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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 Thursday, April 11, 2024, 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 April 4, 2024.

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:

Dave Carlson Tod Dorshorst Dave Kadlecek Rich Zochol Kevin Oligmueller

John Burke (arrived at 9:08 a.m.) Nancy Fisher Al Rasmussen Mike Strasburger

Absent: Scott Berndt, Steve Sandberg

Others Present: Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager Kylen Armstrong, NRD Conservation Prog. Coord. Robbin Randall, NRD Groundwater Coordinator

Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager Eli Goff, NRD Resources Coordinator Robin Foulk, NRCS DC

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

Natural Resource Conservation Service Robin Foulk

Robin reported that Abbey Dorshorst completed her Community Pipeline Project, and has now moved as her employee contract is done. Robin also reported information on the 2022-2023 Grassland CRP contracts. Pat and Robin discussed the Local Working Group meeting and revised resource priorities.

General Manager Pat O'Brien

Pat provided an update on the Legislative session.

Assistant Manager Lynn Webster

Lynn reported he has been working with landowners discussing allocation transfers.

Conservation Program Coordinator Kylen Armstrong

Kylen had nothing to report.

Water Resource Manager Haley Anders

Haley was absent for the meeting however provided a written report.

Resources Coordinator Eli Goff

Eli reported he has been spending his time on the tree program.

Groundwater Management Coordinator Robbin Randall

Robbin reported she has been busy in the field measuring static ground water levels.

Approval of Consent Agenda

John Burke moved to approve the consent agenda; Dave Carlson seconded the motion Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent-Scott Berndt, Steve Sandberg

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt

Pat shared that the 2024 NARD Basin Tour will take place in the Republican Basin on June 10th and 11th.

Water Committee Rich Zochol

Lynn provided a preliminary subarea hydrograph report on the spring static water levels measurements and discussed the changes from the 1990 baseline in Sub-areas 1-6.

Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Al Rasmussen

Director Rasmussen had nothing to report.

Information and Education Committee Nancy Fisher

Director Fisher reported that the Conservation Awards will be accepted in the fall/winter and will be presented during the Range Day event.

Old/New Business

Pat requested a signatory change from David Kadlecek to Kevin Oligmueller on the bank accounts.

Tod Dorshorst moved to approve the Signatory Change; Al Rasmussen seconded the motion Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent-Scott Berndt, Steve Sandberg

Public Comment

None

Excused Absences

Rich Zochol moved to excuse Director Berndt and Director Sandberg, Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent-Scott Berndt, Steve Sandberg

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:34 a.m.

Kevin Oligmueller, Chairman of the Board

Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed_____