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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
July 2, 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, Brock Stromberger, Jay Lee, Tyler Turner and Tom Terryberry.

Board Members Absent: None.

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

NRD Legal Counsel:

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda

Minutes of June 11th Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

NRCS report

Minutes of June 11th Regular Board Meeting

Report of District contracts, agreements

Financial reports

and applications

Draft budget

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:45 am.

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

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the June 11, 2019 regular Board meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

The correction is on the motion to approve May 7, 2019 Regular Board meeting minutes. Motion was made by Terryberry not Merrihew.

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 Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET-SALARIES:

Bernhardt reported that the Budget Committee had met before the meeting to review the draft budget and salaries. Bernhardt turned Committee report over to Jasper.

Jasper reviewed the draft Budget and the NRD Projects and Programs with the Board. Jasper reported that since the bonds have been issued for 5 years then we can use any excess funds to pay off the longest term on the bonds. Because of this the occupation tax will be reduced by \$1.00. Jasper reviewed the salary increase with the Board and recommended to improve the salary budget by 4% which would cover the 2% cost of living and any merit raises that may be given.

- Bernhardt with the recommendation of the Budget Committee moved to increase the salary budget by 4%.

Roll call vote: 11-yes, Motion carried.

The Executive Committee had met with Jasper before the meeting to discuss his salary. They discussed a 3% increase for Jasper's salary.

- Bernhardt with the recommendation of the Budget Committee moved to increase Jaspers salary by 3%.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reviewed CSP-GCi programs. Andy reported that if farms were planted to grass, idle or fallow from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2017 that they are eligible to apply for the CSP-GCI program. The eligible owners and operators have been notified by letter through FSA.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated July 1, 2019 to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

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 July 2, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: Joel was unable to attend today's meeting. Jasper reported that Joel and the Dundy County Attorney have been working on the tax resolution.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT:

Jasper reported that he has had another phone conference call and Harlan County Lake will be in or near flood stage by the end of the irrigation season.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper reported that at Rock Creek spraying and mowing is going occurring. There have been 700 acres of grass seed drilled and it looks good. HOA has finished their project at Rock Creek.

Jasper reviewed the new phone system and how it works with the Board.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported on the retirement program and will be sending out letters for bids.

Bruce gave an update on the building remodel. We are still waiting on cabinets they should be here the middle of July.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:34 am. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 6, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer