

UPPER NIOBRARA WHITE
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Board of Directors' Meeting
February 11, 2016

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 11, 2016, 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 3rd, 2016.

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	David Carlson
Dave Kadlecek	Rich Zochol
Mike Strasburger	Tod Dorshorst
Nancy Fisher	Allen Rasmussen
John Burke	Steve Sandberg
Kevin Oligmueller	

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Haley Anders, NRD Water Resources Manager	Kylen Armstrong, NRD Office Manager
Craig Eddie, NRD Resources Coordinator	Mary Sackinger, NRD Watershed Proj. Coord.
Nevin Price, NRD Resources Technician	Sheri Daniels, NRD Conservation Programs Coord.
Fred McCartney, NFS District Forester	Lena Vishni, NDEQ
Seth Peterson, NFS	Robin Foulk, NRCS Conservationist
Audrey Holland, NRCS Secretary	Andy Curd

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

NRCS
Robin Foulk

Robin discussed the local working group that will assist the NRCS with prioritizing EQIP program needs which will meet on March 17th in the NRD conference room to discuss funding.

The deadline for the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) is March 31st, 2016. There is currently 150 million in applications.

The next NRCS Quarterly Meeting is February 18th in Alliance.

Regular Board of Directors' Meeting
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**Nebraska Forest Service
Fred McCartney**

Fred discussed the grant writing efforts in progress through the forest service. There will be a staff meeting next week in Lincoln. Fred, Doak and Seth will attend.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat added the following to his written report:

- Director Fassett has rescheduled his meeting with the UNW staff and Directors for April 6th.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Lynn discussed the status of the emergency release of treated waste water from Hemingford in 2015 and he is working with a subcommittee on the counsel to address the issue.

**Conservation Programs Coordinator
Sheri Daniels**

Sheri added to following to her written report:

- The Panhandle No-Till Conference will be held in Gering on February 23rd and 24th; Sheri has been working with the committee to get everything in place for the conference.
- The regional Envirothon contest was held in Gordon on February 10th. There were 10 teams who participated, Sidney placed first, Chadron placed second, and an individual from Cody/Kilgore placed 3rd.
- Sheri also mentioned that the NET video on the Nebraska NRD's will air in March on NET2.

**Office Manager
Kylen Armstrong**

Kylen provided a verbal report on the following:

- Credit card processing is going well.
- Kylen attended some administrative meetings at the Legislative Conference in Lincoln. She mentioned one presentation on Identity Theft and what can be done to prevent it.
- The NRD received a payment on a past due account in which the party had declared bankruptcy. This payment did not fully cover the unpaid balance but did cover a large portion of it.

**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.

**Natural Resources Coordinator
Craig Eddie**

Craig added the following to his written report:

- Craig attended the session on Eastern Red Cedar over population at Legislative Conference. He discussed some of the solutions that have been suggested to deal with the over spreading.
- Craig is also doing some research on No Till Drills for the NRD.

**Resources Technician
Nevin Price**

Nevin had nothing to add to his written report.

**Watershed Projects Coordinator
Mary Sackinger**

Mary had nothing to add to her written report.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Tod Dorshorst moved to approve the consent agenda, Dave Carlson seconded the motion. Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Agency Reports

**Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Tod Dorshorst**

Director Dorshorst reported on the following:

- Director Dorshorst discussed the legislative bills that were voted on at Legislative Conference.
- There were 4 requests for funding from the NARD Foundation. All were approved.
- NARD will renew the contract with Embassy for the Legislative Conference for two more years.
- Award nominations are due by May 1.
- Pat discussed LB 1038 and the hearing that was held on February 10th.

**Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
Dave Kadlecek**

Director Kadlecek reported on the following:

- Director Kadlecek explained that there were 27 applications submitted to the NRC for the Water Sustainability Fund. There will be reviews by the Department of Natural Resources and Nebraska Game and Parks and following the reviews, the applications will be ranked and action will be taken in April.

**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 had nothing to report.

OPP is still awaiting the return of the contract from Tree Are Us.

Old or New Business

None

Excused Absences

None

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

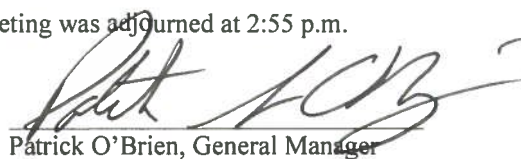
Dave Kadlecek moved to enter executive session at 2:37 p.m., Kevin Oligmueller seconded the motion. Roll Call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Dave Kadlecek moved to exit executive session at 2:54 p.m., Tod Dorshort seconded the motion. Roll Call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m.


John Burke, Chairman of the Board


Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 3/10/16