



UPPER NIOBRARA WHITE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

**Board of Directors' Meeting
July 11, 2013**

In accordance with LB 325, Eighty-fourth Legislature, First Session (1975), the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District held a public meeting at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, July 11, 2013, at the UNWNRD office in Chadron, NE. An agenda for this meeting to be considered at such date, time and place was kept continually current and was available in the NRD office. Seven days prior to the meeting, the agenda was mailed to each member of the Board of Directors and other interested and affected persons. Notice of the meeting was given to the public by publishing a legal notice in the Chadron Record and Alliance Times Herald on Wednesday, July 3, 2013.

Open Meeting Law Act

Chairman Lees pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act that is displayed on the wall.

Roll Call & Introduction of Guests

Chairman, Jim Lees, called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following directors present:

Scott Berndt
John Burke
Tod Dorshorst
Jim Irwin
Dave Kadlecek
Jim Lees

Curt Roth
Steve Sandberg
Dave Carlson
Rich Zochol
Absent:
Larry Teahon

Others present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manger
Kody Schwager, NRD Resources Technician
Haley Anders, NRD Resources Technician

Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Sheri Daniels, NRD Water Resources Manager
Travis Nitsch, NRD Resources Coordinator
Jessyca Hovendick, NRD Summer Technician

Emergency Agenda Additions

Hearing none, Chairman Lees continued with the meeting.

**NRCS
Robin Foulk**

Robin handed out and discussed her written report.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Doak Nickerson**

No Report

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat handed out a written report and added the following:

- Pat discussed membership to the Water Funding Task Force.
- Annual meeting in Kearney on September 23rd and 24th, if you are planning to attend let us know.
- Resolution Deadline August 16th, if we have anything we want to introduce we need to have it by the August Board Meeting. One issue we are aware of is concerns over the investigation and remediation of Sediment and Erosion Control Act complaints.
- Pat will attend the Water Funding Task Force on July 26th.
- 26 applicants received for Office Manger position, interviews will be July 23rd.
- Budget meetings will be scheduled over next few weeks.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Looking to schedule the annual IMP meeting at the end of July.
- Updated Board on status of faulty fabric.
- Discussed review of insurance renewal audit done by Essential Insurance Services.

**Water Resources Manager
Sheri Daniels**

Sheri added the following to her written report:

- Staff has been busy with chemigation inspections and water sampling.
- Dorshorst Memorial Scholarship fund used to sponsor kids to attend ACE and Range Camp.
- Husker Harvest Days coming up, we plan to help on September 10th or 11th, if anyone would like to help let her know.
- Information and Education meeting on July 17th and 18th in Scottsbluff, Sheri will attend.

**Resources Coordinator
Travis Nitsch**

Travis added the following to his written report:

- Travis attended Forestry Workshop on June 24th and 25th in Norfolk. Discussion occurred on issues around machine tree planting by NRD or contractors. There was also a demonstration on weed barrier removal.

**Resources Technician
Haley Anders**

Haley added the following to her written report:

- Haley has spent time assisting with chemigation inspections and water sampling.

**Resources Technician
Kody Schwager**

Kody added the following to his written report:

- Kody discussed the crop water use report.
- Spending his time on chemigation inspections and water sampling activities.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Tod Dorshorst moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Dave Kadlecek seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Larry Teahon.

Agency Reports

**Nebraska Association of Resources District
Curtis Roth**

Director Roth reported the following:

- Reminder of annual meeting in September.

**Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Dave Kadlecek**

Director Kadlecek reported the following:

- Commission meeting was in Beatrice on June 19th and 20th.
- There was a tour of some of the projects done in the area, one in particular was a recharge structure that was very interesting.
- Dave discussed the Water Funding Task Force with the rest of the Board and passed out a map of groundwater changes in the state. Discussed thinking of options for projects that the District would be interesting in pursuing for funding.

**Water Committee Report
Tod Dorshorst**

No Report

Audit

Pat discussed the need for an annual audit and proposed continuing working with Dietrich and Sautter CPA PC for this year and then request proposals for future work.

Rich Zochol moved to request a price and re-contract Dietrich and Sautter CPA PC for the audit, if reasonable; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Larry Teahon.

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
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Signature Cards

Pat discussed the need to update signature cards for the District’s checking account and NPAIT account.

Curtis Roth moved to update District checking account signature card to have John Burke, Curtis Roth, Patrick O’Brien and Lynn Webster on as authorized signers and update NPAIT signature card to have Steve Sandberg, Pat O’Brien, Lynn Webster and new office manager on as authorized signers; Dave Carlson seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Larry Teahon.

Old or New Business

No Old or New Business

Excused Absences

Rich Zochol moved to excuse Larry Teahon; Dave Carlson seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays and (1) absent – Larry Teahon.

Public Comment

No public comment.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:57 a.m.

Jim Lees, Chairman of the Board

Patrick O’Brien, General Manager

Date Signed_____