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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, February 8, 2024, at the Upper Niobrara White NRD office, 430 East 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 February 1, 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 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Haley Anders, NRD Water Resource Manager	Eli Goff, NRD Resources Coordinator
Robbin Randall, NRD Groundwater Coordinator	Jordan Grasis, Administrative Assistant
Robin Foulk, NRCS DC	Bryce Gerlach, Nebraska Forest Service

**Emergency Agenda Additions**

None

**Natural Resource Conservation Service  
Robin Foulk**

Robin shared information about the Grassland Conservation Reserve Program (GCRP).

**Nebraska Forest Service  
Bryce Gerlach**

Bryce shared updates on staffing and the ponderosa pine reforestation program and provided information on damaged windbreaks.

**General Manager  
Pat O'Brien**

Pat had nothing to report.

**Assistant Manager  
Lynn Webster**

Lynn had nothing to report.

**Conservation Program Coordinator  
Kylan Armstrong**

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

**Water Resource Manager  
Haley Anders**

Haley reported she has been busy doing nitrate analysis for each township.

**Resources Coordinator  
Eli Goff**

Eli reported that he has been busy doing cost share applications.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator  
Robbin Randall**

Robbin reported that she has been studying for the groundwater technician exam that she will be completing in March.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Scott Berndt 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**

Director Berndt reported about the meeting they had in January. Pat shared information about bill 1368, the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Act.

**Niobrara River Basin Alliance  
Dave Carlson**

Director Carlson reported that there will be a meeting on February 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Water Committee  
Rich Zochol**

Pat reported that there will need a vote to publish the order adopting the rules and regulations.

*John Burke moved to adopt the Rules and Regulations and publish the required order; Tod Dorshorst  
seconded the motion*

*Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

**Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee  
Al Rasmussen**

Director Rasmussen had nothing to report.

**Public Comment**

None

**Excused Absences**

None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:16 p.m.

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Kevin Oligmueller, Chairman of the Board

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Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

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