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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, August 8, 2019, at the Upper Niobrara White NRD office, 430 East 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 July 31, 2019.

### **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	Dave Carlson
Nancy Fisher	Kevin Oligmueller
Al Rasmussen	Steve Sandberg
Mike Strasburger	Rich Zochol

Absent:

John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek

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	Nevin Price, Resources Coordinator
Maria Baglieri, NRD Resource Tech.	Robin Foulk, NRCS District Conservationist
Gary Fisher	

### **Emergency Agenda Additions**

None

### **Natural Resource Conservation Service Robin Foulk**

Robin gave an update on the Emergency Programs that NRCS is working on. The NRD is sponsoring the Emergency Watershed Program, with seven locations meeting the necessary criteria to be awarded. More applications may come in, as there hasn't been a firm deadline set. Robin presented a new brochure on Farm Bill Programs and NRCS offices located within the country.

**General Manager  
Pat O'Brien**

Pat noted that the results of the groundwater recharge analysis that is being conducted by HDR will be presented at the September board meeting.

**Assistant Manager  
Lynn Webster**

Lynn mentioned the certification update letters had not gone out as of the meeting, but would be sent in the near future.

**Conservation Programs Coordinator  
Kylene Armstrong**

Kylene presented the Conservation Awards at the Sheridan and Dawes county fairs, with Director Berndt and Director Rasmussen being present, respectively. The award presentation scheduled for the Box Butte County fair did not work out, therefore Kylene is searching for other presentation options.

**Water Resource Manager  
Haley Anders**

Haley reported that she has been working on chemigation inspections and domestic water samples.

**Resources Coordinator  
Nevin Price**

Nevin reported that he has been working on chemigation inspections and delivering the no-till drill. Bessey Clients Day will be held on October 9<sup>th</sup> and any director is welcome to attend.

**Resource Technician  
Maria Baglieri**

Maria reported that she has been completing chemigation inspections, working on the Crop Water Use Report, and ET gages.

**Conservation Programs Assistant  
Tricia Goes**

Tricia reported that she has been helping Lynn label all the recertification maps and entering chemigation permits.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

*Dave Carlson moved to approve the consent agenda, Scott Berndt seconded the motion  
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecsek)*

## **Agency Reports**

### **Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt**

Director Berndt had nothing to report as there had not been a meeting. Pat reported that Annual Conference is still on schedule for September 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>, with the Younes Center being restored to pre-flood conditions.

*Dave Carlson moved to nominate Director Berndt as voting Delegate and Director Dorshorst as Alternate for the NARD annual meeting, Rich Zochol seconded the motion  
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek)*

### **Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson**

Director Carlson had nothing to report. Pat reported on Director's Retreat on August 19-20 starting in O'Neill and requested that anyone who wants to attend convene after the board meeting to discuss travel plans

### **Water Committee Report Rich Zochol**

Director Zochol had nothing to report.

### **Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Dave Kadlecek**

Director Oligmueller reported on the following:

- Returned check policy.
- The two engineering contracts were discussed for work conducted under the Emergency Watershed Program through NRCS.

*Kevin Oligmueller moved to adopt the returned check policy, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion  
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek)*

*Rich Zochol moved to approve two engineering agreements with HDR for the Emergency Watershed Program, Dave Carlson seconded the motion  
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek)*

### **Budget Committee Nancy Fisher**

Director Fisher reported on the upcoming budget:

- Budget hearing set for the September meeting.

*Nancy Fisher moved to approve the 2019-2020 Budget as presented and hold a hearing at the September board meeting, Mike Strasburger seconded the motion  
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek)*

**Old/New Business**

It was requested that the Regular Board meeting for September be rescheduled due to conflicts.

*Rich Zochol moved to reschedule the September Board Meeting to September 5 2019 at 9:00 am, 2019,  
Scott Berndt seconded the motion*

*Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek)*

**Excused Absences**

*Rich Zochol moved to excuse the following: Director Burke, Director Dorshorst, and Director Kadlecek,  
Kevin Oligmueller seconded the motion*

*Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (John Burke, Tod Dorshorst, Dave Kadlecek)*

**Public Comment**

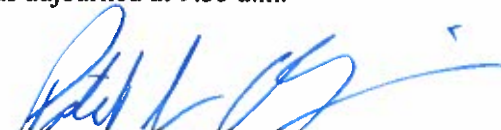
None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:35 a.m.



Steve Sandberg, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed

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