

Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
June 3, 2025 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 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, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, Tyler Turner.

Board Members Absent: Jay Lee and Janice Stroup.

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

Others Present: Andy Keep (NRCS), Ian Stevens and Anthony Cato Jr.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Regular Board meeting minutes May 6, 2025	
Variance information	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Regular Board meeting minutes May 6, 2025	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Financial reports	
NRCS report	

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

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

Introductions of Board members, staff, and guests.

DIRECTORS' ABSENCES:

MINUTES:

- Swanson moved to approve the May 6, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Brown.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report dated June 3, 2025, and read the information on Making Your Land More Resilient to Drought.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated May 6, 2025, to include the Conservation plans as signed for Chase and Perkins Counties. Seconded by Brown.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Brock Stromberger gave the Variance Committee report.

#1 Ian Stevens is requesting a variance to drill a new irrigation well to water 130.0 certified acres on the NE ¼ 27-11-38. The NE ¼ 27-11-38 was watered by an irrigation well in SE ¼ 27-11-38 and certified with the fields in SE ¼ 27-11-38 and SW ¼ 26-11-38. The SE 27-11-38 was sold to a new landowner in 2000 and following standard practice at that time the certified acres in the NE 27-11-38 were removed as they could no longer be irrigated due to no longer having access to an irrigation well. Mr. Stevens stated that he was not notified of this when it happened and would like to reestablish the 130.0 certified acres and drill a new irrigation well to water the acres. Mr. Stevens presented the minutes from the Perkins County Commissioners meeting dated December 17, 2007. The Board and Mr. Stevens discussed this variance and information that was presented by Mr. Stevens.

- Stromberger on behalf of the Variance Committees recommendation to deny the Variance request of Ian Stevens to drill a new irrigation well to water 130.0 certified acres on the NE ¼ 27-11-38.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-no, 2-absent. Motion carried.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Stromberger moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated June 3, 2025, to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-no, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT: None

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate continues to work with Viaero to get towers up and working for telemetry project in Dundy County and the Perkins County towers are moving towards set up also.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION: None

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:27 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer

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