

Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting October 5, 2021 at 9:00 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: Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, Tom Schroder, CJ Swanson and Tyler Turner.

Board Members Absent: Dave Brown, Jay Lee and Janice Stroup.

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

Others Present: Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda Variance Information

Minutes of September 7th Regular Board Meeting

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda

Minutes of September 7th Regular Board Meeting

Financial reports

NRCS report

Variance Information

Interlocal agreement for seedling trees and shrubs with NARD & NRD's

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.

Dave Brown, Jay Lee, and Janice Stroup are excused from this month's meeting.

MINUTES:

Merrihew moved to approve the September 7, 2021, Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Turner.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 4-absent, 1-abstain. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial Report was presented to the Board.

Kunkel moved to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the Accounts Payable. Seconded by Stromberger.

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

Dean Large arrived at 9:10 a.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and reported on the Federal Employee vaccination requirement and they have until November 9th to provide proof a vaccination. Carol Eakins has been selected for the District Conservationist for the North Platte and Ogallala field offices effective October 11th.

Land to include the Conservations Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins counties. Seconded by Turner.

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

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Brock Stromberger gave the Variance Committee report:

Brock Stromberger reported to the Board that the Variance Committee had met with Brent Bussell before the meeting. Brock reported that the Variance will be switched to a replacement well permit instead of a Variance.

John Engbrecht asked that his Variance request be removed from the agenda.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS: No report.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: No report.

MANAGERS REPORT: No report

AUGMENTATION PROJECT: No report

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT: No report.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: No report.

LEGISLATION:

Legislation has adjourned. The are new legislative boundaries throughout the State. Senator Groehne will be representing northern Perkins County and the rest of the District will remain with Senator Hughes.

STATE ASSOCIATION:

NARD Annual Conference was held September 27th & 28th in Kearney. NARD 50th anniversary was discussed at conference.

Jasper reviewed the Interlocal Agreement for obtaining seedling trees and shrubs between participating Natural Resources Districts and the Nebraska Association of Resources District.

Less Stromberger moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement for obtaining seedling trees and shrubs between participating Natural Resources Districts and the Nebraska Association of Resources District. Seconded by Kunkel.

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 9:20 a.m.

The next Regular Board meeting will be Tuesday, November 2, 2021, at 9:00 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson Secretary/Treasurer

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