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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, December 14, 2023, 3 p.m. at the American Legion, 713 Box Butte Ave, Hemingford, 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 December 7, 2023.

**Open Meeting Law Act**

Chairman David Kadlecik pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act that was present in the meeting room.

**Roll Call & Introduction of Guests**

Chairman Kadlecik called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

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, NRD Resources Coordinator	Robbin Randall, NRD Groundwater Coordinator
Doak Nickerson, Nebraska Forest Service	Fred McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service
Kristy Dietrich, Auditor	

**Emergency Agenda Additions**

None

**Natural Resource Conservation Service.**

**Robin Foulk**

Robin was absent from the meeting. Pat reported that Anna Ferguson from the Rushville office moved to Hawaii and started working in their state office on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Auditor**

**Kristy Dietrich**

Kristy presented the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year Audit.

*Tod Dorshorst moved to accept the 2022-2023 FY Audit and submit to the State Auditor; Steve Sandberg seconded the motion  
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

**Nebraska Forest Service  
Doak Nickerson**

Doak thanked everyone for his time and retirement from the Nebraska Forest Service. He also shared information about the Flathead National Forest from the Forest Planning Symposium that he attended on November 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Nebraska Forest Service  
Fred McCartney**

Fred also thanked everyone for his time and retirement from the Nebraska Forest Service.

**General Manager  
Pat O'Brien**

Pat reported the two information sessions will be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>, and the special board meeting will be held on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Pat continued that there will be an open house to recognize the retirements of Doak and Fred on January 4<sup>th</sup>. He also shared the public hearing will be held on January 18<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. and the board meeting will be held at 2 p.m. on that same day.

**Assistant Manager  
Lynn Webster**

Lynn reported that he has been busy working on water use reports.

**Conservation Program Coordinator  
Kylene Armstrong**

Kylene reported that the expense reports need to be filled out so she can pay everyone their quarterly expenses.

**Water Resource Manager  
Haley Anders**

Haley reported that she has been completing domestic samples and has been pumping monitoring wells as much as the weather allows.

**Resources Coordinator  
Eli Goff**

Eli reported that he has been getting everything prepared for Range Day that will be held at Chadron State College on January 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator  
Robbin Randall**

Robbin reported that she has been busy getting the water use reports sent out.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Steve Sandberg moved to approve the Consent Agenda; Dave Carlson seconded the motion  
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

**Agency Reports**

**Nebraska Association of Resources Districts  
Scott Berndt**

Pat shared that a Delegate and an Alternate will need to be selected for the January NARD meeting.

*Steve Sandberg moved to approve Director Berndt and Director Dorshorst to be the Delegate and Alternate; Dave Carlson seconded the motion  
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

**Niobrara River Basin Alliance  
Dave Carlson**

Pat shared that they have been working on getting Subordination Agreements out for the water rights. Working with the Attorney General and Don Blankeno, Pat said they have come up with the Interlocal Agreement which all the funds will go to the Niobrara River Basin in Alliance to administer the future agreements.

*Dave Carlson moved to approve the Interlocal Agreement; Al Rasmussen seconded the motion  
Roll call: (9) ayes, (2) nays (Scott Berndt & Steve Sandberg)*

**Water Committee  
Rich Zochol**

Lynn shared that D&R Sorensen Farms wants to decertify their acres and transfer them.

*Rich Zochol moved to approve D&R Sorensen Farms Transfer; Steve Sandberg seconded the motion  
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

Lynn shared that John and Jaci Haas want to transfer their acres from the north of 1 to the southwest 11.

*Rich Zochol moved to approve John and Jaci Haas Transfer; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion  
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

Lynn shared information on the static levels from Fall 2022 to Fall 2023.

*Steve Sandberg moved to approve Sub Area 3 expansion acre application; Scott Berndt seconded the motion  
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

**Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee  
Kevin Oligmueller**

Director Oligmueller had nothing to report.

**Public Comment**

None

**Excused Absences**

None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:18 p.m.

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David Kadlecek, Chairman of the Board

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Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed \_\_\_\_\_