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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, January 23, 2025 at the Chadron Middle School Library, 551 East 6th 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 January 16, 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 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

Scott Berndt	Tod Dorshorst
Nancy Fisher	Dave Kadlec
Al Rasmussen	Mike Strasburger
Rich Zochol	Kevin Oligmueller

Absent: John Burke, Dave Carlson, Steve Sandberg

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Kylen Armstrong, NRD Conservation Prog. Coord.	Robbin Randall, NRD Groundwater Mgmt
Coord. Eli Goff, NRD Resources Coordinator	
Robin Faulk, NRCS	Luke Gazak, Nebraska Forest Service
Chadron Middle School students and staff	

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

Election of Officers

Tod Dorshorst moved to retain the current slate of officers and representatives for 2025, Scott Berndt seconded the motion

Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays; Absent: John Burke, Dave Carlson, Steve Sandberg

**Natural Resource Conservation Service
Robin Faulk**

Robin discussed the NRCS/NRD partnership reviewed her written report and discussed the Inflation Reduction Act funds that will be distributed through various conservation programs. Robin also reported that a Conservation Effects Assessment Project survey will be distributed soon.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Luke Gazak**

Luke discussed how the NFS works with the NRD on forestry projects and reported on the student forestry technician that will be working in the area over the summer and fall. Luke also provided information on the Halsey Forest timber sale and potential re-planting efforts.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat provided a written report and reminded Directors that the annual review will be held prior to the February 13th regular board meeting. Pat also reported that there was only one application submitted for the Nitrogen Reduction Incentive Program.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn reported that he has been processing groundwater allocation transfer requests that will be presented to the board at the February meeting as well as several certified irrigated acre transfer applications.

**Conservation Program Coordinator
Kylen Armstrong**

Kylen provided a written report. Kylen discussed fiscal year audit and the conservation awards presented at Range Day.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

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

**Resources Coordinator
Eli Goff**

Eli provided a written report and discussed Range Day as well as NSWCP applications and tree sales.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator
Robbin Randall**

Robbin provided a written report and discussed water use for 2024.

**Conservation Program Assistant
Elizabeth Heger**

Libby was absent from the meeting however provided a written report.

Approval of Consent Agenda

*Scott Berndt moved to approve the consent agenda; Al Rasmussen seconded the motion
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays Absent: John Burke, Dave Carlson, Steve Sandberg*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt

Pat provided information on the legislative bills that have been introduced and discussed several bills of importance

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Kevin Oligmueller

Pat reported on the January 14, 2025 meeting where discussion was held on subordination agreements, potential stream gage locations and surface water diversion flow monitoring.

Water Committee Rich Zochol

Rich reported a meeting was held however lacked the quorum needed to make a recommendation to the board.

Operating, Personnel, and Policy Committee Al Rasmussen

No Report.

New/Old Business

None

Excused Absences

*Tod Dorshorst moved to excuse John Burke, Dave Carlson and Steve Sandberg, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays Absent: John Burke, Dave Carlson, Steve Sandberg*

Public Comment

The students posed several questions to the directors and staff.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Kevin Oligmueller, Chairman of the Board

Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed _____