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# Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

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## **Board of Directors Regular Meeting September 18, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. 511 East 5<sup>th</sup> 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, Tom Gaschler, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

**Board Members Absent:** Brett Bullock and Loren Jessen.

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

**NRD Legal Counsel:** Joel Burke.

**Others present:** Russ Pankonin.

### **Information mailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Minutes of August 1, 2017 Regular meeting	

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

Agenda	
Minutes of August 1, 2017 Regular meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Financial reports	Rock Creek drop structure diagrams
Proposed budget	SCORE grant report
NRCS report	2017 NARD Annual Conference resolutions.

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:45 pm.

Brett Bullock and Loren Jessen are excused from tonight's meeting.

Chairman Martin opened the Public Hearing for the FY 2017 – 2018 Budget Hearing and Levy Hearing at 7:45 p.m.

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

### **OPEN FORUMS:**

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

**MINUTES:**

- Terryberry moved to approve the August 1, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes as corrected. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

The correction was to add called the meeting to order time at 7:45 p.m.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Manager presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to pay the Accounts Payable and the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:**

Joel Burke reviewed Exhibits #1-5 which are the Publisher affidavits and draft budget.

Tom Gaschler turned the Budget Committee report over to Jasper. Jasper reviewed the proposed FY 17-18 Budget with the Board. Jasper corrected the notice that went out because the beginning tax balance numbers were transposed and we had received a final number for the debt service reserve fund for bonds. Therefore, those budget items were updated and presented to the Board. A revised notice with the changes will be published. Nate also had updated information on grants and projects. Jasper reviewed the summary of the water program projects and the grant funds that have been submitted. Jasper reviewed the debt service reserve and the budgeted amount for Rock Creek and NCORPE. The property tax request for FY 2017-2018 is 3,206,750.00 and the levy to be set is 0.083328 per hundred dollars of valuation. The occupation tax has been set at \$10.00 per acre again this year. Chairman Martin asked for any testimony for the FY 17-18 Budget and levy and there was none.

Chairman Martin closed the FY 17-18 Budget hearing and the FY 17-18 Levy hearing at 8:10 p.m.

- Gaschler moved to adopt Resolution No. UR-2017-09-18-01 for the FY 2017-2018 Property Tax request and Levy Resolution and to set the property tax request at \$3,206,750 and the corresponding Levy be set at \$0.083328 per one-hundred dollars of valuation. Seconded by Terryberry.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-no, 2-absent. Motion carried. Voting yes: Bernhardt, Gaschler, Kunkel, Large, Martin, Terryberry, Wallin. Voting no: Schroder. Absent: Bullock and Jessen.

- Gaschler moved to adopt Resolution No. UR-09-18-02 for the FY 2017-2018 Occupation Tax Resolution to set the occupation tax at \$10.00 per irrigated acre. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

**NRCS REPORT:**

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated September 8, 2017 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins county. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

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

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** No report.

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

- Large moved to approve the URNRD report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated September 18, 2017 to include the NSWCP application. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:**

Joel reported that Dundy County has appealed TERC decision through the court of appeals.

**REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:**

Jasper reported that 3 States will be meeting later this month and there will be efforts to work with Irrigation Districts on water delivery efficiencies.

Jasper reported that right now we are waiting to see how much water Kansas wants to determine if we will start pumping at Rock Creek and NCORPE.

**AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:**

Jasper discussed the SCADA system with the Board and how HOA Solutions system works, what information is received for trouble shooting and the software. The cost for the HOA Solutions to upgrade the SCADA system and software is \$148350.00.

- Terryberry moved to approve the HOA Solution SCADA system contract to upgrade system and software for \$148,350.00. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Bruce reviewed the Rock Creek drop structure with the Board. There is erosion on this property and cattle cross here also. There has been a culvert here but the culvert has failed twice already. This structure will assist with the erosion on this property and enable the land owner to allow his cattle to cross.

Bruce also reviewed the Lee Gallatin bridge issue and the erosion at the bridge and downstream. The NRD will purchase the supplies and the work will be done internally and when finished will help with the erosion as this site.

Jasper reported that Flatwater is doing the design on the Rock Creek structure project they have put together a contract not to exceed \$17500.00 that the Board will need to approve. This amount is for the design and the cost to complete the project is approximately \$70,000.00.

- Gaschler moved to approve the contract with Flatwater not to exceed \$17500 for the design on the erosion project. Seconded by Bernhardt.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:**

There is a thank you and a final report from SCORE camp in the Board packets for them to review.

**LEGISLATION:** No report.

**STATE ASSOCIATION:**

The NARD Annual Conference is next in Kearney on September 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. There have been 2 resolutions submitted that will be presented next week.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:** No report.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

Tom Terryberry  
Secretary/Treasurer