

Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
August 5, 2025 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 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, Brock Stromberger, Tom Schroder, Tyler Turner.

Board Members Absent: Jason Kunkel, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson.

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

Others Present: Andy Keep (NRCS), John Rundel (SW Weed Management).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Regular Board meeting minutes July 1, 2025	
Variance information	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS Report
Regular Board meeting minutes July 1, 2025	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Financial reports	

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.

DIRECTORS' ABSENCES:

MINUTES:

- Large moved to approve July 1, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Tyler Turner arrived at 9:03 am.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

BUDGET:

Jasper and the Budget Committee members met before the Board meeting to review the draft budget. Jasper reviewed the draft budget with the Board and reviewed occupation tax and bond payments. The FY 25-26 Budget hearing will be September 9, 2025, at 9:00 am.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report dated August 5, 2025, and he reported on USDA's Grassland Conservation Reserve Program sign up is open until August 8, 2025.

- Stromberger moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated July 31, 2025, to include the Conservation plans as signed for Chase and Dundy Counties. Seconded by Lee.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Brown moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated August 5, 2025, to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported that he had attended the NWRA meeting last week. Within the next couple of weeks, the RRCA meeting and workshop for the three states will be held. The Executive Committee met and reviewed the survey for the manager's evaluation, and we will send out the link to complete the evaluation or there are paper copies available if the Board would like them.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

John Rundel with Southwest Weed Management was present to request funding request of \$2500 to help with their projects. They were awarded a grant of \$168,000 for 2025-2026 for removal of invasive species in the Upper Republican River Basin. SWWM has also met with other NRDs and seven counties for assistance. Jasper reported to the Board that a few years ago there was no accountability and SWWM has new leadership and management. We used to contribute to SWWM, and he recommended to the Board that we continue to support them and donate \$5000 to them.

- Brown moved to approve the funding request of Southwest Weed Management and donate \$5000 for their projects. Seconded by Large.

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

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION:

NARD conference will be held September 29th & September 30th in Kearney. Let Deb know if you are interested in attending.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:34 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CJ Swanson', written in a cursive style.

Sep 9, 2015