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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 Tuesday, October 15, 2019, 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 2, 2019.

The meeting was originally scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 10, 2019 however due to the weather the meeting was rescheduled for October 15, 2019. Notice of the postponement was provided at the UNWNRD office and on Chadrad.com and Panhandle Post.

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:

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

Absent: Scott Berndt, Dave Carlson

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Haley Anders, Water Resources Manager	Nevin Price, Natural Resources Coordinator
Maria Baglieri, NRD Resource Tech.	Robin Foulk, NRCS DC
Doak Nickerson, Nebraska Forest Service	Fred McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service
Shelley Steffl, Nebraska Game & Parks Comm.	

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

**Nebraska Forest Service
Doak Nickerson**

Doak explained the process of converting wood into bio-char and the machinery that was utilized at the field day held on October 11th.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat added the following to his written report:

- Pat mentioned the upcoming meetings: Niobrara Compact meeting in Scottsbluff, Nebraska on October 23, which will be the same day as the annual IMP meeting with DNR; registration is closing soon for the NWRA-NSIA meeting in Kearney November 25 and 26, contact Pat if you'd like to attend.
- Pat announced that Senator Erdman will be present at the November meeting and possibly Senator Brewer will be present at the December meeting.
- Pat reminded the Directors of the upcoming elections: Director Carlson, Director Berndt, Director Zochol, Director Burke, and Director Rasmussen will be up for elections in 2020.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Lynn discussed Fall Static Water Levels, which will be starting October 28, 2019. Also, deadline of November 1, 2019 has been established to complete meter readings.
- Lynn attended fall conference, which was beneficial for information regarding the spring flooding.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley reported that meters are being read. Haley has also been collecting several domestic water samples.

**Resource Conservation Programs
Nevin Price**

Nevin added the following to his written report:

- Nevin attending the bio-char demonstration on Friday, October 11, 2019.
- Nevin described the Boy Scouts Tree Planting at the Chadron State Park; this will be the last year of the planting. The Boys Scouts provided a token of appreciation to the UNWNRD for assistance with the project.
- Nevin attended Client's Day in Bessey on October 9, 2019. Bessey will not be offering Native Cottonwood or Cotoneaster. Nevin placed an order for roughly 34,000 bareroot trees and 1,700 potted trees; this does not include the trees for Nebraska Forest Service.
- Nevin explained the Community Forestry project with local communities to plant trees using the Carnahan Memorial monies. Each community will receive 13 trees, with the exception of Hemingford (which chose not to participate).

**Resource Technician
Maria Baglieri**

- Maria reported that the Crop Water Use Report ended last month. Maria reported that ET gauges should be brought back to the office at the next meeting.
- Maria has been working on the project involving cattails on the Niobrara River. Maria is working with 19 landowners or 353 acres of the river with 156 of those acres being in Box Butte or Dawes county. to remove cattails.

Approval of Consent Agenda

John Burke moved to approve the consent agenda; Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion.

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Scott Berndt and Dave Carlson)

Agency Reports

**Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Scott Berndt**

Director Berndt reported on the following:

- Pat discussed the two resolutions that passed at the NARD Annual meeting. The first coming from UNWNRD regarding Natural Resources Commission member residency requirements. The second resolution coming from LENRD regarding the extension of bonding authority to all NRDs for the purpose of flood control projects.

**Water Committee Report
Rich Zochol**

Director Zochol reported on the following:

- Pat reminded committee members of the meeting on November 12 in Alliance.
- Pat provided information on how the integrated model interprets precipitation events and irrigated ground.
- Pat handed out the static water levels change maps showing the quantitative changes.

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

Director Kadlecek reported on the following:

- Director Kadlecek reported on the tree sales price increases. Bareroot tree costs will increase to \$1.20 per tree, with tree bundles being 5 trees for \$6.00, and no three-stripe fabric will be offered.
- Director Kadlecek discussed the rankings of the District Priorities that will be included in the ten-year master plan

Dave Kadlecek moved to approve the 2019-2020 customer changes., Al Rasmussen seconded the motion.

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Scott Berndt and Dave Carlson).

Excused Absences

Tod Dorshorst moved to excuse the following: Director Berndt and Director Carlson, John Burke seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Scott Berndt and Dave Carlson)

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

Kevin Oligmueller moved to enter Executive Session at 9:44 A.M., Nancy Fisher seconded the motion.

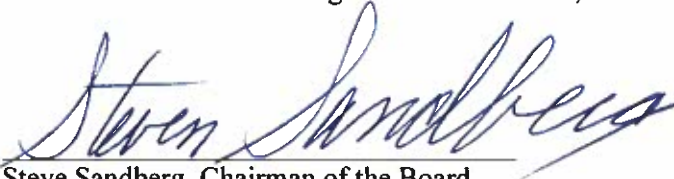
Roll Call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Scott Berndt and Dave Carlson)

Rich Zochol moved to exit Executive Session at 9:57 A.M., Dave Kadlecsek seconded the motion. Roll

Call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Scott Berndt and Dave Carlson)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.



Steve Sandberg, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 11-14-19