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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, March 11, 2021, 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 March 3, 2021.

Open Meeting Law Act

Chairman David 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:

Scott Berndt- 2:17	John Burke- via phone/zoom
Dave Carlson	Tod Dorshorst
Nancy Fisher	Dave Kadlecik
Kevin Oligmueller	Al Rasmussen
Steve Sandberg	Mike Strasburger
Rich Zochol	

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Kylen Armstrong, NRD Conservation Prog. Coord.	Haley Anders, NRD Water Resources Manager
Erik Jacobson, NRD Resources Coordinator	Erin Lee, NRD Groundwater Management Coord.
Tricia Goes, NRD Conservation Prog. Specialist	Robin Foulk, NRCS DC
Fred McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service	Doak Nickerson, Nebraska Forest Service
Bryce Gerlach, Nebraska Forest Service	

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

**Natural Resource Conservation Service
Robin Foulk**

Robin announced Maria Baglieri's last day with NRCS is March 12th as she has accepted a job through the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission. Robin announced the direct hire positions have been accepted by Debbie Gerlach for Chadron and Alissa Millikan for the Alliance office. Robin announced Mary Reece has been selected as the western area conservationist to replace Doug Christensen.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Doak Nickerson**

Doak presented the 2020 Annual Report from Nebraska Forest Service. Doak reported impacts to conifer trees as a result of weather events over the last several months may be observed soon.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

The Day Weather spring and summer forecast was presented to the directors.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn announced the upcoming Voluntary IMP meeting being held on April 15th from 3-5 p.m. via zoom; the NRD office will be a host site. Lynn reported the spring statics reading will begin soon depending on weather. Lynn mentioned that an erosion and sediment control complaint was submitted to the NRD office and the investigation has begun. Lynn pointed out applications for the expansion of irrigated acres in groundwater management sub area III are still being accepted.

**Conservation Program Coordinator
Kylene Armstrong**

Kylene reported that NSWCP NC-12 applications have been approved for tree windbreaks; \$45,000 were approved the week prior to the board meeting. Kylene reminded directors to sign their expense forms.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley stated she will be reading spring static water levels as soon as Mother Nature corporates.

**Resources Coordinator
Erik Jacobson**

Erik reported that he has been working on tree orders. At the time of the meeting, some species have already been sold out. Erik recently attended the Natural Resource Groundwater Technician course and test.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator
Erin Lee**

Erin has been working on getting meters sealed through the District. Erin also participated in the Natural Resource Groundwater Technician course and test.

**Conservation Programs Specialist
Tricia Goes**

Tricia mentioned that State Envirothon will be held on April 28th at Lake Wanahoo. Tricia reported that planning has begun for Conservation Festival and at the time of the meeting roughly 100 students had been signed up; without hearing from Chadron or Alliance public schools. Tricia reported that

chemigation renewal permits were mailed out on March 4th. Tricia announced the new tree planting and mulch machine videos have been put up on the website.

Approval of Consent Agenda

Pat reported that the CD had matured and explained the options available for re-investing. Once markets improve a decision will be made.

*Scott Berndt moved to approve the consent agenda; Steve Sandberg seconded the motion
Roll call: (11) ayes, (0) nays*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt

Director Berndt reported on the March meeting where officers were elected including Jim Eschliman, Orval Gigstad and Marty Graff as president, vice president and secretary/treasurer, respectively. Director Berndt reported the National Envirothon will be held virtual but State Envirothon will be held in person.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

Director Carlson had nothing to report.

Water Committee Report Rich Zochol

Director Zochol reported on the following:

- The rules and regulations will be reviewed by staff, the water committee and the full board in the coming months. An overview of some of the edits was provided and directors were encouraged to provide input.

Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Dave Kadlecek

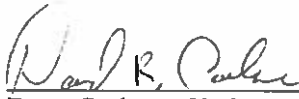
Director Kadlecek had nothing to report.

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.



Dave Carlson, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 4-8-21