

**Board of Directors Regular Meeting
February 4, 2025 at 9:00 am
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: Dave Brown, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Harry Merrihew, Terry Martin, Brock Stromberger, Janice Stroup, CJ Swanson, Tyler Turner.

Board Member Absent: Jay Lee and Tom Schroder.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Nate Jenkins Julia Strand, and Deb Hayes.

Others Present: Andy Keep (NRCS).

Information emailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Regular Board meeting minutes January 7, 2025	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	NRCS report
Regular Board meeting minutes January 7, 2025	Report of District applications, contracts, and agreements
Financial reports	

Chairman Martin called the regular meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

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

DIRECTORS' ABSENCES: None

MINUTES:

- Brown moved to approve the January 7, 2025 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

The Financial report was presented to the Board.

- Stromberger moved to pay the accounts payable and to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 4-absent. Motion carried.

Harry Merrihew arrived at 9:07 am.

Dean Large arrived at 9:09 am.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report dated February 2025 and discussed the Local Working Group. The Local Working Group will have a meeting on March 5, 2025 at 1:30 pm at the NRD Office.

- Swanson moved to approve the NRCS report of planning activity dated February 4, 2025 to include the conservation plans as signed for Perkins County. Seconded by Stromberger.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 2-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

GROUNDWATER MANGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS: No report.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE: None.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the report of District applications, contracts and agreements dated February 4, 2025, to include the NSWCP applications. Seconded by Brown.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 2-absent, 1-abstain. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT: None.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

Jasper reported on the Meadowlark Solar Energy project that is being considered on NCORPE property. The four NRD managers met with Senator Brandt, Senator Jacobson, Senator Ibach, Senator Strommen and Senator Storer during NARD conference about this project. The Board discussed holding a Special Board meeting in our District to review the project and to explain what they are doing.

Jasper reported that the Governor would like to merge DNR and NDEE.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

Nate was elected to the Natural Resources Commission recently.

Nate reported on freeze of federal funds and how it will affect NRD's telemetry grant.

Nate reported on the Nitrogen management meeting and this NRD had \$49,000 in funding and we have about 3800 acres from four cooperators which will use most of this funding.

INFORMATION & EDUCATION: None

LEGISLATION: None

STATE ASSOCIATION:

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

Martin asked if anyone wanted to change URNRD Committees. Jason Kunkel asked about moving to the Groundwater Committee. Terry will review the list and visit other members about switching committees.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted.

CJ Swanson
Secretary/Treasurer

3-18-25

