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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 at 9 a.m. on Thursday, November 8, 2018, 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 31, 2018.

Open Meeting Law Act

Chairman Steve Sandberg pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act that was present in the meeting room.

Roll Call & Introduction of Guests

Chairman Sandberg called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

Absent

John Burke, Kevin Oligmueller

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Kylen Armstrong, NRD Conservation Prog. Coord.	Tricia Goes, NRD Conservation Prog. Assistant
Haley Anders, Water Resources Manager	Robin Foulk, NRCS DC
Doak Nickerson, Nebraska Forest Service	Fred McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service
Gary Fisher	Wayne Fisher
Senator Steve Erdman, District 47	Erin Devine
Mark Haynes	

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

District 47 Senator Steve Erdman

Senator Erdman explained the recent election results and what the Nebraska legislature will look like in the coming year. There will be many changes taking place including several committee leaders. Senator Erdman also expressed his priorities, as he sees them and answered questions from board members.

**NRCS
Robin Foulk**

Robin discussed the hiring of a new Soil Conservation Technician in the Alliance Field Office and that some changes that may be taking place with the Farm Bill when it is passed.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Doak Nickerson**

Doak mentioned the tree belt workshop the Nebraska Forest Service helped host in Alliance on November 7, 2018. The information presented was well received and the attendance was as expected.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat added the following to his written report:

- The Niobrara Compact Meeting was held in Torrington, WY on October 17th.
- The NWRA/NSIA Annual Meeting being held in Kearney, NE on November 19-20.
- The NARD Washington D.C. trip and any interest off attending needs to be reported soon so flights can be secured. Pat reminded the Directors to sign up for Legislative Conference in January, if desired.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Lynn mentioned meter reading season occurring and the progress being made.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley discussed meter reading season and the progress being made at the time of the meeting.

**Conservation Programs Coordinator
Kylan Armstrong**

Kylan mentioned Kristy Dietrich being at the office November 5th and 6th to complete the audit. Kristy completed the on-site work in two days, which is quicker than in the past.

**Conservation Programs Assistant
Tricia Goes**

Tricia noted that the December Board Meeting will be held in Rushville at the Methodist Church Hall at 3 P.M. with the Christmas party to follow at Yoba's.

Tricia also passed around a sheet to sign up for legislative conference for rooms to be reserved.

Approval of Consent Agenda

*Tod Dorshorst moved to approve the consent agenda, Dave Carlson seconded the motion.
Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oglimueller and John Burke).*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Tod Dorshorst

Director Dorshorst reported on the following:

- Director Dorshorst had nothing to report
- The next meeting will be held in Holdrege, NE on November 11th and 12th.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

Director Carlson reported on the following:

- Director Carlson had nothing to report.
- Director Fassett will be meeting with the NRBA Managers and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to discuss the Waster Sustainability Fund application that was rejected.

Water Committee Report Rich Zochol

Director Zochol reported on the following:

- Pat reported on the Public Information Meetings that were held in October. There was low attendance, however beneficial discussion was had by all. Letters were submitted by the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality and Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. No negative comments were received during to the comment period.

Rich Zochol moved adopt the rules and regulations as were presented and issue and order adopting the amendments to the Groundwater Management Area and Integrated Management Area Rules and Regulations, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion. Roll Call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oglimueller and John Burke).

Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Dave Kadlecek

Director Kadlecek reported on the following:

- Director Kadlecek reported that there would be more research done on the Weather Stations that were previously discussed.
- Director Kadlecek also presented the revised edition of Trees Are Us contract with the Buskirk family.

Dave Kadlecek moved to approve the Trees Are Us contract as presented, Scott Berndt seconded the motion. Roll Call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oglimueller and John Burke).

Excused Absences

Rich Zochol moved to excuse Director Oglimueller and Director Burke, Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion. Roll Call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oglimueller and John Burke).

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.



Steve Sandberg, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 12-28-18