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In accordance with LB 325, Eighty-fourth Legislature, First Session (1975), the Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District held a public meeting on August 14th, 2025, 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, The Chadron Record and Alliance Times Herald on Thursday, August 7th, 2025.

Open Meeting Law Act

Chairman Kevin Oligmueller pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act that was present in the meeting room.

Roll Call & Introduction of Guests

Chairman Oligmueller called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

Absent; Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Kylen Armstrong, NRD Conservation Prog. Coord.	Haley Anders, NRD Water Resource Manager
Eli Goff, Resources Coordinator	Bryce Gerlach, Nebraska Forest Service
Sydney Hunter, Cons. Program Assistant	Bryan Kahl, Natural Resources Cons. Service

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Bryan Kahl

Bryan reviewed his written report and updated the board on the status of EQIP contracts and CStP contracts. He also announced the District Conservationist position has been filled by Anna Ferguson.

Nebraska Forest Service

Bryce Gerlach

Bryce discussed a chart that depicted the percentage of different tree species in Chadron. He also informed the board about forest service training events.

UNL Extension

No report

Game and Parks Commission

No report.

General Manager

Pat O'Brien

Pat provided a written report and updated the board on LR 158, with a meeting set for the 21st of August 2025 to discuss possible testimony. Pat also informed the board that Senator Strommen will be attending the November Regular Board Meeting.

Assistant Manager

Lynn Webster

Lynn provided a written report, he updated the board on how the NSWCP is moving from the general fund to a cash fund under the Nebraska Environmental Trust.

Conservation Program Coordinator

Kylen Armstrong

Kylen provided a written report, and informed the board that she has been working on the budget for the next year. She is also still in communication with the audit firm.

Water Resource Manager

Haley Anders

Haley provided a written report and explained that she has been out in the field doing chemigation inspections and obtaining water samples.

Resources Coordinator

Eli Goff

Eli provided written report and stated how he is focusing on chemigation inspections and no-till drill operations.

Groundwater Management Coordinator

Robbin Randall

Robbin was absent but provided a written report.

Conservation Program Assistant

Sydney Hunter

Sydney provided a written report and stated that she is updating the water sample logs, inputting chemigation permits, and keeping the website up to date.

Approval of Consent Agenda

John Burke moved to approve the consent agenda; Steve Sandberg seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays; Absent; *Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Scott Berndt

Steve Sandberg moved to appoint Scott Berndt and Tod Dorshorst NRD Annual Meeting representative and alternative, respectively; John Burke seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays; Absent; *Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek*

Niobrara River Basin Alliance

Dave Carlson

No Report

Water Committee

Rich Zochol

Lynn gave a presentation on the Transfer and Variance Review Process and Decision Matrix.

Patrick provided information on the nitrate analysis for the 2021–2024-time frame.

John Burke moved to designate the entire UNWNRD as a Phase One water quality area; Scott Berndt seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays; Absent; Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek

Operating, Personnel, and Policy Committee

Al Rasmussen

No report

Budget Committee

Tod Dorshorst

Pat and Kylen provided and overview of the proposed 2025-2026 budget.

Dave Carlson moved to set the budget hearing to September 11, 2025 starting at 9:00 am; John Burke seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays; Absent; *Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek*

New/Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Excused Absences

Rich Zochol moved to excuse the absences of Tod Dorshorst and Dave Kadlecek; Steve Sandberg seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays; Absent; *Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek*

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Kevin Oligmueller, Chairman of the Board

Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 9/11/25