



UPPER NIOBRARA WHITE
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

Board of Directors' Meeting
May 12, 2016

In accordance with LB 325, Eighty-fourth Legislature, First Session (1975), the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District held a public meeting at 9 a.m. on Thursday, May 12, 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 May 4, 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 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

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	Nevin Price, NRD Resources Technician
Sheri Daniels, NRD Conservation Programs Coord.	Robin Foulk, NRCS Conservationist
Fred McCartney, NFS	Seth Peterson, NFS
John DuPlissis, NFS	Casey McCoy, NFS
Andy Curd	Maureen Skavdahl
Don Grein	

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

NRCS
Robin Foulk

Robin discussed the Leopold Award, received by Plum Thicket Farms this year and gave a brief update on the funding used towards EQIP and CSP cost share projects.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Doak Nickerson**

Doak introduced his Supervisor, John DuPlissis and Seth's Supervisor, Casey McCoy. Mr. DuPlissis discussed the spread of Easter Red Cedar as well as some of the reforestation projects that have been happening in the Pine Ridge.

Mr. DuPlissis also discussed the potential for additional plantings of Ponderosa Pine trees on private property.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat added the following to his written report:

- The NARD basin Tour will be June 13-14 and will take place in the Blue Basin starting and ending in York.
- Pat and Lynn discussed the meeting they had with DNR regarding modeling needs for the district. Adaptive Resources, DNR and the Flatwater Group will all have presentations ready for the UNWNRD board meeting in July.
- Pat also noted that the balance of the Niobrara Basin within the district will be preliminarily declared fully appropriated in fall of 2016.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Downey Drilling will tentatively be drilling two observation/monitoring wells for the District during the week of June 6th.

**Conservation Programs Coordinator
Sheri Daniels**

Sheri added the following to her written report:

- ACE Camp is June 12th-15th at Halsey, NE. Scholarships will be available for children in our district.
- The Conservation Festival went very well. There were 250+ students in attendance.
- A Hall of Fame award nomination was submitted for Jim Irwin.

**Office Manager
Kylen Armstrong**

Kylen provided a verbal report on the following:

- She has started getting completed planting plans back from Trees Are Us as they get the Machine Planting completed.
- Most outstanding balances have been collected. The remaining accounts have been sent to collections.

**Water Resources Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley added the following to her written report:

- Chemigation permits are due May 31st. Inspections will begin soon.

**Natural Resources Coordinator
Craig Eddie**

Craig had nothing to add to his written report.

**Resources Technician
Nevin Price**

Nevin added the following to his written report:

- He is working on an NET grant to help producers with the cost of installing soil moisture probes.

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 had nothing to report.

**Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
Dave Kadlecsek**

Director Kadlecsek reported that the NRC has approved about \$11 million in applications through the Water Sustainability Fund.

**Niobrara River Basin Alliance
Dave Carlson**

Director Carlson had nothing to report.

**Water Committee Report
Rich Zochol**

Director Zochol reported on the following:

- Pat reported that the procedures for transferring acres that are impacted by the Highway Expansion on the Heartland Expressway were sent to the NPNRD.

**Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee
Dave Kadlecsek**

Director Kadlecsek reported on the following:

- Robin discussed LiDar and how it can be used to improve field work, project planning and design and save time.
- The Directors discussed a new budget line for LiDar under Special Projects.
- The UNWNRD portion to complete collection of the information for the entire district is \$28,000.

Dave Kadlecsek moved to fund the LiDar project under Special Projects in the 2016-2017 budget, Dave Carlson seconded the motion. Roll Call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Old or New Business

Tod Dorshorst moved to move the June Board Meeting to June 6th, 2016, Kevin Oligmueller seconded the motion. Roll Call: (11) ayes, (0) nays.

Excused Absences

None

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

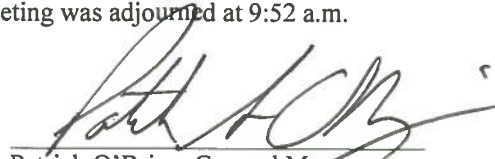
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Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 a.m.



John Burke, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 6/6/16