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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
June 2, 2021 at 9:00 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: Dave Brown, Terry Martin, CJ Swanson, Jason Kunkel, Harry Merrihew, Tyler Turner and Brock Stromberger.

Board Members Absent: Dean Large, Jay Lee, Tom Schroder, and Janice Stroup.

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

Others Present: Chance Thayer and Andy Keep.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda Minutes of May 4th Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Oil & Gas lease
Minutes of May 4th Regular Board Meeting	Road Use agreement & easement
Financial reports	Groundwater Model information
NRCS report	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:04 am.

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

Dean Large, Jay Lee, Tom Schroder and Brock Stromberger are excused from this month's meeting.

MINUTES:

Merrihew moved to approve the May 4, 2021 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Brown.

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

Tyler Turner arrived at 9:04 am.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

✚ Kunkel moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report. Andy thanked the NRD for hiring Patsy Kroeker as Field Office Secretary and they are working on getting her computer access. Andy also reported on Quality Assurance review, Compliance reviews and CRP signups.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS: None.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported that nothing has changed for Republican River Compact, they continue to meet and working on items.

AUGMENTATION:

Nate presented the information on the mineral rights and presented the Oil and Gas lease and the Road Use agreement and easement with Murfin Drilling. Board members expressed their concerns on clean up and damage to property and the possibility of requesting a damage deposit or have them pay the NRD to clean up the site.

✚ Brown moved to continue the negotiations and with the leases with the discussed amendments. Seconded by Turner.

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

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Bruce and Jasper gave an update on the Groundwater Model to the Board and presented the Scope of Services between URNRD and Olsson's Inc for continued work on the model. Flatwater Group and Olssen's have taken the Model as far as they can. Bruce presented a few maps of the results of the model. Jasper reported that the current model represents the trends at well locations accurately and works well. We have done what we can do with a singular model, and it can be used for comparisons. To create a model of the district and to model actual water levels we will have to develop a new model structure, something with multi-layers and use newer modflow tools and advancements.

✚ Stromberger moved to proceed with the Scope of Services with Olssen Inc. Seconded by Brown.

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

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Legislative session has adjourned. There will be a special session to deal with redistricting. Senator Groene did introduce an interim study resolution and would like special permitting for augmentation projects.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

Jasper reported that the NARD Risk Pool recommended a 5% increase on health and dental insurance and the NARD Board will review this recommendation and vote.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer