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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, October 10, 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 October 3, 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:

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

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Kylen Armstrong, NRD Conservation Prog. Coord.	Elizabeth Heger, NRD Program Assistant
Robin Faulk, NRCS DC	

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

Natural Resource Conservation Service

Robin Faulk

Robin reported a Range Management Specialist was hired for the NRCS office in Rushville and she will be attending UNWNRD board meeting in November. Robin discussed the 2024 practices applied throughout the district. She stated that all program signups are due November 15th.

Nebraska Forest Service

No report

General Manager

Pat O'Brien

Pat provided a written report and stated that Chadron Middle School requested that UNWNRD hold a regular board meeting at the school to educate students.

Assistant Manager

Lynn Webster

Lynn provided a written report and indicated UNWNRD staff has been busy reading meters with focus on the allocation areas first to prepare for water transfer requests. Lynn noted that Eli, Haley and Robbin were absent because they were in the field reading meters.

Conservation Program Coordinator

Kylen Armstrong

Kylen provided a written report and provided the area land judging results

Water Resource Manager

Haley Anders

Haley was absent from the meeting, but provided a written report.

Resources Coordinator

Eli Goff

Eli was absent from the meeting, but provided a written report.

Groundwater Management Coordinator

Robbin Randall

Robbin was absent from the meeting, but provided a written report.

Conservation Program Assistant

Elizabeth Heger

Libby provided a written report. She discussed the 2024 NACD poster contest.

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 that he withdrew the NRD Board Meeting resolution at the NARD Annual Conference.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

No Report

Water Committee Rich Zochol

No Report

Operating, Personnel, and Policy Committee Al Rasmussen

Pat discussed the proposed contract with Trees Are Us and explained the price changes and stated the agreement would last three years.

*Scott Berndt moved to approve the working agreement; Steve Sandberg seconded the motion
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

Pat proposed the customer charges for fiscal year 2024-2025.

*Al Rasmussen moved to approve the fiscal year 2024-25 customer charges; Dave Carlson seconded the motion
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

Pat provided information on the NRD, NARD and Bessey Interlocal sales agreement. He explained the price changes and stated the agreement would last three years.

*Al Rasmussen moved to approve NRD, NARD and Bessey Interlocal sales agreement; Rich Zochol seconded the motion
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

New/Old Business

Pat requested an adjustment for the start time of the regular board meeting in December to 3 pm to allow for the Christmas Party.

*John Burke moved to hold the December board meeting at 3 pm; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

Public Comment

None

Excused Absences

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:23 a.m.

Kevin Oligmueller, Chairman of the Board

Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed _____