

Upper Republican  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
August 3, 2021 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:** Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Tyler Turner

**Board Members Absent:** Dave Brown, Janice Stroup and CJ Swanson.

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

**Others Present:** Andy Keep (NRCS), Senator Dan Hughes.

**Information emailed to Directors:**

Agenda

Minutes of July 6th Regular Board Meeting

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda

Minutes of July 6th Regular Board Meeting

Financial reports

NRCS report

Report of District application, contract, agreement

Draft Integrated Management Plan

Draft Monitoring & Studies Technical Memo

for URNRD, MRNRD, LRNRD IMPs


Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:08 a.m.

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

Dave Brown, Janice Stroup and CJ Swanson are excused from this month's meeting.

Introductions of Board, NRD Staff and Guests.

**MINUTES:**

-  Large moved to approve the July 6, 2021, Regular Board meeting minutes as corrected.  
Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 3-absent, 2-abstain. Motion carried.

The correction is: the date on the minutes was June 2, 2021 and was corrected to July 6, 2021.

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-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. Nate reviewed the draft budget sheets with the Board.

✚ Lee moved to authorize management to publish the FY 21-22 Budget. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

The Board set the Board meeting on September 7<sup>th</sup> and the Budget Hearing will be held at 9:00 am and the Regular Board meeting will start at 9:30 or immediately following the Budget Hearing.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

### **NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report presented the Grasslands CRP fact sheet. Sign up is through August 20<sup>th</sup> for FSA's Grassland CRP and the pasture and rangeland are eligible for 10 to 15-year contracts and must be in grass cover at the time of sign up.

✚ Stromberger moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated June 1, July 6 and August 3, 2021, and to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins counties. Seconded by Large.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

### **SOUTHWEST WEED MANAGEMENT:**

Nate presented a contribution request from Southwest Weed Management.

✚ Merrihew moved to approve the SW Weed Management request of \$5000. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

**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 Lee.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.



**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Joel reported on the filing for the abandonment of the mineral right for Dundy County augmentation project and the answer date is next week. Joel will file for a default judgement and a summary judgement.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECT:**

Murfin Oil started drilling last week and are at 4400 ft.

Martin gave an update on NCORPE. A new employee has been hired and has started and the possibility of moving some of the well power lines to a different electric company was discussed.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nate gave an update on the Draft IMP and the Monitoring & Studies Technical Memorandum for the URNRD, MRNRD, and LRNRD IMPs.

🚦 Stromberger moved to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> generation IMP that was developed by NeDNR and URNRD. Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

🚦 Large moved to approve the Monitoring & Studies Technical Memorandum that was developed by NeDNR, URNRD, MRNRD and LRNRD. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 3-absent. Motion carried.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** No report.

**LEGISLATION:**

Senator Hughes gave a report to the Board on Legislation. Senator Hughes has one year left for his term.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

NARD Annual Conference will be held September 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup> in Kearney.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:19 a.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 9:30 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson  
Secretary/Treasurer



9-7-21

