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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
May 7, 2019 at 9:00 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, Jay Lee, Janice Stroup Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Jason Kunkel, Tyler Turner and Tom Terryberry.

**Board Members Absent:** Dean Large.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda Minutes of April 9th Regular Board Meeting

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of April 9th Regular Board Meeting	Report of District contracts, agreements and applications
Financial reports	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

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

Dean Large is excused from today's meeting.

**INTRODUCTIONS:**

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

**MINUTES:**

- Merrihew moved to approve the April 9, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

The corrections are to add Tyler Turner as present and under Augmentation Projects, change the word underline to underground.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** No comments.

**NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report which was a summary of the 2014 Farm Bill Program. Andy also announced some vacancies for this summer. They will have an opening for a Soil Conservation Technician in Grant and Range Management specialist in Imperial. Luther Thompson II started in the Imperial office as a full time Soil Conservationist on April 1, 2019.

**UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:** None.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None.

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

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements dated May 7, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Joel reported on a letter that was received from TERC for the 2016 and 2017 years that we filed protests. Joel and Jasper have discussed dismissing them once Dundy County classifies the property as tax exempt pursuant to the Courts decision and then we don't have to go through the whole process again.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

Jasper reported that the grass has been drilled at Rock Creek. The wells will be exercised every few weeks.

NCORPE augmentation wells will be exercised periodically. Jasper reviewed information on the augmentation wells and electrical companies with the new Board members.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Bruce gave an update to the Board on the remodel project and it is approximately 95% completed.

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:** No report.

**LEGISLATION:**

Jasper gave an update on Legislation to the Board.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:** No report.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Terry Martin reviewed the NRD Basin Tour with the Board that is scheduled for June 10<sup>th</sup> and June 11<sup>th</sup>. This year the two-day tour is with Lower Loup NRD and Upper Loup NRD and projects across the Loup Basin.

The June Board meeting was discussed, and the Board agreed to have this meeting at 9:00 a.m. on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:45 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer