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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, March 13, 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, March 6th, 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	Dave Carlson
Tod Dorshorst	Nancy Fisher
Dave Kadleck	Mike Strasburger
Steve Sandberg	Kevin Oligmueller
Rich Zochol (Conference Call)	Al Rasmussen

Absent: John Burke

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
Robbin Randall, NRD Groundwater Mgmt Coordinator	Robin Faulk, NRCS DC
Eli Goff, Resource Coordinator	Libby Heger, Cons. Program Assistant
Bryce Gerlach, NFS	Shelley Steffl, NE Game and Fish

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Robin Faulk

Robin provided written report and announced her retirement on April 3rd, Robin also provided information on the acting district conservationist and gave funding updates for cost-share programs.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Bryce Gerlach**

Bryce announced that 79,000 Ponderosa Pine trees were delivered for the reforestation program and noted that trees are still available for landowners wanting participate in the program. Bryce noted that a burn permit is needed through the local fire chief when burning in Nebraska and explained that slash piles are a common source of wildfires.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat provided a written report. He reminded the board that meeting times will return back to 9 a.m. starting in April. Pat discussed updated from the economic forecast board.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn provided a written report. He stated revised water use reports have been mailed to the landowners who transferred water and that spring statics water level data collection will start March 17th.

**Conservation Program Coordinator
Kylan Armstrong**

Kylan provided a written report and an update on NWSCP funds.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley provided a written report and stated the nitrate data has been submitted to the Nebraska clearing house.

**Resources Coordinator
Eli Goff**

Eli provided a written report and an update on tree sales.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator
Robbin Randall**

Robbin provided written report with no additions.

**Conservation Program Assistant
Libby Heger**

Libby provided a written report and stated that chemigation permits have been mailed out. She stated that Sidney and Mitchell High Schools have qualified for the State Envirothon on April 30th in Omaha, NE.

Approval of Consent Agenda

*Steve Sandberg moved to approve the consent agenda; Scott Berndt seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays; Absent-John Burke*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt

Scott provided an update from the recent NARD board meeting. Pat stated LB 317, the merger between Department of Natural Resources and Department of Environment and Energy is the Natural Resources Committee priority bill.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

No Report

Water Committee Rich Zochol

Lynn presented acre transfers that met the rules and regulations set by the board of directors. John Haas and Dan & Jack Manning transfer of 35.2 acres was presented. Lynn elaborates on the components by providing a map.

*Rich Zochol moved to approve the Haas & Manning transfer; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays; Absent-John Burke*

Operating, Personnel, and Policy Committee Al Rasmussen

No report

New/Old Business

None

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

*Steve Sandberg moved to enter into Executive Session at 2:33 P.M.; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays; Absent-John Burke*

*Al Rasmussen moved to exit Executive Session at 2:36 P.M.; Dave Carlson seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays; Absent-John Burke*

Excused Absences

Steve Sandberg moved excuse John Burke, Dave Carlson seconded the motion

Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays; Absent-John Burke

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:37 P.M.

Kevin Oligmueller, Chairman of the Board

Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed _____