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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, August 10, 2023, 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 September 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 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

Absent: Dave Carlson

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
Jordan Grasis, Administrative Assistant	Robin Foulk, NRCS DC
Doak Nickerson, Nebraska Forest Service	Fred McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

*Kevin Oligmueller moved to open Executive Session, Steve Sandberg seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent-Dave Carlson*

**Natural Resource Conservation Service
Robin Foulk**

Robin shared that the NRCS obligated \$31 million in equip, which is a new Nebraska record. She also shared a new staff member, Chris Muenchau who will be assisting with administrative and data entry

duties. Robin updated the board on the Northern Long Eared Bats, that they are out in the forest thinning contracts with producers.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Doak Nickerson**

Doak reported that there is a Forest Planning Symposium: A Primer for the Black Hills National Forest Plan Revision on October 3, 2023. Doak also shared that the Hill city sawmill has closed and Hewlett sawmill will be closing soon, costing jobs.

**Nebraska Class
Aaron Bos**

Aaron shared information and features about Nebraska CLASS (Cooperative Liquid Assets Securities System).

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat reported that the Senator and Rob Lawson will be at the October meeting.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn reported that he is continuing work on database management. Lynn is also working on draft orders for the hearing and adoption of the proposed rules and regulations revisions in preparation of Board approval to move forward.

**Conservation Program Coordinator
Kylene Armstrong**

Kylene reported that Budget Forms are nearly complete and ready to submit to the state once the 2023-2024 budget and tax asking are approved.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley reported that she is finishing up chemigation inspections and is getting ready for meter reading.

**Resources Coordinator
Eli Goff**

Eli reported that Client's Day is on October 11, 2023.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator
Robbin Randall**

Robbin reported that she is finishing up chemigation inspections and is working on maps in preparation for meter reading.

Approval of Consent Agenda

*Scott Berndt moved to approve the consent agenda; John Burke seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent-Dave Carlson*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt

Director Berndt reported that there is a NARD meeting on Monday that he is going to. Pat continued that there are no resolutions submitted for consideration.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

Dave was absent for the meeting.

Water Committee Rich Zochol

Pat shared the proposed Rules and Regulations that was reviewed during the August meeting to be submitted to the departments.

*John Burke moved to submit the Rules and Regulations; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent-Dave Carlson*

Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Kevin Oligmueller

Pat discussed the information provided by Aaron Bos about Nebraska CLASS and decided as a collective to not take action.

Information and Education Committee Al Rasmussen

Director Rasmussen had nothing to report.

Budget Committee Nancy Fisher

Director Fisher reported to approve the 2023-2024 budget and tax asking to be accepted.

*Nancy Fisher moved to approve the 2023-2024 budget and tax asking to be accepted; Scott Berndt
seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent-Dave Carlson*

Public Comment

None

Excused Absences

*Tod Dorshorst moved to excuse Director Carlson, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent-Dave Carlson*

*Rich Zochol moved to close Executive Session, John Burke seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent-Dave Carlson*

Adjournment

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

David Kadlecek, Chairman of the Board

Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed _____