

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
September 12, 2023 at 9:11 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: Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, Dave Brown, Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, CJ Swanson and Tom Schroder.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke (Attorney) and Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes August 1, 2023 Report of District applications, contracts,
agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes August 1, 2023 NRCS Report
Financial reports Report of District applications, contracts,
agreements
Budget

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:11 a.m.

Introductions of Board members, staff and public.

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

MINUTES:

- Stromberger moved to approve the August 1, 2023 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 5-yes, 4-absent, 2-abstain. 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 Stroup.

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

BUDGET:

Chairman Martin reported that the budget was discussed during the budget hearing and asked for a motion to approve the FY 2023-2024 Budget. Jasper reviewed the resolution setting the property tax request and the Occupation Tax resolution.

- Lee moved to approve the FY 2023-2024 Budget, to approve resolution setting the property tax request, Resolution UR 2023-09-12-01, and the occupation tax resolution, Resolution UR-2023-09-12-02. Seconded by Brown.
Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep with NRCS was presented and reported that three employees received length of service awards this month. Gene Heathers for 35 years of service, Sara Hudson for 15 years of service and Wyatt Kirwan for 5 years of service. Andy also reported on the number of contracts that have been completed this fiscal year.

- Brown moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated September 12, 2023, to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County. Seconded by Stroup.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: None

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Stromberger moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated September 12, 2023 to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts, dissolve pooling contract and transfer application. Seconded by Brown.

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

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported on Republican River Compact annual meeting and said there was not much business to discuss.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper reported that NCORPE will be doing some repairs on wells. They have had trouble with some BFD's that they have had some troubles with them. The ABB drives on the wells need repaired and some can be done on site, and some may need to be sent in for repairs. These are on the edge of being obsolete so they may be replaced with new ones. This could be repairs on twenty-two wells.

Janice Stroup left the meeting at 9:41 am.

ASSISTANT MANAGER’S REPORT:

Nate reported that he had been contacted about the retirement of acres in Dundy County. There is about \$1.7 million combined NRD and State money to be used on acre retirement.

- Lee moved to go into Executive Session with Board, Legal Counsel and staff present for negotiating water purchase. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 9:43 am.

- Stromberger moved to come out of Executive Session at 9:56 am. Seconded by Turner

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 5-absent. Motion carried.

Nate reported that we are starting to get telemetry equipment in from McCrometer and the technicians hope to start installing in October.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION:

The NARD Annual conference will be in about two weeks in Kearney. Jasper stated one of the topics will be water quality related to groundwater quality and nitrates.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS: None

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:04 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer