

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
August 2, 2022 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, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson and Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: NONE.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke, NRD Legal Counsel, Andy Keep (NRCS), Brandon Larsen, Shona Heim, Grant Dixon, Brad Dixon.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Regular Board Meeting minutes July 5, 2022	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Financial reports – Draft budget	
NRCS Report	

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:010 a.m.

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

Introductions of Board Members, Staff and Public was done.

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve the July 5, 2022, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.
Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-abstain. 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 Brown.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

DRAFT BUDGET:

Jasper reviewed the draft FY 22-23 budget with the Board. The County valuations are due to the NRD by August 20th and after those are received the Budget Committee will meet again to discuss the budget.

The Budget Committee discussed that the NRD's ability to issue bonds under the occupation tax has sunset and the only way to fund projects is cash on hand and with the high water use this year the Committee recommends changing the occupation tax from \$9 to \$10 with the extra \$1 being used for irrigation retirement and other similar projects.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported that Robert Lawson, NRCS Nebraska State Conservationist, will be visiting the area on Friday, August 12th. Wyatt Kirwan has mailed out information packets to approximately five hundred producers regarding the Nebraska Great Plains Grassland Initiative. The objective of the initiative is to combat the woody encroachment issue that threatens and invades rangelands across Nebraska.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated August 2, 2022, to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Blackshirt Feeders have moved the location of their feedlot and they have received approval from Dundy County Zoning Committee and will meet with the Dundy County Commissioners on August 11th. Setlje Agri Services and Engineering was present and presented information on the construction of Blackshirt Feeders feedlot. This will be a 150,000 head feedlot and Blackshirt presented potential irrigated land that they can use for offset. They will retire 13 wells and will possibly drill 3 to 4 new wells for feedlot pipeline. The Board will review the information and possibly make a decision next month.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Stromberger moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, Contracts and Agreements dated August 2, 2022 to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts and well decommissioning. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that the annual Basin meeting will be held in August.

AUGMENTATION PROJECT: No report.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:12 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer



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