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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 Thursday, August 12, 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 August 4, 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 9:00 a.m. and roll call was taken with the following Directors present:

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

Absent: Scott Berndt

Others Present:

Pat O'Brien, NRD General Manager	Lynn Webster, NRD Assistant Manager
Kylen Armstrong, NRD Conservation Prog. Coord.	Hayley 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
Shelley Steffl, Nebraska Game & Parks Com.	Jack Arterburn, UNL Extension

Emergency Agenda Additions

None

**Natural Resource Conservation Service
Robin Foulk**

Robin reported on cost share distributed within the last 10 years. Robin announced that the Working Lands for Wildlife Program bringing additional funds to the District; primarily Sheridan County. Robin mentioned a new video to be released featuring local landowners: Jacquelyn and Frank Mills and Resource Conservationist Bryan Kahl.

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

Jack presented UNL's Ranch Handbook user statics. Jack mentioned UNL's Gudmundsen Sandhills Laboratory Open House held on August 25th.

**General Manager
Pat O'Brien**

Pat had nothing to add to his written report.

**Assistant Manager
Lynn Webster**

Lynn mentioned being a judge for the National Envirothon held in Lincoln the end of July. Lynn mentioned some material shortages taking place that may require extensions on some NWSCP NC-14's.

**Conservation Program Coordinator
Kylene Armstrong**

Kylene thanked Director Rasmussen and Director Fisher for presenting the Conservation Awards at the Dawes County Fair. All awardees were present except one: Dan Kreitman is out of the country and his award will be rescheduled. Kylene mentioned the Fall newsletter article "Where trees come from?".

**Water Resource Manager
Haley Anders**

Haley handed out her written report and reported a total of 788 samples have been collected this summer.

**Resources Coordinator
Erik Jacobson**

Erik reported a list of available fall trees has been disbursed and will be picked up at Client's Day in October.

**Groundwater Management Coordinator
Erin Lee**

Erin reported she has been busy compiling GPS points and doing chemigation reinspects.

**Conservation Program Specialist
Tricia Goes**

Tricia mentioned she attended the Nebraska Grazing Conference to gain ideas for topics for Range Day. Tricia's reported on attending the NACD National Envirothon; July 26th and 27th in Lincoln. Tricia reported on Chemigation update that a total of 571 inspections had been completed leaving a total of 109 to be done. Tricia mentioned Area I Range Judging to be held in Box Butte County on September 15th and Area Land Judging to be held on October 6th near Lodgepole. State Land Judging will be held on September 29th in Middle Niobrara NRD and State Land Judging will be held on October 20th in the Tri Basin NRD.

Approval of Consent Agenda

*Steve Sandberg moved to approve the consent agenda; John Burke seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays, (1) absent (Scott Berndt)*

Agency Reports

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Scott Berndt

Pat requested a Delegate and Alternate be selected for Annual Conference in September. Director Berndt was selected as Delegate and Director Dorshorst was selected as Alternate.

*Steve Sandberg moved to appoint Director Berndt as NARD Delegate with Director Dorshorst as
Alternate, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent (Scott Berndt)*

Niobrara River Basin Alliance Dave Carlson

Director Carlson had nothing to report.

Water Committee Rich Zochol

Director Zochol had nothing to report.

Operating, Personnel, and Safety Policy Committee Dave Kadlecek

Director Kadlecek reported on the following:

- Long Range Plan adopted
- Lynn presented information on a NSWCP application regarding a livestock pipeline and water tank that is located in Nebraska however the water sources cos from Fall River County, South Dakota.

*Dave Kadlecek moved to approve the 2021-2022 Long-Range Plan, Kevin Oligmueller seconded the
motion
Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent (Scott Berndt)*

Budget Committee Nancy Fisher

Director Fisher reported on the upcoming budget:

- Budget hearing set for the September meeting.

Nancy Fisher moved to approve the 2021-2022 Budget as presented and hold the levy and tax asking hearing at 9:00 am on September 9, 2020 with the regular board meeting to follow, Steve Sandberg seconded the motion

Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent (Scott Berndt)

Excused Absences

Tod Dorshorst moved to excuse the following: Director Berndt, Al Rasmussen seconded the motion

Roll call: (10) ayes, (0) nays (1) absent (Scott Berndt)

Public Comment

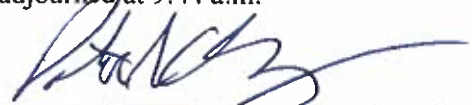
None

Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:44 a.m.



Dave Carlson, Chairman of the Board



Patrick O'Brien, General Manager

Date Signed 9-9-21