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# Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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## **Board of Directors Regular Meeting August 6, 2024 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:** Dave Brown, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson, and Tyler Turner.

**Board Member Absent:** Tom Schroder, Jason Kunkel and Jay Lee.

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

**Others Present:** Andy Keep (NRCS), Joel Burke (NRD Attorney).

### **Information emailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts,
Regular Board meeting minutes July 2, 2024	and agreements

### **Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda	NRCS report
Regular Board meeting minutes, July 4, 2024	Report of District applications/contracts
Financial reports	and agreements
Draft budget worksheets	

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:**

Tom Schroder, Jay Lee and Jason Kunkel are unable to attend today's meeting.

### **MINUTES:**

- Stromberger moved to approve the July 2, 2024 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.  
Secoded by Brown.

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

### **FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

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

Tyler Turner arrived at 9:11 am.

Jasper and the Budget Committee had met before the Board meeting and reviewed the draft budget. Jasper reviewed the draft budget sheets with the Board. We should receive the counties' property valuations by August 20<sup>th</sup> and then the budget will be completed and ready for the Budget Committee to review.

- Turner moved that once county valuations are completed that the Budget Committee review and finalize the Budget for publication and hearing. Seconded by Swanson.

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

#### **NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report. Andy reported that the NRCS, UNL extension office and the NRD will be hosting the 2024 State Range Judging contest this year. It will be held on September 25<sup>th</sup>.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS report of Planning Activity dated August 5, 2024, to include the conservation plans as signed for Chase and Perkins County. Seconded by Brown.

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** No public comments.

**GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:** No report.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None.

#### **REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:**

- Brown moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated August 6, 2024 to include the transfer applications and the pooling contracts Chase, Dundy and Perkins Counties. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** None.

#### **MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jasper reported on the meeting he attended that the Governor had called to meet with representatives from all the NRD's.

Senator Fischer asked to meet with the URNRD Board members on Monday, August 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

#### **ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nate reported that he is working with Elsie and Benkelman on getting the antenna's installed by the end of this month on the cell towers.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** None

**LEGISLATION:**

The legislature is in special session right now and there have been 80 to 100 bills introduced.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

NARD Annual Conference will be held September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Deb will need to know by August 29<sup>th</sup> who will be attending.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:09 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson  
Secretary/Treasurer