

UPPER NIOBRARA WHITE
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Board of Directors' Meeting
February 9, 2017

In accordance with LB 325, Eighty-fourth Legislature, First Session (1975), the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District held a public meeting at 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 9, 2017, at the Upper Niobrara White NRD office, 430 East 2nd Street 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 on the UNWNRD website and The Chadron Record and Alliance Times Herald on February 1st, 2017.

Open Meeting Law Act

Chairman John Burke pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act that was present in the meeting room.

Roll Call & Introduction of Guests

Chairman Burke called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

Scott Berndt	Kevin Oligmueller
Mike Strasburger	Al Rasmussen
Tod Dorshorst	Dave Carlson
Nancy Fisher	Steve Sandberg
Rich Zochol	Dave Kadlecek
John Burke	

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Kylen Armstrong, NRD Office Manager	Sheri Daniels, NRD Conservation Programs Coord.
Craig Eddie, NRD Natural Resources Coord.	Nevin Price, NRD Resources Technician
Haley Anders, NRD Water Resources Coord.	Seth Peterson, NFS
Fred McCartney, NFS	Aaron Sanford, NRCS
Tricia Goes, NRCS	Don Grein

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

NRCS
Aaron Sanford

Aaron provided an update on EQIP applications and approvals.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Seth Peterson**

Seth discussed his work on wildfire training and Red Card certification courses that have been provided for volunteer fire departments in Chadron and Nenzel, Nebraska.

Seth will also be involved with the Nebraska Wildland Fire Academy this spring. There will be about 12 different courses available for those interested.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat added the following to his written report:

- Pat mentioned the Governor's Ag Conference coming up on March 14th and 15th.
- Pat provided a legislative update and mentioned some of the dynamics of the body this year. Specifically, most of the floor discussion and debate had been centered around the adoption of permanent rules. Because of this, there has been little movement on the actual bill.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Lynn discussed the NACD Conference in Denver.
- Lynn will be attending the Water Well Standards and Contractor's Licensing Board meeting in Kearney on February 13th.
- Lynn will be presenting at the Water Industries Convention meeting in Kearney on February 14th.

**Conservation Programs Coordinator
Sheri Daniels**

Sheri added the following to her written report:

- Sheri requested assistance with conservation award nominations in several difference categories. Nominations are due May 1st.

**Office Manager
Kylan Armstrong**

Kylan discussed the administrative meetings at Legislative Conference.

**Water Resources Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley added the following to her written report:

- Haley passed out a draft agenda for the upcoming Water Issues Meeting on March 7th. The agenda will be finalized soon.

**Natural Resources Coordinator
Craig Eddie**

Craig did not provide a report.

**Resources Technician
Nevin Price**

Nevin added the following to his written report:

- Nevin attended the NACD in Denver and provided an update on some of the meetings he attended there.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Steve Sandberg moved to approve the consent agenda, Scott Berndt seconded the motion. Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Erosion and Sediment Control Rules and Regulations Public Hearing

Tod Dorshorst moved to open the Erosion and Sediment Control Rules and Regulations public hearing at 2:30p.m., Dave Kadlecek seconded the motion. Roll Call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Lynn discussed the approval letter from Director Fassett as well as the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations. Written testimony will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. February 16, 2017.

No public testimony was given.

Tod Dorshorst moved to close the Erosion and Sediment Control Rules and Regulations Hearing at 2:35 p.m., Al Rasmussen seconded the motion. Roll Call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Tod Dorshorst

Director Dorshorst reported on the following:

- Pat discussed some of the Legislative Bills that were discussed at NARD Legislative Conference.
- The next NARD Board meeting will be March 6th in Lincoln.

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report was given.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

Director Carlson had nothing to report.

Water Committee Report Rich Zochol

Director Zochol had nothing to report.

Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Dave Kadlecek

Director Kadlecek reported on the following:

- Lynn discussed the Rules and Regulations Hearing.
- Lynn and Haley are working to update the Cost Share Docket.
- Nevin discussed soil moisture probe cost share, including a survey sent out to different area vendors. The Directors discussed the possibility of providing cost share on probes from other vendors as well as subscriptions and consultation fees for the services provided with the probes.

Old or New Business

None.

Excused Absences

None.

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

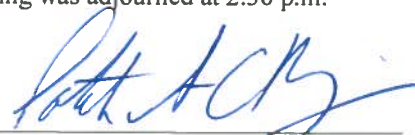
None.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.



John Burke, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 3/9/17