

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
July 2, 2024 at 9:00 am  
511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson, and Tyler Turner.

**Board Member Absent:** Tom Schroder.

**NRD Staff:** Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins, and Deb Hayes.

**Others Present:** Andy Keep (NRCS).

**Information emailed to Directors:**

Agenda  
Regular Board meeting minutes June 4, 2024

Report of District applications, contracts,  
and agreements

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda  
Regular Board meeting minutes June 4, 2024  
Financial reports  
NRCS report

Report of District applications/contracts  
and agreements  
NARD 414 (h) Contribution resolution

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, NRD staff and guests.

**DIRECTORS ABSENCES:**

Tom Schroder is unable to attend today's meeting.

**MINUTES:**

- Brown moved to approve the June 4, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Stroup.

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

Jay Lee arrived at 9:07 a.m.

### **INSURANCE PROPOSAL:**

Jasper reported that the Executive Committee and he met and reviewed insurance policies with FNIC and EMC, and the FNIC policy was still less after adding the buy down for wind/hail and adding cyber security insurance.

### **SALARIES:**

Jasper met with the Executive Committee and the Budget committee and reviewed the draft budget and the salary figures. The current CPI is at 3.3% and Jasper would like to increase the salary budget line with a 2% increase.

- Lee moved to increase the salary budget line item by two percent. Seconded by Turner.

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

### **NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report. Andy reported on the Sowing Seeds for Generations theme for this year's Women in Agriculture Conference that will be held in Sidney on August 2<sup>nd</sup> from 8:30 to 4:00.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

**GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:** No report.

### **VARIANCE COMMITTEE:**

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

- Swanson moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated July 2, 2024 to include pooling contracts. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** None.

### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jasper presented the NARD 414(h) Contribution Resolution to the Board. The NRD managers and NARD Board have approved an increase on retirement contributions. Employees contributions will increase from 5.5% to 6.5% and employer contribution from 6.0% to 7.0% effective January 1, 2025.

- Brown moved to approve the NARD 414 (h) Contribution Resolution. Seconded by Lee.

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

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:** None

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** None

**LEGISLATION:**

The Governor has called a special session later this month for property taxes.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

The NARD Basin tour was successful.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Jay Lee asked about the windfarm at NCORPE. Jasper explained that nothing had been done with it and Lincoln County had changed their zoning regulations in a way that would make the project more difficult.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:24 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson  
Secretary/Treasurer

8-6-24

