

**UPPER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
August 28, 2017 -- 3:00 P.M.
Norfolk, Nebraska**

CALL TO ORDER, STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT AND OPEN MEETING LAW NOTIFICATION:

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order. The statement of advertisement in the Holt County Independent, Rock County Leader and Neligh News were noted; and, the open meetings law posting were all noted at 3:07 P.M. by Chairman Gene Kelly.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Gary Bartak	Mark Carpenter	Chris Dierks	Curtis Gotschall	Keith Heithoff
Ted Hughes	Jim Keller	Gene Kelly	John Meuret	Michael Moser
Aaron Rice	Roy Stewart	Dale Wiles		

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Jake Dvorak Chip Whitaker

STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Schueth, General Manager
Beth Walsh, Information & Education Coordinator
Sarah Nevison, Water Resources Manager
Kelly Kloppenborg, Water Resources Technician

GUESTS PRESENT:

Jerry Allemann – Wayne, NE
Lynne Allemann – Wayne, NE
Brian Bruckner – Assistant Manager - Lower Elkhorn NRD
Sue Lackey – Conservation & Survey Division – Norfolk, NE
Mike Krueger – Pierce, NE

AGENDA:

The Agenda was reviewed by the Directors. ⇨ **It was moved by John Meuret and seconded by Chris Dierks to adopt the Agenda. AYE: Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION CARRIED.**

JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

The minutes of the July Meeting were reviewed by the Directors. ⇨ **It was moved by Curtis Gotschall and seconded by Jim Keller to approve the minutes of the July meeting. AYE: Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION CARRIED.**

AUGUST 15, 2017 BUDGET WORKSHOP MINUTES:

The minutes of the August 15, 2017 Budget Workshop were reviewed by the Directors. ⇨ **It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Dale Wiles to approve the minutes of the August 15, 2017 budget workshop meeting. AYE: Bartak, Kelly, Moser, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Meuret & Rice. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION FAILED.**

TREASURERS REPORT:

⇒ It was moved by John Meuret and seconded by Chris Dierks to approve the July Treasurers Report. **AYE:** Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Dvorak & Whitaker. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC FORUM-INPUT:

None

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS:

NARD Report: The NARD Fall Conference will be held September 25-26 in Kearney. Beth Walsh reviewed the Directors planning to attend. The resolutions submitted for the conference were distributed to the Directors and briefly reviewed.

- **Election of Voting Delegates:** ⇒ It was moved by John Meuret and seconded by Curtis Gotschall to appoint Gene Kelly Voting Delegate for the 2017 NARD Annual Conference and Roy Stewart as the Alternate. **AYE:** Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Meuret, Moser, Rice & Wiles. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Kelly & Stewart. **ABSENT:** Dvorak & Whitaker. **MOTION CARRIED.**

DNR Report: No Report. There is a meeting scheduled for August 30.

NRCS Report: Brandon Peterson's reported was mailed out to the Directors.

Holt County Extension: No Report.

RC&D Report:

North Central RC&D: Jim Keller reported that the RC&D had a successful electronics waste collection for the region.

Loup Basin RC&D: No report.

Northeast RC&D: The RC&D will be holding Household Hazardous Waste/Electronic Waste collection and recycling events.

Information & Education Report: Beth Walsh's report was mailed out in the Director's packets. Beth confirmed Directors attending the annual conference. The office will send in the registration fees and will take care of the lodging arrangements.

Water Resources Report: Sarah Nevison's report was mailed out in the Director's packets. Sarah reported that the water sampling is almost completed; the Newport, Chambers and Brunswick weather stations have been re-located with the Elgin station being privately funded; Sarah attended the wood chipping on irrigated cropland demonstration at MNNND; and, we have had two requests for a letter of support regarding this new wood chipping in to cropland proposal. ⇒ It was moved by John Meuret and seconded by Jim Keller to send a letter of support for the wood chipping projects for UNL and Dr. Snow. **AYE:** Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. **NAY:** Bartak & Heithoff. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Dvorak & Whitaker. **MOTION CARRIED.** The Irrigation Field Day is scheduled for August 30 near Elgin.

Bazile Management Report: Dennis Schueth reported that Dr. Snow was in the area August 24 collecting vadose samples in the Bazile area. There have also been some cooperators showing interest in the cost share program for cover crops.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

⇒ It was moved by Jim Keller and seconded by Ted Hughes to excuse the absence of Jake Dvorak and Chip Whitaker. AYE: Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: Meuret. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS:

Legislative, Budget and Finance:

- **Action on Current Bills and Cost Share Requests:** The Legislative, Finance and Planning Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the bills, Visa charges, fuel receipts and bank statement. ⇒ It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Dale Wiles to approve the current bills for payment. AYE: Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION CARRIED.
- **Directors Per Diem FY 17-18:** The Committee reviewed the current per diem rate; and, the maximum per diem rate for Directors is \$70.00 with the current rate for the UENRD at \$65.00. No action taken.
- **Additional 1% Taxing Authority for FY 17-18:** The additional 1% taxing authority would generate approximately \$7,038. No action taken.
- **Proposed FY 17-18 Budget and Setting of the Public Hearing:** Dennis Schueth briefly reviewed the proposed budget presented at the August 15 Budget Workshop and current county valuations. ⇒ It was moved by Curtis Gotschall and seconded by Roy Stewart to accept the FY 17-18 Budget as proposed. AYE: Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION CARRIED. ⇒ It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by John Meuret to hold the public hearing for the FY 17-18 Budget on September 14, 2017. AYE: Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION CARRIED.

Water Resources and Watershed Committee Report & Recommendations:

- **Groundwater Acre Certification Issues and Update:** None
- **October 2017 GW Irrigation Acre Expansion - Ranking Criteria Sheet:** Sarah Nevison gave a Power Point presentation outlining the proposed changes to the criteria ranking sheet. It was also noted that landowners will need to pay the fee before the ranking criteria sheet is filled out and submitted. ⇒ It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Jim Keller to accept the proposed changes to the criteria ranking sheet for the October 2017 sign up. AYE: Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. NAY: Gotschall. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dvorak & Whitaker. MOTION CARRIED.
- **UNL Project-Wood Shavings-Nitrogen Management:** This was covered under the Water Resources Managers report.
- **ELM Update – Final Report (October 2017):** The report expected to be completed this fall.
- **NRD/NRCS-Shared Staff Member for Bazile Management Area:** Dennis Schueth reported that the details of this arrangement are still being worked out.

COALITION/TASK FORCE UPDATE:

Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition: There is a meeting scheduled for September 5.

Niobrara River Basin Alliance: There is a tentative meeting scheduled for September 26 in conjunction with the NARD conference.

Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition (Piping Plover): No Report.

Nebraska Ground Water Management Coalition: No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:

Dennis Schueth's report was mailed out to the directors prior to the board meeting in their packets. A copy is included with the official copy of the minutes in the office. Dennis reminded the Directors that the next board meeting and budget hearing will be held September 14 at 7:00 PM. The "Whose Water is it Anyway" Community Conversation will begin at 5:30 PM at the Cox Activities Center.

Sue Lackey, Conservation & Survey Division, gave a short review of the static water levels and trends over time for the Board members.

⇒ *It was moved by Curtis Gotschall and seconded by Jim Keller to adjourn at 4:30 PM.* **AYE:** Bartak, Carpenter, Dierks, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Meuret, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Wiles. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Dvorak & Whitaker. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The next board meeting will be held September 14, 2017 at 7:00 pm at the UENRD office.

I, the undersigned Secretary of the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on August 28, 2017 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, the minutes of the Chairman and the Board were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

Dale Wiles, Secretary/Treasurer