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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 2 p.m. on Thursday, February 13, 2020, 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 February 6, 2020.

**Open Meeting Law Act**

Chairman Dave Carlson pointed out the Open Meeting Law Act that was present in the meeting room.

**Roll Call & Introduction of Guests**

Chairman Carlson called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

Absent: Al Rasmussen

**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, NRD Water Resources Manager	Maria Baglieri, NRD Natural Resource Coord.
Robin Foulk, NRCS DC	Fred McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service
Jack Arterburn, UNL Extension	

**Emergency Agenda Additions**

None

**NRCS**  
**Robin Foulk**

Robin explained upcoming application deadlines for national conservation programs. Robin discussed the no-till conference being held in Holyoke, Colorado. Robin and Pat announced the Local Working Group meeting will be held on February 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 10 am at the UNWNRD office.

**Nebraska Forest Service  
Fred McCartney**

Fred reported on work being started for the USFS's Good Neighbor Project that was reported during January's meeting.

**University of Nebraska- Lincoln Extension  
Jack Arterburn**

Jack reported on upcoming events happening in the area that were included on his written report

**General Manager  
Pat O'Brien**

Pat added the following to his written report:

- Pat discussed Legislature Bill 148 that was signed by the Governor and will require more action by entities on establishing the annual the budget. The intent of the bill is to make the budgeting process more transparent.
- Pat reported that due to the lack of action and a project coordinator, the SPNRD, NPNRD and UNWNRD will be withdrawing from the PRECIP project.
- Pat reported NDNR Director Fassett will be retiring and his last day is February 28, 2020.

**Assistant Manager  
Lynn Webster**

Lynn added the following to his written report:

- Lynn discussed the voluntary Integrated Management Plan meeting on February 24, 2020 in Rushville starting at 6:00 P.M. and ending by 8:00 P.M.
- Lynn stated that spring static water level measurements will begin in mid-March.
- Lynn and Tricia have been working on completing the irrigated acre certification update.

**Conservation Programs Coordinator  
Kylen Armstrong**

Kylen had nothing to add to her written report.

**Water Resource Manager  
Haley Anders**

Haley asked for a RSVP for the Water Education Day on February 25, 2020 at the Eagles' Club in Alliance.

**Natural Resource Coordinator  
Maria Baglieri**

Maria added the following to her written report:

- Maria reported on the cattail management project on the Niobrara River. The contractor Jason Rust and Maria will start site visits in the coming weeks.
- Maria reported there are a couple species of trees that are currently sold out.

**Conservation Programs Assistant  
Tricia Goes**

Tricia had nothing to report.

**Approval of Consent Agenda**

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

*Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays, (1) absent- Al Rasmussen*

**Agency Reports**

**Nebraska Association of Resources Districts  
Scott Berndt**

Director Berndt reported on the following:

- Pat provided information regarding the National Envirothon contest held in July in Lincoln. Volunteers are being recruited, but at this time there are no specifics on when and where the volunteers will be needed.
- Director Berndt reported on the Washington D.C. trip taking place on March 16 through March 18.
- Director Berndt reported 470,000 trees from Bessey were sold in 2019.
- Director Berndt reported the risk pool is down \$1,014,538 so far, this fiscal year.

**Niobrara River Basin Alliance  
Dave Carlson**

Director Carlson had nothing to report.

**Water Committee Report  
Rich Zochol**

Director Zochol reported on the following:

- Lynn reported on water transfers. The remaining 42 of the 51 requests have been completed and signed by the landowners.

*Rich Zochol moved to approve the 42 requests for water transfers., Mike Strasburger seconded the motion*

*Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays, (1) absent (Al Rasmussen)*

**December and January Meetings**

A request was made to move the March meeting.

*Rich Zochol moved to approve changing the March meeting date to March 10 at 2:00 p.m., John Burke seconded the motion. Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays, (1) absent (Al Rasmussen)*

**Excused Absences**

*John Burke moved to excuse the following: Director Rasmussen, Kevin Oligmueller seconded the motion  
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays, (1) absent (Al Rasmussen)*

**Public Comment**

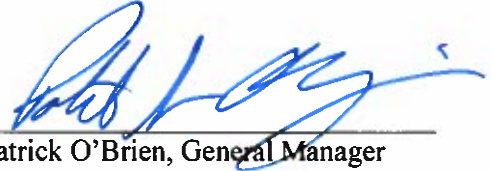
None

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:36 p.m.



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David Carlson, Chairman of the Board



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Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 3-10-20