bids: F & A Painting \$13,317.00, Zink Painting \$11,587.40 and Wall Doctors \$9,105.00.

- Stromberger moved to allow management to go with the low bid on office painting.
Seconded by Schroder.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported that the technicians have installed 470 telemetry units this spring. This fall there will be another test system.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:28 a.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer