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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 3 p.m. on Thursday, November 12, 2020, 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 November 4, 2020.

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 3:00 p.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

Scott Berndt	John Burke
Dave Carlson	Tod Dorshorst
Nancy Fisher	Dave Kadlecik
Al Rasmussen	Steve Sandberg
Mike Strasburger	

Absent:

Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Tricia Goes, NRD Conservation Prog. Assistant	Haley Anders, Water Resources Manager
Erik Jacobson, Resources Coordinator	Erin Lee, Groundwater Management Coord.
Fred McCartney, Nebraska Forest Service	Bryce Gerlach, Nebraska Forest Service

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

**Natural Resource Conservation Service
Robin Foulk**

Robin's written report was handed out.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Fred McCartney**

Fred presented information on the forest management work being completed along Highway 385 south of Chadron.

**Nebraska Natural Resources Commission
Greg Wilke**

Greg presented via telephone. Greg discussed the lack of projects that have been submitted to the Water Sustainability Fund program and suggested the Niobrara NRDs consider projects to address streambed degradation.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat had nothing to add to his written report.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn mentioned the Niobrara Compact and the annual Integrated Management Plan Meetings being held on November 18, 2020 via zoom.

**Conservation Program Coordinator
Kylene Armstrong**

Kylene was absent from the meeting.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley reported that she has been collecting several domestic water samples.

**Resources Coordinator
Erik Jacobson**

Erik reported tree sales have started.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator
Erin Lee**

Erin reported on meters on inspection reports; 44 have been verified on low use with 14 needing repaired or replaced. NRD staff is still waiting to hear back from 30 people on a response from their meters whether they were low usage or if the meter is needing repaired/replaced, 15 meters were repaired last year that numbers didn't get changed from. Erin is working on water use reports to be mailed out prior to Thanksgiving.

**Conservation Programs Specialist
Tricia Goes**

Tricia edited her written report that all 80 missing meters have since been read and recorded. Tricia reported on State Land Judging contest, but didn't have the official results to report on. There hasn't been an updated status on Range Judging contests for 2021 or for Envirothon at the Regional Contests or for the National Competition. Tricia reported on Range Day 2021 with the goal of an agenda being finalized by December 1, 2020. Tricia reported there were over 200 posters submitted for the 2020 poster contest and presented the winners; 2-3 age group winners: 1st Kinleigh Yada- Chadron, 2nd Jess Wild- Chadron, 3rd Autumn Richardson- Hay Springs; 4-6 age group winners: 1st Connor Butler- Hemingford, 2nd Roudy Schommer- Chadron, 3rd Lydia Gitch- Hemingford; 7-9 age group winners: 1st Josie Sanders- St. Agnes Academy, Abigail Loudon- St. Agnes Academy, 3rd Jozlin Dexter- St. Agnes Academy.

Approval of Consent Agenda

*John Burke moved to approve the consent agenda, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion
Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol)*

Agency Reports

**Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Scott Berndt**

Director Berndt gave an update on the new NARD building and explained that the price was negotiated down. It was also explained that there will have to be some re-modeling conducted prior to staff moving in. Director Berndt reported that much of the salvaged equipment will not be usable. Director Berndt reported all meetings are to be determined/announced due to COVID-19 restrictions.

**Water Committee Report
Rich Zochol**

Director Zochol had nothing to report.

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

Director Kadlecek reported on the following:

- Director Kadlecek presented the Region 23 Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Pat explained some building improvement options which would include additions on the west and north side. Director Kadlecek explained the committee decided allow staff to move forward with obtaining the necessary building permits.
- Pat and Lynn presented information on and a demonstration of a Data Management System to the Board.

*Dave Kadlecek moved to approve the Region 23 Hazard Mitigation Plan, Scott Berndt seconded the motion
Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol)*

Dave Kadlecek moved to approve the Data Management System created by Longitude 103/Thad and Heath Kuntz, Scott Berndt seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2 absent Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol)

Old/New Business

Pat mentioned the December board meeting being held in conjunction with the Holiday Meal, therefore suggested the meeting be scheduled for 3:00 p.m. at the NRD office.

Dave Kadlecek moved to approve moving the December Board Meeting to 3 pm December 10, 2020, Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol)

Excused Absences

Tod Dorshorst moved to excuse the following: Director Oligmueller and Director Zochol, John Burke seconded the motion

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol)

Public Comment

None

Executive Session

Steve Sandberg moved to enter executive session at 4:08, Tod Dorshorst seconded the motion.

Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol)

Steve Sandberg moved to exit executive session at 4:16, Dave Kadlecek seconded the motion

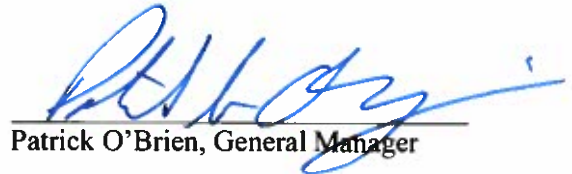
Roll call: (9) ayes, (0) nays (2) absent (Kevin Oligmueller and Rich Zochol)

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:16 p.m.



Dave Carlson, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 12-10-20