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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
August 6, 2019 at 9:00 a.m.
511 East 5th Street, Imperial, NE**

Agendas were sent to all Board Members and all 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. The meeting was announced over KADL-Imperial, KRVN-Lexington and KOGA-Ogallala and published in area newspapers.

Board Members Present: Kerry Bernhardt, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Harry Merrihew, Brock Stromberger, Tyler Turner and Tom Terryberry.

Board Members Absent: Jay Lee, Jason Kunkel, Janice Stroup, Tom Schroder.

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

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda

Minutes of July 2nd Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

Report of District contracts, agreements
and applications

Minutes of July 2nd Regular Board Meeting

Financial reports

Irrigation retirement acres

Draft budget

NARD Annual Conference info

NRCS report

SCORE Camp thank you/information

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 9:14 am.

Jason Kunkel, Janice Stroup, Tom Schroder and Jay Lee are excused from the meeting.

Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted if anyone would like to review them.

MINUTES:

- Terryberry moved to approve the July 2, 2019 regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Merrihew

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

BUDGET:

Jasper and Kerry reviewed the draft Budget with the Board. The Budget Committee recommends leaving the occupation tax at \$10 and help with the lowering the interest payments on the bonds and pay off the bonds early. Jasper will complete the budget after the County valuations are received.

The Board set the FY 19-20 Budget Hearing and FY 19-20 Levy Hearing for September 10th at 9:00 am in conjunction with the NRD Regular Board meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT: No comments.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported that a few offers for CREP contracts have come in from FSA. NRCS will be doing site visits and will complete a Needs and Suitability determination. This would address any resource concerns that need to be address on the contract acres and practices to address those resource concerns.

NRCS is potentially getting a new Soil Conservation Technician in Grant and potentially another Range Management Specialist in Imperial.

Becky Spady will be retiring at the end of August and Wilma Zimbelman has transferred into Becky's position at NRCS and the transition seems to be going well.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated August 6, 2019 to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

SOUTHWEST WEED MANAGEMENT:

Jim Bowen is the new Coordinator with South West Weed Management and introduced himself to the Board and reviewed the background history of SW Weed and some upcoming projects for them.

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS: None.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Terryberry moved to approve the URNRD Report of District Applications, Contracts, and Agreements dated August 6, 2019 to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Bernhardt.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: Joel reported that he is working with the Dundy County Attorney on getting the tax resolution finalized.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING AND COMPACT MEETING REPORT:

There will be a meeting at the end of August with all the Compact members.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

There has been a lot of mowing being done at Rock Creek.

Jasper reported that the NRD technicians have found 3 different persons with chemigation violations. This item was moved to the end of the agenda for further discussion.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate reviewed the Irrigation Retirement program. The Groundwater Committee will meet before the next Board meeting to review the bids that have been received.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT: No report.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

The Board and information on NARD Annual Conference that will be held in Kearney at the end of September. The Conference Center and Hotels will be up and going by conference time.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: No report.

- Bernhardt moved to go into Executive session to review the chemigation violations with the Board, Legal Counsel and staff present. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

The Board went into Executive session at 10:44 am.

- Terryberry moved to come out of Executive session at 11:10 am. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:10 am. The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, September 12, 2019 at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer