

Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting

July 6 ~~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, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, and CJ Swanson.

Board Members Absent: Jason Kunkel and Tyler Turner.

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

Others Present: Andy Keep(NRCS), Ted Tietjen, Carrie Wiese (DNR), Sam Capps (DNR), Elizabeth Esseks (DNR) and Linda Roman.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Draft IMP
Minutes of June 1st Regular Board Meeting	UNL Taps request

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 opened the Public Hearing at 9:01 am.

Nate introduced the DNR representatives and the Court reporter to the Board. Nate presented the Summary of Proposed Revisions to the Integrated Management Plan.

Carrie Weiss with DNR took over the hearing and made Nate's information part of the record of the hearing. Exhibits were testimony on the proposed IMP from the URNRD, a letter to Thomas Riley, Director of Department of Natural Resources dated May 20, 2021, a draft copy of the IMP, and Publisher Affidavits of notices of the public hearing. Elizabeth Esseks presented testimony on the IMP from DNR, an exhibit of communications regarding the IMP with stakeholders of the Republican River Basin Wide Plan, Nebraska Administrative code Title 454, a letter from Nebraska Game and Parks, and a Draft Monitoring & Studies Technical Memorandum for the URNRD, MRNRD, LRNRD IMP's. It was asked if there was any other testimony and there was none. The IMP Public Hearing was closed at 9:27 am.

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.
Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the NRD Office.
Jason Kunkel and Tyler Turner are excused from this month's meeting.

Introductions of Board, NRD Staff and Guests.

MINUTES:

✚ Stromberger moved to approve the June 1, 2021, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 2-absent, 4-abstain. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

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

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

BUDGET:

Jay Lee, Chairman of the Budget Committee, reported that the Budget Committee had met before the meeting and discussed the draft budget and salaries. Jasper discussed salaries with the Board and he recommended to the Board to increase salaries by 3% for cost of living.

Terry Martin reported that the Executive Committee met with Jasper and discussed his salary also.

✚ Lee moved to increase Jasper's salary by 3% for cost of living. Seconded by Merrihew.

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

✚ Lee moved to increase the employees' salaries by 3% for cost of living. Seconded by Stroup.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported on improving conservation planning and having developed action items for goals to enhance conservation planning which are training, the content of conservation plans and allowing time to develop good plans.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

✚ Large moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements to include the NSWCP application. Seconded by Stromberger.
Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel reported that he has filed legal action in Dundy County Court and the first advertisement was published last week to obtain mineral rights on the Rock Creek property.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported on Items A & B; there were no changes.
Jasper reported that Bruce has become a part-time employee since consultants are working on projects he is involved with and his workload will be less.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reported on the letter that the URNRD and all other NRDs received from the Natural Resources Committee to gather information on NRD activities for the purposes of Legislative Resolution 23. Nate said he would respond to the questionnaire.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION:

Nate reviewed the request from UNL Testing Ag Performance Solutions (TAPS) for hosting farm management competitions.

✚ Schroder moved to donate \$1000 to UNL Taps programs. Seconded by Brown.
Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION: None

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Dean Large reported that he possibly will be stepping down from the NCORPE Board and would need another Director to take his position.

Ted Tietjen talked to the Board on behalf of SW Weed Management and thanked the Board for their support.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:00 a.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, August 3, 2021 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer



