

**Board of Directors Special Meeting
February 18, 2025 at 1:30 pm
511 East 5th Street, Imperial, NE**

Agendas were sent to all Board members and others requesting agendas. Agendas were posted in the NRD office in Imperial, the NRCS offices in Grant and Imperial, and posted on the District website. The meeting was announced over KADL-Imperial, KRVN-Lexington and KOGA-Ogallala and published in area newspapers.

Board Members Present: Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Jay Lee, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, CJ Swanson.

Board Member Absent: Dave Brown, Janice Stroup, Tyler Turner and Tom Schroder.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins and Brett Harmon.

Others Present: Joshua Westling, Wayne Williams, Ellen Kreifels, Gary Moore, Russ Pankonin, Shawn Turner, Jacci Brown and Fred Hoffmiester.

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda Regular Board meeting minutes February 4, 2025

Information distributed at Board meeting:

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Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 1:35 p.m.

Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted in the NRD Office.

MINUTES:

- Merrihew moved to approve the February 4, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 1-abstain, 4-absent. Motion carried.


NCORPE Solar Energy Proposal: Joshua Westling of Project Meadowlark described the proposed fertilizer plant in Gothenburg and a solar energy project proposed for the NCORPE property in Lincoln County. The fertilizer plant would purchase power from NPPD and power from the solar energy project at NCORPE would be provided to NPPD. Wayne Williams of ISI Solar described the possible design of the project and answered questions about mitigation and prevention of potential wind and water erosion issues. Ellen Kreifels, an attorney with Blankenau, Wilmoth, Jarecke who represents NCORPE on the development of the renewable

energy lease, described the proposed lease. Among the components is a cap of 8,000 acres on the amount of NCORPE land that could hold a solar energy project. Board members and staff asked Kreifels, Williams and Westling questions. Board members discussed what position they should take on the proposed lease that would allow a project on NCORPE property. There was general agreement that the URNRD as a member of NCORPE should request more time be taken to modify the lease to address erosion concerns.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 3:56 pm.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer



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