

Upper Republican  
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting  
September 9, 2025 at 9:32 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 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:** Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson, Tom Schroder, Tyler Turner.

**Board Members Absent:** Dave Brown and Brock Stromberger.

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

**Others Present:** None

**Information emailed to Directors:**

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes August 5, 2025

Variance information

Report of District applications, contracts,  
and agreements

**Information distributed at Board meeting:**

Agenda

Regular Board meeting minutes August 5, 2025

Financial reports

Budget

NRCS Report

Report of District applications, contracts, and  
agreements

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:33 a.m.

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

**DIRECTORS' ABSENCES:**

**MINUTES:**

- Merrihew moved to approve the August 5, 2025, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented.  
Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 3-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:**

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

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

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

#### **BUDGET:**

Jasper reviewed the FY 25-26 Budget with the Board. The Board wanted to change the 2025-2026 occupation tax from \$10.00 per acre to \$8.50 per acre.

- Lee moved to approve the FY 25-26 Budget and to reduce the occupation tax by \$1.50 which would make it \$8.50 per acre. Seconded by Merrihew.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

- Large moved to approve Resolution 2025-09-09-01 to set the Upper Republican NRD property tax request and Resolution UR-2025-09-09-02 Occupation Tax Resolution. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

#### **BIDS ON PICKUP:**

Jasper reported to the Board that we put bids out for four pickups for sale. Imperial Country Ford had the highest bid on three of the pickups and Deveny Ford had the highest bid on one pickup.

#### **NRCS REPORT:**

Andy Keep from NRCS was unable to make the meeting today but sent a written report. His report reviewed that they were going to gather conservation data to assess trends and improve programs and services.

- Large moved to approve the NRCS Report of Planning Activity dated August 31, 2025, to include the Conservation plans as signed for Chase, Perkins, and Dundy Counties. Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:** None.

**VARIANCE COMMITTEE:** None

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

- Large moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts, and agreements dated September 9, 2025, to include the NSWCP applications and pooling contract. Seconded by Swanson.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:** None

**MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Jasper discussed the facility rental as we have been asked to rent the Board room on Sundays again. We already have an agreement for day-to-day rental but not long term. The Board asked that NRD attorney write up a long-term rental agreement to include agreement for a six-month period, cost of rent with deposit being one month rent, responsible for cleaning the Board room, kitchen and bathrooms after every use, liability items, and limited storage.

**ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:**

Nate reported to the Board that new meters have been installed at Rock Creek and things should be in decent shape.

**INFORMATION & EDUCATION:** None

**LEGISLATION:** None

**STATE ASSOCIATION/NARD VOTING DELEGATE:**

Terry Martin is the only Director attending NARD Conference this year.

- Swanson moved to appoint Terry Martin as Voting Delegate for NARD Annual Conference. Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-abstain, 2-absent. Motion carried.

**BOARD OF DIRECTORS:**

Kunkel asked about the Managers evaluation and asked if the link that was sent out was a sample. Jasper reported that this was the link for the survey that the Executive Committee had approved to use. We reminded everyone to fill out the survey and then we would compile the results.

Lee asked about a flowmeter issue that was reported and if it was straightened out. Jasper reported that Cooper had gone out and done an ultrasonic test and helped them get things figured out.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:00 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson  
Secretary/Treasurer

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