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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 on Thursday, September 9, 2021, immediately following the 9:00 am Budget Hearing and the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request 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 September 1, 2021.

Chairman Carlson opened the Budget Hearing at 9:00 a.m. The 2021-2022 budget overview was presented. There were no public comments.

*John Burke moved to close the Budget Hearing and the Special Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request at 9:06 am, Steve Sandberg seconded the motion
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (Scott Berndt, Tod Dorshorst and Rich Zochol)*

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 9:06 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

John Burke	Dave Carlson
Nancy Fisher	Dave Kadlecik
Kevin Oligmueller	Al Rasmussen
Steve Sandberg	Mike Strasburger

Absent:

Tod Dorshorst, Scott Berndt and Rich Zochol

Others Present:

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

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

**Natural Resource Conservation Service
Robin Foulk**

Tricia presented Robin's written report.

**Nebraska Forest Service
Doak Nickerson**

Doak and Fred discussed information on different forest management practices and philosophies.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat mentioned the special session to take place on September 13th -24th to conduct redistricting as required and based on the 2020 census.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn reported an update from the manager's meeting he attended in Lincoln.

**Conservation Programs Coordinator
Kylan Armstrong**

Kylen reported all budget forms will need to be submitted by September 20, 2021. Kylan mentioned the fall newsletter will be distributed in September.

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley reported that roughly 50% of the wells that had not been sampled within the last four years were sampled this summer, these wells were mainly found in Sioux County or the Western half of Box Butte.

**Resources Coordinator
Erik Jacobson**

Erik mentioned he has been checking windbreaks that were planted in the Spring of 2021. Erik has seen a better survival rate if producers took care of their plantings. Erik thanked the Directors for the opportunity to work at the UNWNRD.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator
Erin Lee**

Erin reported that she has completed her chemigation inspections. Erin also mentioned the last Crop Water Use Report was created this week.

**Conservation Programs Specialist
Tricia Goes**

Tricia reported a final inspection count for chemigation season. Tricia mentioned Bessey Client's Day on October 13th and if any Director would like to attend to let her know. Tricia announced the

approval of the NET PIE Grant for Range Day 2022 in the total of \$2,000. Tricia mentioned the Area 1 Range Judging contest to be held on September 15th in Box Butte County.

Approval of Consent Agenda

*John Burke moved to approve the consent agenda, Steve Sandberg seconded the motion
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (Scott Berndt, Tod Dorshorst and Rich Zochol)*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt

Pat discussed the 30X30 plan resolution submitted by Tri-Basin NRD.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

Pat reported that the application to change the Spencer Hydro water rights use from manufacturing to basin management has been submitted by NPPD.

Water Committee Report Rich Zochol

No report.

Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Dave Kadlecek

Director Kadlecek reported on the following:

- Pat suggested two pieces of machinery be surplused and be placed out for bids. These items include the Ford 4000 tractor and 7-foot Tye no-till drill.
- Director Kadlecek reported on sending a letter of support to the Governor for Lynn to be re-appointed to the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Board for another 5-year term.

Dave Kadlecek moved to approve surplusing the Ford tractor and 7-foot Drill, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion

Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (Scott Berndt, Tod Dorshorst and Rich Zochol)

Dave Kadlecek moved to approve a letter of support being sent to the Governor for Lynn Webster's application to the Water Well Standards and Contractors' Board for another 5-year term, Kevin Oligmueller seconded the motion

Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (Scott Berndt, Tod Dorshorst and Rich Zochol)

Budget Committee Nancy Fisher

Director Fisher presented the proposed budget with no further discussion.

*Nancy Fisher moved to approve the 1% restricted funds authority, the tax asking of \$633,573, levy of 0.015641 and the 2021-2022 Budget as presented, Dave Kadlecek seconded the motion
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (Scott Berndt, Tod Dorshorst and Rich Zochol)*

Old/New Business

Pat requested moving the November Board Meeting date to November 9, 2021 due to Veteran's Day and moving the December meeting to 3 P.M. due to the Holiday party.

*Steve Sandberg moved to approve changing the date of the November meeting to November 9, 2021 and changing the time of the December meeting to 3 P.M., Kevin Oligmueller seconded the motion
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (Scott Berndt, Tod Dorshorst and Rich Zochol)*

Excused Absences

*Kevin Oligmueller moved to excuse the following: Director Berndt, Director Dorshorst and Director Zochol, Steve Sandberg seconded the motion
Roll call: (8) ayes, (0) nays (3) absent (Scott Berndt, Tod Dorshorst and Rich Zochol)*

Public Comment

None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.



Dave Carlson, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed _____