

Upper Republican
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
September 6, 2022 at 9:10 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: Dave Brown, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson and Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: NONE.

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

Others Present: Joel Burke, NRD Legal Counsel, Andy Keep (NRCS), Brandon Larsen, Kort Kemp, Diane Stamm, Dean Settje and Brad Dixon.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda
Regular Board Meeting minutes August 2, 2022

Report of District applications, contracts,
and agreements

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda
Regular Board Meeting minutes August 2, 2022
Financial reports
Budget and Resolutions

NRCS Report
Report of District applications, contracts
and agreements
NARD Voting delegate form

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

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

Introductions of Board Members, Staff and Public was done.

MINUTES:

- Stromberger moved to approve the August 2, 2022 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Brown.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

- Large moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

BUDGET:

The Budget Hearing was held prior to the Regular Board meeting.

Jasper reviewed the FY 22-23 proposed budget with the Board.

- Brown moved to approve the FY 22 – 23 Budget Hearing. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 11 -yes. Motion carried.

Jasper presented Resolution setting the Property Tax Request, Resolution 2022-9-06-01, and the FY 2022-2023 Occupation Tax Resolution, Resolution 2022-09-06-02.

- Lee moved to approve the Resolution setting the Property Tax Request, Resolution 2022-9-06-01, and the FY 2022-2023 Occupation Tax Resolution, Resolution 2022-09-06-02.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and done the yearly review for the Civil Rights checklist and the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement face sheet and Statement of Work.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated September 6, 2022, to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins County and to include the Civil Rights Checklist, Unfunded Cooperative Agreement Face Sheet and the Statement of work. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Dean Large informed the Board that the Groundwater Committee has been reviewing this request and asked Jasper to review the maps for the Board. Jasper reviewed the two model runs that were done for 1262 acre-feet allocation offset and 1769 acre-feet allocation offset.

Dean Settje and Brandon Larson were present to discuss the allocation offset and presented a map to the Board showing where the facility would be located, irrigation distribution, irrigation pipeline and freshwater pipeline. Mr. Settje stated that construction would start either late fall or early spring and having the first set of cattle arriving by September or October of 2023. They will come in 10,000 head increments with 10,000 head coming in every month of two depending on construction.

- Large moved on behalf of the Groundwater Control Committee's recommendation to accept Spuds and Suds and Blackshirt Feeders proposal of the designated thirteen pivots for allocation offsets.

Discussion.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

RULES AND REGULATIONS:

The Groundwater Control Committee has been meeting and have been discussing possible allocation changes, carry forward and penalty use.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Stromberger moved to approve the URNRD Report of District applications, Contracts and Agreements dated September 6, 2022 to include the NSWCP applications, pooling contracts and Expedited Transfer application. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reported that he had talked to Director Riley about the annual Basin meeting that was held in Burlington and the concerns were the drought and how it will affect the accounting over the next couple of years. Also, with the drought we could possibly have a compact call year but will wait until the forecasts are out in late October.

AUGMENTATION PROJECT:

Maintenance is being done on the augmentation wells at NCORPE.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION:

The NRD, NRCS and UNL Extension will be hosting the Range Judging contest on September 21st.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

NARD Annual conference is in Kearney on September 26th and 27th and we will need to appoint a voting delegate. Terry Martin is the Director going so he will be the voting Delegate.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman Martin read a notice concerning two separate Public Hearing with the Grant Planning Commission and the Grant City Council on a redevelopment plan for 204 Hancock Avenue.

PERSONNEL:

- Brown moved to go into Executive Session for Personnel purposes with the Board and Legal Counsel present. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

- Brown moved to come out of Executive session at 11:36. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 11-yes. Motion carried.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:37 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer

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

10/14/22