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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
June 11, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
511 East 5th 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, Janice Stroup, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Tom Schroder, Jason Kunkel, Tyler Turner and Tom Terryberry.

Board Members Absent: Brock Stromberger and Jay Lee.

NRD Staff: Nate Jenkins and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda Minutes of May 7th Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS report
Minutes of May 7th Regular Board Meeting	Report of District contracts, agreements and applications
Financial reports	

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:11 am.

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

Jay Lee and Brock Stromberger are excused from today's meeting.

MINUTES:

- Merrihew moved to approve the May 7, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes as mailed. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 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 Kunkel.

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

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed the sign up for CRP and for CREP. There are 3 contracts in Dundy County and one is Chase. The sign up to reenroll begins June 3, 2019 through August 23, 2019. For new lands the sign up is June 3, 2019 until otherwise notified by DAFP. The sign-up period is for limited CCRP water quality practices like filter strips, grassed waterways, wetland restoration, and wetland buffers.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated June 3, 2019 to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD 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 June 11, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications and the pooling contracts. Seconded by Schroder.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reported that he received a draft resolution from Dundy County Attorney that he would like to make a couple of changes to. He has dismissed the pending appeals from TERC as the deadline was coming up. The resolution should be ready by July.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT:

Nate reported on the Compact levels and the monthly report was received. There is a lot of water in the Basin so were not 2 year averaging we are in the 5-year averaging which is good news.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Nate reported that at Rock Creek our tenant has a contract with NRCS for a stock pipeline and we will be putting out bids for this project. Nate also reviewed the report he had put together for water used at Rock Creek.

Nate and Terry will be attending the NCORPE meeting next week with several different items on the agenda.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported on handout that says Producer Dashboard. This is with the University with Water for Food Institute. This report is the ET station that is in Perkins County. They are working on a phone app that could give you the current ET and precipitation and then the future ET and precipitation.

Nate reported that he is finishing up a grant for \$300,000 for the telemetry grant so more units can be installed.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:52 am. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 2nd at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer