

**UPPER ELKHORN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
September 14, 2020 -- 7:00 P.M.
O'Neill, 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; and, the open meetings law were all noted at 6:57 P.M. by Chairman Michael Moser.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:

Gary Bartak	Kevin Blair	Mark Carpenter	Chris Dierks	Marv Fritz
Keith Heithoff	Ted Hughes	Jim Keller	Gene Kelly	Michael Moser
Aaron Rice	Roy Stewart	Chip Whitaker		

DIRECTORS ABSENT:

Curtis Gotschall John Vogel

STAFF PRESENT:

Dennis Schueth, General Manager
Andrea Fisher, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Frederick, Water Resources Technician
Kelly Kloppenborg, Water Resources Technician
Joslynn VanDerslice, Water Resources Manager
Brett Sholes, Agronomy Resources Technician
Aron Lewis, Forestry, Wildlife and Resource Technician

GUESTS PRESENT:

Brandon Peterson, NRCS – O'Neill

AGENDA:

⇒ It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Jim Keller to adopt the agenda. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Kelly, Keller, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

AUGUST BOARD MEETING MINUTES:

⇒ It was moved by Chris Dierks and seconded by Mark Carpenter to approve the minutes of the August Board Meeting. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Fritz. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

TREASURERS REPORT:

⇒ It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Jim Keller to approve the August Treasurers Report. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** Fritz. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

PUBLIC FORUM-INPUT OR COMMENTS:

None

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS:

NARD Report: No report.

NeDNR Report: No Report.

NRCS Report: Brandon Peterson reported.

RC&D Reports:

North Central RC&D: No report.

Loup Basin RC&D: No Report.

Northeast RC&D: No Report.

Information & Education Report: Beth Walsh's report was mailed out in the Director's packets.

Water Resources Report: Joslynn VanDerslice's report was mailed out in the Director's packets.

Bazile Management Report: Connor Baldwin's report was included in the Directors packet. Jeremy Milander's report was included in the Director's packets.

UNL Extension: No Report.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:

⇒It was moved by Mark Carpenter and seconded by Jim Keller to excuse the absence of Curtis Gotschall and John Vogel. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Legislative, Finance and Planning:

- **Action on Current Bills and Cost Share Requests:** The Legislative, Finance and Planning Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed all the bills, fuel receipts, credit card receipts, accounts receivable and bank statements. ⇒It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Gene Kelly to approve the current bills for payment. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED.** There were no new cost share applications.
- **2nd Half of September Bills:** Andrea Fisher will email the bills to the Legislative and Finance committee for approval. Once approved by the committee, Gene Kelly will sign the checks like usual. ⇒It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Jim Keller for the Legislative, Finance and Planning committee to receive the 2nd half of bills via email for approval. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED**

Water Quality and Watershed: The Committee met prior to the board meeting.

- **Action on Groundwater Acre Transfers or Expansion Acres:** None

ADOPTION OF FY 2020-2021 BUDGET:

- **Adopt Resolution Setting Tax Request and Mill-Levy for FY 2020-2021 Budget:** There was no testimony given during the public hearing for the UENRD Budget; and, there was no testimony given during the public hearing for the Mill-Levy and Tax Asking. ⇒It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Gene Kelly to adopt the resolution motion to set the mill-levy at 0.018026 per \$100 of valuation and tax asking of \$836,785. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

COALITION/TASK FORCE UPDATE:

- **Niobrara River Basin Alliance:** No Report.
- **Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition:** No Report.
- **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.

OCTOBER BOARD MEETING: The next regular meeting of the Upper Elkhorn NRD Board of Directors will be held October 26, 2020 at the NRD office in O'Neill.

⇒ It was moved by Gary Bartak and seconded by Jim Keller to adjourn at 7:45 PM. **AYE:** Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Dierks, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Rice, Stewart & Whitaker. **NAY:** None. **ABSTAIN:** None. **ABSENT:** Gotschall and Vogel. **MOTION CARRIED.**

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 September 14, 2020 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.

Gene Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer