

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
December 2, 1974

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Burke on December 2, 1974, at 7:45 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published November 25, 1974 in the York News-Times and that a current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD monthly progress report including new cooperators it kept on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes. Leonard Hosack, Saline County District Conservationist gave the special report. In his report which centered on the reasons for the existence of NRD's and the SCS, Hosack gave a slide presentation on the results of soil erosion and the need for flood and runoff control.

An initial roll call indicated the following 12 Executive Committee members present, Bruce Anderson; Clyde Ehlers; Orval Eikenhorst; Wayne Hansen; Robert Jeary; Henry Klosterman; Morris White; Robert Murray; Floyd Schmer; Carl Epp; William Watmore; and Raymond Burke. Ray Gard and Wendell Lauber joined the meeting prior to motion #4 bringing total attendance to 14 directors for the remainder of the meeting.

Guests included: Gary Obermeyer, Director-elect, Seward; Daryl Obermeyer, Seward;

Rod Egbarts, York County Soil Conservation Service; Max Ronne, Full Board member and Director-elect, Lushton; Mel Noffke, Blue River Assn. of Groundwater Districts; Larry Moore, Director-elect, Ulysses; Harry Hecht, York County Extension; Bob Hawthorne, Director-elect, Giltner; Boyd Stuhr, Director-elect, Bradshaw; Leonard Hosack, Saline County Soil Conservation Service; Norman Wellman, Director-elect, Waco; and Dan Staehr, York, KAWL Radio.

Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; and Christine Peterson, Administrative Secretary.

With no discussion, the November 4, 1974, Full Board of Director's meeting minutes were approved as previously distributed.

Next on the agenda, White made the motion (motion #1) to approve the December 2, 1974 financial statement and bills payable as reviewed by Marsh. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the new cooperators as reviewed by Rod Egbarts in the NRD Progress Report. Schmer seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed and approved at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

The Projects and Programs Committee report of November 21, 1974 was reviewed by Co-Committee Chairman, Anderson. The report included a status summary on the Pilot Roadside Seeding program and the staff study of payment for storage easement to landowners for land inundated due to the construction of dams. The Committee also recommended that the NRD pay 30% of the cost of the Butler County - Noble Road Structure. Discussion revealed that to approve this cost-share application at 30% rather than 25% would probably set the precedent used on future road structure applications. Anderson made the motion (motion #3) to approve the Butler County Noble-Road Structure

application at a cost-share rate of 30% and to approve the easements for rights-of-way. Jeary seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed draft #3 of the proposed Sediment and Erosion Control Legislative Amendment. This amendment would provide the NRD's with authority to develop and implement rules and regulations to require for proper sediment and erosion control. It is anticipated that this draft concept will be introduced in the next session of the Legislature.

Marsh also gave a report on proposed Rules and Regulations for the Nebraska Resources Development Fund. This fund provides state assistance in the form of grants or loans to state political sub-divisions for use in developing natural resources in Nebraska. A public hearing will be held on these proposed Rules and Regulations on December 17, 1974.

Uhl reviewed the information gathered by the staff on the proposals prepared for leasing of a vehicle for District use. Such information was gathered at the request of the officers due to increased milage and limited uses of staff vehicles. A copy of this report is kept with the official file copy of these minutes. Uhl also stated that the staff averages approximately 2,000 miles per month in travel. Following discussion, Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #4) to approve the leasing proposal by Brockemeir Ford, Seward, of a pickup for District use. Hansen seconded. After further discussion, Hansen made the motion, (motion #5) totable motion #4 for review additional information concerning various lease and purchase programs. Schmer seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote. Lauber and Gard entered prior to motion #4.

Next on the agenda Marsh reviewed a draft of Operational By-Laws for recommendation to Board of Directors. Such proposed, By-Laws included, articles concerning the Board of Directors, officers, committees, and amendments to the By-Laws. Following review and discussion, Hansen made the motion (motion #6) to recommend these proposed By-Laws as drafted, to the new Board of Directors. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried by roll vote.

Discussion was led by Marsh on the declaration of the Platte River as a navigable stream by the Corps of Engineers. Marsh reviewed the draft of a resolution requesting that the Nebraska congressional delegation be requested to seek exemption of the Platte River as a navigable stream. Marsh also read the resolution in opposition to this declaration recently adopted jointly by the Nebraska Water Resources Association and by the State Irrigators Association. Gard made the motion (motion #7) to endorse the Association's resolution by incorporating it into the draft resolution requesting that the Platte River be exempted from declaration as a navigable stream. Hansen seconded and the motion carried. Eikenhorst left the meeting prior to motion #7.

Burke gave a brief report on the Big Blue Basin meeting and tour of projects held in Beatrice on November 25, 1974. This meeting was hosted by the Lower Big Blue NRD and included reports on the Resources Development Fund, the proposed land use legislation, and status of projects in each district.

Next on the agenda, the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and Resolution to formalize membership in the Nebraska Assn. of Resources Districts was reviewed. The purpose of the agreement is to put in writing that the Upper Big Blue NRD cooperates with other NRDs of Nebraska in Working with the NARD. Lauber made the motion (motion #8) to approve the signing of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement and supporting resolution. Jeary seconded and the motion carried by role call vote.

Marsh indicated that By-Laws of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts state that a representative of the NARD Board of Directors must be selected and submitted to the Association office by January 1, 1975. Jeary made the motion (motion #9) to appoint the Chairman of the Board to represent the NRD on the Nebraska Assn. of Resources Districts Board of Directors and the Vice-Chairman as alternate. Anderson seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.

Also, Anderson made the motion (motion #10) to appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Board to be voting delegate and alternate respectively at the Nebr. Assn. of Resources Districts. Jeary seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed arrangements for the Big Blue Basin caucus to be held in Milford on January 16, 1975 to select a representative from the Big Blue Basin to serve on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. White then made the motion (motion #11) that Bruce Anderson be recommended to the newly elected Board of Directors as a representative of this NRD for nomination of the Basin caucus to serve on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. Ehlers seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote with Anderson not voting.

Chairman Burke announced that the National Assn. of Conservation Districts will hold its convention February 2-6, 1975 in Denver, Colorado. Registration arrangements for this convention were reviewed and new directors were urged to attend this convention. Directors interested in attending were requested to indicate their plans to the NRD office as soon as possible.

Next on the agenda, Marsh gave the General Manager's report. Marsh reviewed meeting notices and activities during the months of December and January including arrangements for the initial meeting for reorganization of the newly elected Board of Directors on January 9, 1975 and the Big Blue River Basin caucus and meeting scheduled on January 16, 1975. Marsh also reported briefly on the interstate ground water workshop held recently in Garden City, Kansas and the joint convention of the Nebraska Water Resources Association and State Irrigators Association held recently in York.

The motion (motion #12) was made and seconded to approve the Personnel Committee report recommending that Dan Staehr assume the position of Programs Director. The motion carried by roll call vote with 8 yes and 3 not voting. Clyde Ehlers and Wendell Lauber left the meeting prior to motion #12.

A copy of attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m..

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
November 4, 1974

A Full Board of Director's meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order by Chairman Burke on November 4, 1974 at 8:00 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published October 29, 1974 in the York News-Times and that a current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD monthly report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes. Sherman Throckmorton, Polk County District Conservationist, gave the special report. Throckmorton centered his report on plans for a proposed road structure near Osceola for the purpose of flood control and possible recreational development.

An initial roll call indicated the following 19 Full Board members present: Bruce Anderson; Raymond Burke; Lowell Ehlers; Orval Eikenhorst; Carl Epp; Ray Gard; Fred Erks; Robert Jeary; Morris White; Wendell Lauber; Robert Murray; Norris Otto; LaVerne Peterson; Arnold Refshauge; Ted Regier; Max Ronne; Norman Wellman; William Watmore; and Clyde Ehlers.

Guests included: Mr. & Mrs. Doug Bereuter, Utica; Bob Schneider, York; Dan Armbruster, Aurora; Jim Linderholm, Lincoln, Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger, Inc.; Terry Geiger, Beaver Crossing; Ken Withee, York; Sherman Throckmorton, Polk County Soil Conservation Service; Ron Preheim, Aurora; D.W. Tyler, Polk; Roy Stuhr, McCool Jct.; Boyd Stuhr, Bradshaw; Rod Egbarts, York County Soil Conservation Service; Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Dan Staehr, York, KAWL; and Senator Maurice Kremer, Aurora.

Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; and Kenny Bahr, NRD Technician.

Next on the agenda, White made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators as previously reviewed by Rod Egbarts. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed and approved at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Minutes of the October 7, 1974 Executive Committee meeting had previously been sent to all Board members for review. White made the motion (motion #2) to approve these minutes. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Fred Erks joined the meeting prior to motion #2.

Not on the agenda but requiring action prior to action on the financial statement was the final approval for payment of a cost-share application to Elden Percival for construction of a flood control structure. Following review of this application by Marsh, Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #3) to approve payment of this cost-share application. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda, Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to approve the November 4, 1974 financial statement and bills payable after review by Marsh. Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Following review and discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to approve provisions of the NRD cooperative participation agreement with the City of Osceola for the Osceola Outdoor Recreation and Park Development Plan. Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Wendell Lauber joined the

meeting prior to motion #5. A copy of this agreement is included with the official file :copy of these minutes.

Chairman Burke introduced Jim Linderholm, of Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger, Inc. of Lincoln, who presented an informational program on land use planning. Linderholm stated that land use planning for the NRD will be important as a major consideration in the comprehensive plan in which the NRD will have to take a stand and some legislation has been drafted on expanded land use controls and authorities of the NRD's. The main purpose of land use planning is to find the best practical use of land from many standpoints including environmental, economic, social, and conservation. As he sees it, the main issue in land use planning is the balance between urban and rural land. Many urban land use decisions are irreversible. In a land use policy strictly based on the value of land, urbanization will always win out. But this should be questioned. For instance, the increased problem of erosion on urbanized land over agricultural land. The intent of the proposed legislation in regard to the NRD's is primarily to minimize erosion through conservation measures, to maximize soil resources, and to minimize pollution from sediments. The impact of land use planning on landowners should be positive conservation measures that should increase the value of the property. Land use planning; however, always puts the public good above the individual rights. The answer there is a great deal of public participation. According to Linderholm, the role of the NRD and responsibilities of the Board of Directors are: implementation of sediment and erosion control provisions of the land use plan; promote public participation; education; act in an advisory capacity; and coordination of county comprehensive plans.

Next on the agenda, State Senator Maurice Kremer of Aurora gave an information program on status of Legislative Resolution 182 and groundwater resources. As a result of statewide hearings on LR182, Senator Kremer, predicted that the Public Works Committee will recommend to the Legislature broad authority concerning groundwater regulation to some local entity of government. Kremer stated that Nebraska is very limited on laws regarding the use and management of groundwater. It is assumed in Nebraska that the water flowing underneath a man's property belongs to him. Senator Kremer said the Committee learned in Texas that the best way to store water was to recharge it back into the ground. Under such conditions, no water rights are required, no canals across farms are necessary, and it doesn't need recharging every year if water is available. Kremer indicated he would like to see a pilot project set up consisting of the installation of a large well adjacent to the Platte River pumping water into an underground conduit and then injecting it through a system of recharge wells into the aquifer of an area that is suffering from a groundwater decline and watch to see what happens.

Tentative plans for the 1975 NARD Mini-Conference to be held in North Platte on January 23-24, 1975 were briefly discussed. A draft resolution concerning conjunctive development and transbasin diversion to be submitted to the 1975 NARD Conference by the NRD was reviewed by Marsh. Following brief discussion involving minor revision, Anderson made the motion (motion #6) to approve this resolution as revised for submittal to the 1975 NARD Conference. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Marsh stated the Big Blue Basin meeting on November 25, 1974 will be hosted by the Lower Big Blue NRD in Beatrice beginning with a tour at 1:30 p.m., a dinner meeting, and a business meeting following.

Uhl stated that tentative plans for the Annual Awards Banquet were being completed and that it would be held January 21, 1975 at 7:00 p.m. at the Ramada Inn. Tickets will cost \$4.00 per person. Additional details for this banquet will be completed in the near future.

Next on the agenda, Marsh gave the General Manager's Report. This report reviewed future meeting notices and activities. These activities included final arrangements for the Groundwater Recharge and Management Workshop scheduled on November 7-8 in Garden City, Kansas, the NARD Board of Directors meeting November 19 in Omaha and the joint conference of the Nebraska Water Resources and State Irrigation Associations to be held in York, November 21 and 22.

A copy of attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m..

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
October 7, 1974

A regular Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order by Chairman Burke on October 7, 1974 at 8:15 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published October 1, 1974 in the York News-Times and that a current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD monthly report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes. Rod Egbarts also gave a report on the FY 1974 accomplishments of SCS within the Upper Big Blue NRD. A special report was given by Herb Casey, Fillmore County District Conservationist. Casey stated that it has long been recognized that in the long run, the best and longest lasting measures to reduce waste of irrigation runoff lies with each individual irrigator.

An initial roll call indicated the following 14 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson; Clyde Ehlers; Lowell Ehlers; Orval Eikenhorst; Ray Gard; Russell Hultine; Robert Jeary; Henry Klosterman; Morris White; Robert Murray; Ted Regier; Floyd Schmer; William Watmore; and Raymond Burke. Following roll call, Chairman Burke extended congratulations to board member Henry Klosterman who had recently been named to the Nebraska Hall of Agricultural Achievement for his service and leadership to Nebraska agriculture.

Guests included: Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Joel Thorson, Lincoln Journal; Doug Bereuter, Utica; Richard Sealey, Jr., Polk; Herbert L. Casey, Fillmore County Soil Conservation Service; James Foster, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service Grand Island; Mel Noffke, Groundwater Conservation Districts; W. W. St. John, public accountant, York; and Rod Egbarts, York County Soil Conservation Service.

Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; and Chris Peterson, Secretary.

Next on the agenda, Jeary made the motion(motion #1) to approve the new cooperators as previously reviewed by Rod Egbarts. White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed and approved at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Minutes of the September 2, 1974 Executive Committee meeting, had previously been sent to all Board members-for review. Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve these minutes. Regier seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Gard made the motion (motion #3) to approve the October 7, 1974 financial statement and bills payable after it was reviewed by Marsh. Schmer seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. In addition, Marsh reviewed a quarterly financial report which included expenses and revenues for the first quarter of FY 1975.

After review and discussion of the fiscal year 1974 audit submitted by W. W. St. John, a public accountant of York, Klosterman made the motion (motion #4) to approve this audit. Regier seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The September 26,1974 Projects and Programs Committee report was reviewed by

Co-Chairman Anderson. A copy of this Committee report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Item #1 of this report indicated that Marsh attended a meeting with York County Commissioners on Wednesday September 25, 1974 on a proposed roadside seeding program. Future meetings to develop guidelines for this program are being scheduled. It was suggested that input from the Game and Parks Commission would be important in the development of such a roadside seeding program.

Item #2. of the Projects and Programs Committee report concerned the NRD providing the preparation of irrigation surface water rights project map's as a service to District landowners and residents. Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to adopt a District policy of providing this service with an associated fee of \$25 per map to cover material and expenses. Motion seconded by White and carried by roll call vote.

Item #3 of the report reviewed progress on the Plum Creek Engineering Services Agreement. This agreement involves the preparation of a reconnaissance investigation of the Plum Creek watershed area with the report and plan of work to be completed approximately four months after the agreement is approved. Ehlers made the motion (motion #6) to proceed with the Plum Creek reconnaissance study by executing the Engineering Services agreement with R.W. Beck and Associates recommended by the Projects and Programs Committee. Motion seconded by Anderson and carried by a roll call vote.

Item #4 of the Projects and Programs Committee Report included a recommendation for the David City Drainage Study. The Committee's recommendation was to enlarge the proposed study area to the south and west including an additional three sections of land areal to insure controlled release of the drainage area. Following additional discussion, Regier, moved that the original contract for engineering services with Olsson and Associates for a drainage improvement study in the David City area be approved with the recommended addition of approximately 1920 acres including W ½ Sec. 1, T14N, R2E; W1/2 Sec. 3, T14N, R2E; all of Sec. 2, T14N, R2E; and all of Sec. 11, T14N, R2E at additional cost of \$1450 as an amendment to the contract. Anderson seconded and the motion carried by a roll call vote as follows: 13 yes and 1 no.

In item #5, the Projects and Programs Committee recommended that the NRD cost share with the Lower Big Blue NRD and Vision 17 in the amount of \$200 to assist in completion of the Saline County Comprehensive Plan Agreement. White made the motion (motion #8) to approve this cost-share agreement with Vision 17. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Item #6 involved the recommendation of members for the Task Force Group to coordinate activities of the Groundwater Recharge Program with University of Nebraska agencies involved in this program. Anderson made the motion (motion #9) to appoint the following members to this group: Wendell Lauber, Bill Watmore, Jim Barr, Ray Griffin, and Clyde Ehlers. Seconded by Eikenhorst the motion carried by a voice vote.

Motion #10, made by Eikenhorst, involved the approval of cooperative conservation agreements for school land leases in Butler, Clay and York counties to be signed by the Vice-Chairman. Klosterman seconded the motion to approve -these agreements and the motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Marsh announced that the Polk and Seward County Soil Surveys are now published and available for distribution. Marsh stated that the approach planned for releasing these reports was to hold a VIP invitational meeting initially one to two weeks in advance of the public informational meeting that would be held

in each of the counties for the general public. The tentative dates for the Polk County survey include the VIP meeting at Stromsburg on November 12, 1974 and on November 26 the general informational meeting for the public. For Seward County, the tentative schedule is either November 14 or 15 for the VIP meeting and the public informational meeting on November 22. These meetings are being co-hosted by the NRD's in each of the counties in cooperation with the SCS and Extension Service.

Uhl reviewed the Dorchester Watershed Maintenance Report. September 16, 1974 Bob Jeary, Leonard Hosack, Marvin Slepicka, Floyd Marsh, and Tom Uhl inspected the Dorchester Watershed. The purpose of this special inspection was to review follow up actions recommended by the previous inspection and note any additional maintenance requirements caused by heavy storms in late May of this year. A contractor has completed several items of maintenance and is presently completing the remaining items this fall. Completion of most items is scheduled this fall. All necessary preventive spraying is to be performed next spring. A copy of this maintenance report is on file with the official copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda was a report on the NARD Conference recently held in Norfolk.

A total of six directors from this NRD attended the Conference. The Conference included several informative sessions and programs focused on the "Comprehensive Planning" theme. Chairman Burke reviewed the major resolutions adopted at the NARD Conference. Major resolutions adopted included a general NARD policy concerning land and water related resource developments; funding for extension position of resource management specialist; establishment of Natural Resources standing committee in the state legislature to handle all things pertaining to natural resource support for the completion of feasibility study on the Highland irrigation unit in Elkhorn; support for the O'NEILL irrigation unit; establishment of NARD Native Vegetation Committee; support for the Republican River Basin study; state funding for acceleration of the soil surveys; local concern over the negative results of Level B study; elimination of the 12 1/2% contribution requirement for REAP road structures; and a transbasin resolution was reviewed but tabled for further information.

Next on the agenda, Marsh gave an informational report on current office arrangements and future office requirements. A copy of the written report reviewed is kept with the official file copy of these minutes.

Marsh reviewed future activities and meetings concerning the District in the General Manager's report. Among future meeting notices is the Groundwater Management and Recharge Workshop being hold November 7 and 8, 1974 in Garden City, Kansas. This workshop is being sponsored by the Agricultural Extension Services in several of the Great Plains states. The program of this first interstate workshop of this type includes management, regulation, recharge and other groundwater matters. Directors of the NRD were encouraged to attend this workshop and those planning to attend were requested to contact the NRD office for reservations which must be turned in by November 4.

In addition, Marsh reviewed status of the accelerated soil survey of Clay County. The additional soil scientist hired by the NU Conservation and Survey Division through the cooperative support of the UBBNRD, LBNRD, and Clay County Board of Supervisors reported for work on October 1, 1974. The pick-up truck has been received and is available for use as soon as the soil probe is delivered and mounted.

Marsh reviewed arrangements being made by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission for the river basin caucuses to be held on January 16, 1975, for selection of an NRD director from each of the twelve river basins to serve on

the NNRC. The caucus for the Big Blue River-Basin will be held in Milford at 12:00 o'clock noon on January 16, 1975, with a staff member of the NNRD presiding.

Prior to considering additional business, Regier submitted a recommendation that Mel Noffke be added to the groundwater Task Force Group.

Under additional business, the Personnel Committee requested that the meeting adjourn to Executive Session for the review of special personnel considerations. Following discussion during Executive Session, Anderson moved (motion #11) that merit increases for all full-time and part-time hourly employees as recommended in a report by the General Manager be approved effective October 1, 1974. Motion seconded by White and carried by roll call vote. Following further discussion of a special report by the Personnel Committee, White moved (motion #12) that salary of the Assistant Manager (In Charge of Planning) be increased by \$1500 per annum to \$12,000 per year effective October 1, 1974. Motion seconded by Schmer and carried by roll call vote. A copy of this personnel report is maintained on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

A copy of the attendance and roll call-records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P.M..

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
September 2, 1974

A regular Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order by Chairman Burke on September 2, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. in the NRD office, York, Nebraska. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published August 26, 1974 in the York News-Times and that a current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD monthly progress report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes. A special report was given by Harlan Hendricks, Butler County District Conservationist. In his report, Hendricks stated that there will be an engineering review on September 25 on the Hotovy flood control structure near Ulysses. He also noted the increase in the cost of pipe involved in the construction of such structures.

An initial roll call indicated the following 11 Executive Committee members present; Orval Eikenhorst; Wayne Hansen; Russell Hultine; Robert Jeary; Hans Jensen; Morris White; Robert Murray; Norris Otto; Ted Regier; William Watmore; and Raymond Burke.

Guests included Max Ronne, Full Board member; Mel Noffke, Groundwater Conservation Districts; Rod Egbarts, York County Soil Conservation Service; and Harlan Hendricks, Butler County Soil Conservation Service.

Staff present included Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; and Chris Peterson, Secretary.

Minutes of the August 5, 1974 Full Board meeting had previously been sent to all Board members for review. Hansen made the motion (motion #1) to approve these minutes with the revision that Bob Murray's name be added to the list of those directors in attendance. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The September 2, 1974 financial statement was reviewed by Marsh. After some discussion, Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #2) to approve this financial statement and bills payable as of September 2, 1974. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Next on the agenda, Jensen made the motion (motion #3) to approve the new cooperators as reviewed by Rod Egbarts. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of all, new cooperators reviewed and approved at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

The August 28, 1974 Projects and Programs Committee report was reviewed by Marsh. A copy of this Committee report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Following discussion, Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to approve items 1, 2, and 3 of this report concerning final approval and payment of three completed cost share applications, tentative approval of road structure application in Butler County, and approval of a 120 day extension of time for an application in progress, respectively. Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussion was led on item #4 of the report involving the York Linear Park cost participation contract. Provisions of this agreement provide that the NRD will cost-share 25% on the City of York's share of the development of Phase I of this linear park project. Jensen made the motion (motion #5) to approve

item #4 of the Projects and Programs Committee report authorizing execution of the above agreement with the City of York. White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Following discussion, White made the motion (motion #6) to approve item #5 concerning cooperative funding of two U.S.G.S. streamflow gaging stations located on Lincoln Creek near Seward and on the Big Blue River at Surprise. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Following review, Hansen made the motion (motion #7) to approve item #6, including the recommendation of the Projects Committee that the NRD accept a proposal prepared by and proceed to initiate an agreement with R.W. Beck and Associates of Columbus, Nebraska for planning and engineering services in the Plum Creek Watershed area at an estimated cost of \$8 - 10,000. Hultine seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Following review, White made the motion (motion #8) to approve item #4 concerning the master cooperative agreement with the University of Nebraska including three individual project proposals for the groundwater recharge program. Regier seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

As an additional item, arrangements concerning a proposed road structure above the City of Osceola were discussed. The Polk County Commissioners have been contacted concerning their interest in this structure and in the immediate future the City of Osceola will be contacted to determine their interest in this structure. Jensen made the motion (motion #9) to approve a cooperative request between the county, city, and NRD for technical assistance from the Soil Conservation Service in the design and construction of this structure. Hultine seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Marsh reported on the Corps of Engineers clearing and snagging feasibility study on the Big Blue River. Marsh, Uhl, Burke, and Lauber participated in a reconnaissance flight over the District in which they located approximately 35 snag areas. Burke stated that these were found to be located mostly east of Highway 81. A private firm is conducting this study for the Corps and will be reporting its conclusions and recommendations in a report to be prepared in the near future. The NRD will be acting as the local sponsor for the study and all feasible projects resulting from the study.

Russell Hultine gave the Personnel Committee report. Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #10) to approve this Personnel Committee report of August 7, 1974. This report recommends that the NRD hire Owen Henderson of Auburn, Nebraska in the position of Assistant Manager (Programs Director). Henderson is to start work not later than October 1, 1974. Jeary seconded and the motion carried as follows: 10 yes and 1 no. A copy of this Committee report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Burke reported on the LR 174 public hearings held in Seward August 26 th the Legislature's Agriculture and Environment Committee. This resolution asks for the study of flooding problems in the Big Blue River Basin. The general attitude in the hearings was in favor of the development of small flood control structures and proper flood plain management to alleviate flooding problems.

On the agenda next was discussion on the Herman Link Conservation Education Memorial Fund. Following review and discussion of this matter, Jeary made the motion (motion #11) to contribute \$50 to this memorial fund. Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Directors in attendance were reminded of the NARD Conference to be held in Norfolk on September 9-11. Resolutions to be considered at this conference were briefly reviewed.

Marsh reported on future activities and meetings concerning the District

in the General Manager's report. In addition, Marsh reported that 33 candidates had filed for positions on the 17 member Board of Directors to be elected in the November general election. Sixteen of the thirty-three are incumbents currently serving on either the Executive Committee or Full Board. At least two candidates have filed from each election sub-district with 3 to 5 candidates filing from each sub-district except one sub-district in which only two candidates filed. Two candidates have filed at large.

In additional business, Chairman Burke asked the group about old SWCD signs still in place along county lines. He commented that any such signs remaining in place should be removed as soon as possible. Assistant Manager Uhl reported on the status of local sponsors for the six Award Farm Families which will be presented at the Annual Awards Banquet.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:20 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Public Budget Hearing

A public hearing for the proposed FY 1975 budget of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order at 8:05 p.m., August 5, 1974, by Chairman Ray Burke, presiding as hearing officer. Burke reviewed the notice of public hearing and budget summary published in the York News-Times, Aurora News-Register, Geneva Signal, Seward Independent and Stromsburg Headlight as required, the week of August 29th. Chairman Burke then turned the hearing over to Floyd Marsh, General Manager of the Upper Big Blue NRD.

A summary of the proposed-budget had been distributed to those in attendance. Marsh reviewed in detail all budget items listed on the budget summary. Chairman Burke then asked for any discussion and questions relating to the proposed FY 1975 budget as reviewed by Marsh.

There was some discussion on the amount set aside for necessary cash reserve. It was explained that the State Auditor of Public Accounts and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission recommends that the cash reserve equal approximately 30% of budgeted expenditures. It was decided by the Budget Committee that the cash reserve not exceed \$100,000 or 16%.

A question arose concerning the justification of \$10,000 for Promotion. Marsh explained that the primary areas are news-media (print and broadcasting annual meetings, local promotion, tours and demonstrations.

There was some discussion on the groundwater recharge project. Marsh explained the concept of groundwater recharge and the three phases of this project in cooperation with the University of Nebraska and other state agencies.

With no further discussion concerning the FY 1975 budget as proposed, Chairman Burke officially closed the hearing at 8:55 p.m.. The complete hearing proceedings are maintained on tape which has been placed on file with additional budget documents at the District headquarters office.

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District August 5, 1974

A regular Full Board meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order by Chairman Burke on August 5, 1974 at 9:00 p.m. in the NRD office, York, Nebr., following a public hearing on the proposed FY 1975 budget. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published July 29, 1974 in the York News-Times and that a current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD monthly progress report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official copy of these minutes.

An initial roll call indicated the following 22 full board members present: Bruce Anderson; Raymond Burke; Clyde Ehlers; Lowell Ehlers; Orval Eikenhorst; Carl Epp; Ray Gard; Wayne Hansen; Russell Hultine; Robert Jeary; Morris White; Wendell Lauber; Norris Otto; Laverne Peterson; Arnold Refshauge; Ted Regier; Max Ronne; Floyd Schmer; Norman Wellman; William Watmore; and John Wochner.

Guests included: David Packard, Hastings; Lindell Hanthorn, Lushton; Doug Bereuter, Utica; Dwight Hoxie, University of Nebr., Lincoln; Maurice Flick, Bradshaw; Harry Hecht, York County Extension Service; Greg Otte, York News-Times; Rod Egbarts, York County Soil Conservation Service; Mel Noffke,

Groundwater Conservation District; Doris Marxhausen, Seward City Planning Commission; Frank Stahl, Milford; and Robert Forst, Milford.

Minutes of the July 15, 1974 Executive Committee meeting had previously been sent to all Board members for review. Hultine made the motion (motion #1) to approve these minutes as distributed. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

The August 5, 1974 financial statement was reviewed by Marsh. After some discussion, Jeary made the motion (motion #2) to approve this financial statement and bills payable as of August 5, 1974. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Next on the agenda, Otto made the motion (motion #3) to approve the new cooperators as previously reviewed in the NRD progress report. Regier seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed and approved at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

It was stated that the FY 1975 budget was reviewed and tentatively approved by the Executive Committee at their July 15, 1974 meeting. After discussion, Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to approve and adopt the FY 1975 budget and a mill levy of .87 of a mill. Seconded by White, the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager, gave a report on the status of the comprehensive plan. Uhl stated he had sent out questionnaires to the full board members and received 42 replies. Uhl then briefly discussed the results of the questionnaire. It was stated that a summary of the questionnaire results would be mailed to all the directors and be available to interested individuals. In other activities of the comprehensive plan, Uhl referred to a new base map and case located in the conference room that has been developed for use in the planning activities of the district. Marsh and Uhl attended a comprehensive planning seminar which was held by the Extension Service, Natural Resources Commission, Office of Planning and Programming, and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Uhl stated that at this seminar it was the feeling of the group that the comprehensive plan should give a step-by-step plan of where the District should concentrate its efforts.

Marsh gave a report on the Big Blue Basin meeting which was held in York, July 18. The Upper Big Blue NRD hosted the joint meeting. In the afternoon directors of both NRDs were taken on a tour in the York County area. Following dinner, the meeting convened with former Governor Val Peterson as guest speaker. Legislative Resolution 174, which calls for a study of the flooding problems on the Big Blue River, was the main topic of discussion at the meeting.

Next on the agenda was the review and appointment of Morris White to the Executive Committee. Jeary made the motion (motion #5) to approve the appointment of Morris White to the Executive Committee. Hultine seconded and the motion carried by a roll call vote as follows: 21 yes and 1 not voting.

Anderson made the motion (motion #6) to appoint the Chairman, Raymond Burke, to be the NRD's delegate, and Bob Jeary, Vice-Chairman to be the alternate to cast the district's votes at the Nebraska Assn. of Resources Districts conference on Sept. 9-11, 1974 in Norfolk, Nebraska.

On the agenda next was the General Manager's report. Marsh reported on future activities and meetings concerning the District. Marsh also reported on the status of nomination petitions for the general election in November. There are six candidates who have filed thus far for this election. The deadline for the

filling of these petitions is Friday, August 9 at 5:00 p.m. in Lincoln.

As additional business a question arose as to the status of the Seward County road structure. Marsh reported that a storage easement been signed and reviewed by the Seward County Commissioner. Bids will be opened soon on this structure.

Marsh also gave a report on predicted water level declines of the Upper Big Blue River Basin. These predictions were made in a study entitled "Predicted Groundwater Levels for Alternative Groundwater Development in the Upper Big Blue River Basin." This report was prepared in cooperation with the Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute and the Upper Big Blue NRD. Copies of this report were distributed to those in attendance. A copy of this report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m..

MINUTES: UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

July 15, 1974

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order by Chairman Burke on July 15, 1974 at 8:40 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published June 24 for the previously postponed meeting of July 1, 1974 and again on July 11, 1974 in the York News-Times and that a current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD monthly progress report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official copy of these minutes, Jim Erikson, Adams County District Conservationist, gave the special report in which he reviewed the Lake Hastings project proposal consisting of a road structure northwest of Hastings, Nebraska. Preliminary quantity and cost estimates have been made. It amounts to about a 2300 acre drainage area with about an 30 acre-foot storage capacity and about 20 feet in height. The tubing will cost between \$40-\$45 a foot to install. Earthwork on the road will be approximately 75,000 cubic yards. Total cost of the structure itself is between \$35,000-\$40,000. There will be 30-40 acres permanent pool. Erikson stated that the lake may be of value to the landowner in the northeast corner for irrigation but recreational values are unlikely. The parties involved would be the City of Hastings, Adams County, the Little Blue NRD and the Upper Big Blue NRD. Final design was indicated to be done by next spring. Klosterman made the motion (motion #1) for the NRD to keep cooperating on the Lake Hastings project. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

An initial roll call indicated the following 14 Executive Committee members present: Clyde Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Ray Gard, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, Morris White, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, Carl Epp, William Watmore, and Raymond Burke.

Guests included: Harold Fausch, SCS District Conservationist; Max Ronne, Full Board Member; Norman Behrens, Mayor of Crete, Nebr.; Alvin Biester, Full Board Member; Greg Otte, York News-Times; Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison District Conservationist, York; and Roy Broadbooks, Alexander and Alexander.

Minutes of the June 3, 1974 Executive Committee meeting had previously been sent to all Board members for review. Hansen made the motion (motion #2) to approve these minutes as distributed. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The July 1, 1974 financial statement was reviewed by Marsh. After some discussion, Klosterman made the motion (motion #3) to approve this financial statement and bills payable as of July 1, 1974. Ehlers seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to authorize, following review of a recommendation by Marsh, an automatic withdrawal savings deposit account and the signatures of the Secretary and Treasurer to sign withdrawals from this proposed account. Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Next on the agenda, Jeary made the motion (motion #5) to approve, the new cooperators as previously reviewed in the NRD progress report. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed and approved at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Marsh reviewed the two Projects and Programs Committee reports for meetings of June 20 and July 11, 1974. After some discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #6) to approve the increase to 75% cost-share rate on flood and erosion control (motion #6) to approve the increase to 75% cost-share rate on flood and erosion control structures as of July 1, 1974, one request for extension, and one application for payment as recommended by the Committee. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. After more discussion, Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #7) to recommend a study by the staff and Committee to evaluate a new program that would allow the NRD to pay the landowner on a cost-share application on the basis of a percentage of the appraised valuation of land under a permanent flood pool for road and flood control structures. Also included in the motion was the approval of an increase in rates on practice B-27, earth moved other than dragline to 35c per cubic yard, and practice B-28, earth moved with dragline to 40c per cubic yard as recommended by the Committee. The motion was seconded by Jeary and carried unanimously. Next on the Projects and Programs Committee report, Jeary made the motion (motion #8) for tentative approval of the Ericson-Percival Structure cost-share application. The motion was seconded by William Watmore and carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Next on the Projects and Programs Committee report was a proposed Seward County Road Structure. The Seward County Commissioners are planning to open bids July 16, 1974 for construction of this structure. The Projects and Programs Committee requested further study on this structure concerning a storage easement for permanent and flood storage for use by the NRD. Following additional discussion, Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #9) to pay Seward County as cost-share, an additional \$600 subject to provisions that the county acquire such easement. Motion seconded by Hultine. Following further discussion, Regier moved (motion #10) to amend the previous motion to read on a pilot basis with considerations for Seward County acquiring the additional storage easement. Amendment seconded by Jeary and carried by roll call vote. Motion #9 as amended then carried unanimously by roll call vote. Following review, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #11) to approve three cost-share applications for final payment as recommended by the Projects and Programs Committee. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of the respective Committee reports is maintained on file with the official file copy of the minutes.

Marsh reviewed the proposed FY 75 budget. A copy of the proposed budget reviewed at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes. After discussion, Murray made the motion (motion #12) to increase the promotion line item of the proposed budget from \$6,650 to \$10,000. Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Following further discussion, Orval Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #13) to recommend this proposed FY 75 budget to the Full Board subject to considerations for a public hearing to be scheduled on August 5, 1974 prior to the next Board of Directors meeting. Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. A transcript of Marsh's summary of the proposed budgeted expenses for FY 75 will be available at a later date and kept on file for public inspection.

Following brief review by Marsh concerning a recommendation to increase the treasurer's bond, Jeary made the motion (motion #14) to increase the treasurer's bond to \$100,000 and approve the bonding as proposed by Alexander and Alexander for fiscal year 1975. Ray Gard seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

After the preceding budget review, two items concerning proposed insurance coverage were reviewed. The first; was a newly proposed insurance program by Alexander & Alexander. This proposed program covers comprehensive general liability, comprehensive auto liability, contractors equipment, property provisions and workman's compensation and aircraft liability. The annual premium for all this is \$383. Klosterman made the motion (motion #15) to adopt

this insurance program proposed by Alexander & Alexander. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Discussed next was an Errors and Omissions coverage for directors and staff for the NRD as proposed by Alexander and Alexander. Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Discussed next was the Personnel Committee report. Number one in the report was the proposed insurance Plan 3-P(b) including a specific retirement benefit formula based on salary and length of service with provisions for mandatory employee contributions and a surviving spouse benefit. After some discussion and explanation, Klosterman made the motion (motion #17) to adopt retirement program 3-P(b) as recommended by the Personnel Committee. Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote as follows: 12 yes; 1 no; and I abstention. Also recommended by the Personnel Committee was an increase in mileage from \$0.15/mile to \$0.16/mile for directors and staff. Russell Hultine made the motion (motion #18) to increase the mileage rate from \$0.15 to \$0.16 to become effective July 1, 1974. White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. A copy of this report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

The next item on the agenda was the Promotions Committee report. Otto made the motion (motion #19) to adopt the Promotions Committee report as recommended. Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. A copy of this report is kept with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda was review of the Butler County Soil Survey Amendment. Following discussion, Klosterman made the motion (motion #20) to approve the Butler County Soil Survey Amendment for fiscal year 1975. White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The proposed David City drainage project was briefly discussed. It was reported that the Upper Big Blue NRD would be cost-sharing on the comprehensive engineering study of the project with the Lower Platte North NRD, David City, and Butler County. This study will be used in developing a plan for both drainage and flood control. It was also decided that no action would be taken until an estimate of the costs was obtained.

The status of the nominating petitions indicated that two directors have filed thus far from sub-districts 1 & 6. All petitions should be filed with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission by August 9 in Lincoln. Current directors interested in running for the Board of Directors in the November general election were encouraged to file nominating petitions as soon as possible.

Following review, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #21) to pay the current NARD and NACD dues in the amounts of \$2,000.00 and \$742.71 respectively. Marsh indicated that provisions for Payment of these dues were included in the current budget. Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The resolutions for the NARD conference were reviewed by the Executive Committee. These resolutions will be reviewed and acted upon at the state NARD conference in September. A copy of these resolutions is kept with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda was the General Manager's report. Marsh reported on future activities and meetings concerning the District. Final plans for the Big Blue Basin meeting being hosted by the Upper Big Blue NRD were reviewed. Directors planning to attend the NARD Conference, Sept. 9-11 in Norfolk were encouraged to make reservations as soon as possible. Reservations for this conference can be made by contacting the NRD office.

As additional business and following review of a recommendation by Marsh, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #22) to retain the firm of Svehla and Brugh as legal counsel to the District for FY 75 with an annual fee of \$300. Seconded by Robert Jeary, the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

MINUTES: UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

June 3, 1974

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to Order by Chairman Raymond Burke on June 3, 1974 at 8:30 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification of the meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published May 27, 1974 in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda is kept on file ,for public inspection at the District Office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist. Chairman Burke noted that Egbarts had been selected as the SCS liaison representative of this NRD effective June 1, 1974. A copy of the NRD monthly progress report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official copy of these minutes. Egbarts reviewed the new cooperators for this month. Egbarts also gave the special report noting that there is a shortage of contractors available to perform conservation practices.

An initial roll call indicated the following 17 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Alfred Beick, Clyde Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Ray Gard, Wayne Hansen, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, Morris White, Wendell Lauber, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, Floyd Schmer, Carl Epp, William Watmore, and Raymond Burke.

Guests included: Max Ronne, Full Board Member; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; Dave Mettenbrink, York Daily News-Times; Danny Staehr, KAWL AM & FM; Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Jim Barr, York; and Jerry Wallin, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Minutes of the May 6, 1974 Executive Committee meeting had previously been sent to all Board members for review. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

Prior to review and adoption of the financial statement, Marsh reviewed five cost share applications which had been completed and were eligible for payment. Such applications had not been reviewed by the Projects and Programs Committee, but were included as current project expenses payable on the financial statement. Following discussion, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #1) to approve these five cost share applications that had been completed and were eligible for payment. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable as of June 3, 1974. After discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #2) to approve this financial statement and bills payable as of June 3, 1974. Floyd Schmer seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Next on the agenda, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #3) to approve the new cooperators as previously reviewed in the NRD progress report. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a voice vote. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed and approved 'at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Marsh reviewed a group enterprise project application to provide technical assistance and to authorize SCS to make surveys in Butler County to be used in determining a preliminary solution to a local drainage problem west of David City. Following discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to approve this group enterprise agreement authorizing the Butler County SCS office to make such surveys. Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a voice vote.

The next agenda item was the Projects and Programs Committee report. Wendell Lauber, Committee Chairman, reviewed the report recommending the approval of the Master Cooperative Agreement and the involvement of three agencies to carry out specific functions of the Agreement including such proposals as: (1) Aquifer Characteristics and Groundwater Simulation Model of the Upper Big Blue NRD by the NU Conservation and Survey Division (2) Development of Quantitative Planning Capability for the Upper Big Blue NRD by the Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute; and (3) Potentials of Artificial Groundwater Recharge by the NU Department of Ag. Engineering. Jerry Wallin of the NNRC stated that the Commission's role in this Agreement would be to compile all data obtained as a result of this program and provide a comprehensive view of its affect on the entire Basin area. Lauber noted that although the data collected and developed would be unique to the Upper Big Blue NRD, the basic concepts could be used by other areas. After more discussion, Lauber made the motion (motion #5) to adopt the Master Cooperative Agreement as recommended by the Projects and Programs Committee including tentative approval of the three supplemental proposals with each individual proposal subject to further refinement by the Committee and consideration by the Budget Committee in preparation of the FY 75 budget. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

A brief report was made on the initial work of the Budget Committee. Additional meetings will be held during June with a draft of the FY 75 budget to be presented at the July Board of Directors meeting. Final review and adoption of the budget will be made by the Full Board subsequent to the public budget hearing in August.

A status report was given by Marsh on the West Ulysses Watershed project. A meeting is scheduled for June 13 to review the site locations with the land owner, final easements considerations, and final design with SCS for consideration of construction next year. Marsh also reported on the development of planning to accelerate the proposed special project in the Plum Creek area. It was mentioned using recreational funds to help in the development of this project. A proposal is being developed and will be submitted by a private engineering firm on the feasibility of the project including the costs of a preliminary engineering report, final design, construction, and right of way costs.

A summary of the Personnel Committee provided by Marsh noted that the Committee and staff has been interviewing to fill the position of Assistant Manager with the possibility of making a recommendation by the July meeting. In additional matters of personnel, Marsh reviewed provisions of the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1974 recently adopted by Congress requiring that subdivisions of state government must meet the minimum federal wage for all employees and comply with overtime provisions by compensating certain employee classifications at the rate of one and one-half regular pay for hours worked in excess of forty hours during a standard work week. Provisions of this act became effective May 1, 1974. For proper compliance with such overtime provisions, a standard work week must be established for employees. Following discussion, Robert Murray made the motion (motion #6) to establish a standard work week extending from 12:00 a.m. Saturday to 12:00 a.m. the next consecutive Saturday with a daily schedule five days a week constituting forty hours and exempting employees in the administrative and managerial classifications. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Next on the agenda was discussion on the proposed insurance program for the District. Consideration of this item was submitted to the Budget Committee for FY 75 budget preparation.

Discussion on renewal of the lease agreement with York County was led by

Marsh. Following discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #7) to approve the renewal of the lease-agreement for the office building with the York County Commissioners. Ted Regier seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The Basin meeting scheduled on July,18 with the Lower Big Blue NRD will be hosted by the Upper Big Blue NRD in York including an afternoon tour of projects, dinner meeting, and an evening business meeting. Review and discussion of Legislative Resolution 174 concerning an interim legislative study of flooding problems in the Big Blue River Basin will be given the primary consideration.

Chairman Burke reported on the NARD District Board Meeting held May 20-21 in Norfolk. The main point of this meeting according to Burke was the District Operations Committee meeting concerned with recommendations for new procedures in providing assistance from NRD's including keeping the District cooperator informed as; to the activities of the NRD. Now procedures recommended in this regard include additional follow-up by the NRD once the agreement is signed.

The General Manager's report included future meeting notices and activities. This report also included brief comments concerning the series of County Development Group meetings held recently at the request of ASCS to evaluate the 1974 federal cost-share programs (REAP and RECP) and submit recommendations for the 1975 program Marsh noted that at least one director or staff member attended eight of the nine meetings held in the District.

Under additional business, Marsh reviewed the Amendment #2 to the Master Cooperative Agreement providing acceleration of the Clay County soil survey developed between the Clay County Supervisors, UBBNRD and the LBNRD, Board of Regents, and SCS. Amendment #2 Provides for the accelerated conduct of this soil survey during fiscal year 1975 with a \$1500 financial requirement from the Upper Big Blue NRD. Wendell Lauber made the motion (motion #8) to approve this amendment authorizing the Chairman and Secretary to sign the amendment. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote. Also under additional business, following review of cost share applications requiring extensions of time, Wendell Lauber made the motion (motion #9) to grant appropriate extensions of time necessary for the completion of 3 cost-share applications requesting such extensions. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 p.m..

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

MINUTES: UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Executive Committee Meeting
May 6, 1974

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on May 6, 1974 at 8:30 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published April 29, 1974 in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Ray Griffin, Hamilton County th District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD monthly progress report including cooperators is kept on file as part of the official copy of these minutes. Griffin reviewed conservation activities in the area and noted that May 26 was the date for the Soil Stewardship outdoor program in the Aurora area.

An initial roll call indicated the following 13 Executive Committee members present: Alfred Beick, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, Wendell Lauber, Norris Otto, William Watmore, Morris White, and Raymond Burke. Ray Gard joined the meeting prior to motion #3 bringing the total number of directors present to 14 for the balance of the meeting.

Guests included: Cindy Moore, Lively Livestock 4-H; Roxanne Kessinger, L. B. Community 4-H; Bradley Leggett, York High School; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Mel Noffke, Blue River Association of Groundwater Districts; Ray Griffin, SCS District Conservationist; Dave Mettenbrink, York Daily News-Times; and Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist.

Minutes of the April 1, 1974, Executive Committee meeting were sent to all Board members for review. Orval Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #1) to approve these minutes as distributed. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable as of May 6, 1974. After discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #2) to approve this financial statement including bills payable as of May 6, 1974. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Chairman Burke introduced Miss Cindy Moore, first place winner of the 1974 NRD Speech Contest, who then presented her speech to the Committee. The top three winners were then presented their checks for outstanding participation in the 1974 Speech Contest. Individual plaques will be awarded to each winner as soon as they are received.

Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #3) to approve the new cooperators as previously reviewed in the NRD progress report. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried as follows: 14 yes with Gard joining the meeting prior to motion #3. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed and approved at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to appoint those same directors responsible for reviewing and signing cooperators agreements and Great Plains Contracts in the respective areas throughout the District to sign long-term agreements in their respective areas. Orval Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

As the next agenda item, Wendell Lauber, Chairman of he Projects and Programs Committee, reviewed a report of the May 1, 1974 Projects & Programs Committee

and Personnel Committee joint meeting. A copy of this report was distributed to all directors present and a copy is kept on file with the minutes of this Executive Committee meeting. Lauber summarized discussion and recommendations of the Committee at the May 1 meeting.

Marsh reviewed the draft of a cooperative agreement between the District and the Polk County Irrigators Association which has been recommended for final approval of the Executive Committee. This agreement will require NRD financial input of approximately \$150.00 per annum in order to continue a groundwater monitoring program including 39 observation wells in the Polk County portion of the District. This data and information concerning the use and withdrawal of groundwater for irrigation purposes will be used in the development of groundwater stabilization projects. Following discussion, Lauber made the motion (motion #5) to approve this Cooperative Agreement with the Polk County Irrigators Association. Seconded by Morris White and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of this Agreement is included with the official copy of these minutes.

In additional review of this report, Lauber noted that under the Committees recommendation concerning review of the job description outlining responsibilities and duties of the position of Assistant Manager (In Charge of Planning), the Executive Committee would be receiving periodic progress reports from the Assistant Manager, (In Charge of Planning) on development of the Comprehensive Plan.

As an additional recommendation of the Projects and Programs Committee to the Board of Directors, Lauber made the motion (motion #6) that the District's legal counsel begin exploring the legal considerations into making application for-water rights from the Platte River or adjacent surplus surface water sources for transportation into the Upper Big Blue NRD. This water should be considered as an additional supply for conjunctive development and/or artificial recharge considerations in the NRD. Chairman Burke stated that prior to the importation of other water we must utilize what we now have to its fullest potential but we can start preliminary studies into the subject. Lauber added that "the time is now to give initial consideration to such a project. Following further discussion, the motion was seconded by William Watmore and carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Lauber then made the motion (motion #7) to approve the remaining recommendations of the Committee's report including final approval and payment of two completed cost share applications; requests for extension of time in completion of five outstanding cost-share applications; and the job description and general outline for development of the comprehensive plan of work previously referred to. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The next item on the agenda concerned a resolution received from the mayor and city council of David City. Marsh reviewed a copy of this resolution requesting the mutual cooperation, technical, engineering, and financial assistance of the Upper Big Blue and Lower Platte North NRD's in the solution of a drainage problem involving the David City Airport. Following discussion of the location and general problem area, Russell Hultine made the motion (motion #8) to cooperate with the Lower Platte North NRD and the city of David City in solution of the drainage problem at the David City Airport as outlined in the above resolution. Morris White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Chairman Burke led review of Legislative Resolution 174 which directs an interim legislative study of flooding in the Big Blue River Basin. The resolution basically covers the conduct of public hearings during the interim to determine structural requirements for the development of flood protection

in the Big Blue River Valley and the cost of such improvements in order to avoid or prevent the recurrence of damaging floods in future years along with a study of the need for the development of additional recreational facilities in Nebraska and the feasibility of constructing structures for flood control that could be used-for recreational purposes. Also included is a study of diking approaches to property. protection, together with the necessity for log jam removal in the course of the river and the cost and manner of assessment of such costs. The Legislature's Ag and Environment Committee is responsible for conducting this study and is directed to report the results of its study together with recommendations to the next regular session of the Legislature. Burke stated that consideration of this resolution should be a priority item on the agenda of the next Basin meeting with the Lower Big Blue NRD in preparation for this legislative study.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the nomination petitions and election procedures for the election of directors in the November general election. The instructions for circulating and completing nomination petitions were reviewed in detail and will be attached to each petition requested from the NRD office. Petitions will be available at all County Clerk's offices and the NRD office in York. All petitions must be properly completed and received by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission on or before August 9, 1974.

The Northern Plains NACD Regional Meeting will be June 9-11 in Bismarck, North Dakota. Six states will be represented at this regional meeting. Following discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #9) recommending the authorization of delegates from the District to arrant this NACD meeting. Orval Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Floyd Marsh reviewed plans for tile next Basin Meeting. This meeting will be hosted by the Upper Big Blue NRD in York involving an afternoon tour, dinner meeting, and evening business meeting. A definite date has not yet been set.

The General Manager's report included future meeting notices and activities. The Manager's report also included the final status of legislation and legislative resolutions adapted during the past session of the Legislature.

Under additional business, the Environmental Workshop being held in Louisville, Nebraska June 5-7, 1974 was discussed. After discussion, Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #10) to sponsor three teachers throughout the NRD and one staff member to attend the Workshop. Orval Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Marsh reported briefly on status of the NRD lawsuit. The state Supreme Court filed their decision on April 18, 1974, upholding the constitutionality of the Natural Resources District law. The Supreme Court did hold that a portion of the Natural Resources Commission law concerning membership of three officers of the University of Nebraska including the positions of Director of the Conservation and Survey Division, Dean of the Ag College, and Director of the Ag Extension Service in the NNRC was invalid. Vacancies created by this decision are expected to be filled by appointment of the Governor in the near future.

All directors present were reminded that expense vouchers covering the period January 1 - March 31, 1974 were due in the NRD office.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports specifically referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 p.m..

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
April 1, 1974

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on April 1, 1974 at 8:00 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published March 26, 1974 in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist, and a special report by George Remmenga, Clay County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD progress report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official copy of these minutes. Remmenga commented on the apparent willingness of the farmers to participate in conservation applications of land treatment. He reported on sign ups of UBBNRD Cost-Share applications in Clay County and on activities in the RECP, Great Plains Program, and Water-Bank Program. He noted that irrigation reuse pits seem to be the most popular item in the UBBNRD area. Remmenga also made note that the REAP Water-Bank Program has been funded again for 1974.

Chairman Burke introduced Mrs. Chris Peterson as the new NRD secretary replacing Cindy Forbes who will be terminating effective April 5, 1974. Burke also introduced Morris White of Ulysses recently appointed to the Board of Directors by the Governor replacing John Klosterman.

An initial roll call indicated the following 12 Executive Committee members present: Lowell Ehlers, Ray Gard, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, Morris White, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Floyd Schmer, Carl Epp, William Watmore, and Raymond Burke. Bruce Anderson and Orval Eikenhorst joined the meeting prior to motion #2 and Wayne Hansen and Wendell Lauber joined the meeting prior to motion #4 bringing the total number of directors present to 16 for the balance of the meeting.

Guests included: Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Doug Bereuter of Utica, Nebraska; George P. Remmenga, SCS District Conservationist.; Harry Hecht, York Co. Extension Agent; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Harold Fausch, SCS District Conservationist; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; W. J. Parker, SCS State Conservationist; Dave Mettenbrink, York Daily News-Times; Stan Peterson, KAWL Radio; John Hanlon, Coordinator for Congressman Thone; Dorris Marxhausen, City of Seward Planning Commission; and Mel Noffke, Blue River Association of Groundwater Districts.

Minutes of the March 4, 1974 Executive Committee meeting were sent to all Board members for review. Russell Hultine made the motion (motion #1) to approve these minutes. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable as of April 1, 1974. After discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #2) to approve this financial statement including bills payable as of April 1, 1974. Morris White seconded and the motion carried as follows: 14 yes with Anderson and Eikenhorst joining the meeting prior to this motion.

Rod Egbarts, York County District Conservationist, reviewed all new cooperators included as part of the monthly NRD progress report. Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #3) to approve these cooperators. Orval Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of all cooperators reviewed at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Floyd Marsh reviewed a report of the March 26, 1974 Projects and Programs Committee meeting. A copy of this report was distributed to all directors present and a copy is kept on file with the minutes of this Executive Committee meeting. At this point, Wendell Lauber, Chairman of the Projects and Programs Committee, joined the meeting and summarized discussion and recommendations of the Committee at the March 26 meeting. Following discussion, Lauber moved to approve the application for a group enterprise project concerning development of the "Garry Friesen" sub-watershed as a pilot project with provisions including total development of the sub-watershed area, coordination of surface control criteria with groundwater interests, and a review of project alternatives with the local advisory group as recommended by the Projects and Programs Committee. In addition, tentative priorities for the "Torgerson" and "Paschke" sub-watersheds as additional pilot projects subject to expression of local interest were included as a part of the recommendation. Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried as follows: 16 yes with Hansen and Lauber joining the meeting prior to this motion.

Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #5) to tentatively approve four new cost share assistance applications already reviewed by the Projects Committee. Wendell Lauber seconded the motion and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A summary of the above assistance applications is attached to the file copy of the Projects Committee Report.

Floyd Marsh reported on additional items reviewed by the Projects and Programs Committee including the status of the NRD Assistance Program in relation to RECP and REAP programs. The Committee reviewed provisions of the federal assistance programs including the new RECP program and the recently re-instated REAP program. Funds for both programs must be expended for eligible conservation practices during the current calendar year. General discussion concerning the current relationship of the NRD Assistance Program to the federal programs concluded in the recommendation that in consideration of the short-term existence of both federal programs, the NRD should give careful consideration to the temporary suspension of the local program in lieu of total expenditure of federal funds with provisions to reactivate the local program as necessary depending upon the future status of the federal program.

In reviewing the future relationship of the local and federal conservation assistance programs, it was suggested that both programs could be conducted concurrently with the federal program being used to emphasize basic conservation land treatment and the local program being used as a supplement in the development of structural measures of conservation such as road structures, flood and erosion control structures, and irrigation pits. In general, it was concluded that the Projects and Programs Committee should keep abreast of the assistance programs as they are developed and be prepared to make periodic recommendations as to the combined use of the respective programs.

Marsh reported that LB975 creating the Nebraska Resources Development Fund had been passed by the legislature and signed by the Governor. In addition, through an appropriations bill (L.B.997) \$1 million has been appropriated to the Fund for FY75 with the express intent of an additional \$1 million to be appropriated for FY76. Rules and regulations for use of the fund will soon be developed by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. Anticipating future use of this fund, it was recommended that the District begin reviewing priorities from the inventory of projects which had previously been compiled. Following review and discussion by the Projects Committee, it was generally recommended that a specific groundwater recharge and stabilization project be considered as a number one priority and that a special watershed or flood control project be given a second priority with provisions for additional evaluation of priorities once specific criteria for use of the fund had been developed.

Norris Otto provided the Promotions Committee report. The Committee recommended the following: 1. Soil Stewardship Services - one service in Hamilton County and one in the Dorchester area. Hamilton County has requested that the NRD provide seedling trees as part of the service; 2. Award Farm Pictures Program - recommended that in addition to Farm Picture Awards there be an Urban Award, Media Award, and Distinguished Service Award; 3. Speech Contest - there will be no state speech contest, but the Promotions Committee recommends the UBBNRD hold such a contest so as to continue interest in the program; 4. Land Judging Contest - area contest will be October 3 in Hall County, and the state contest will be October 30 in the Lower Elkhorn NRD. Duane Chamberlain, NNRC, has been placed in charge of both contests; 5. Use of the "Trades and Transactions" publication as an information media to the public. Morris White made the motion (motion #6 that the above Promotions committee recommendations and report be approved. Seconded by Bruce Anderson and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of this report is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Following introduction by Chairman Burke, Bill Parker, SCS State Conservationist, gave a report on the USDA Activities and SCS Programs. Parker reported that RECP has been funded nationally at the \$9 million level; 12,098,000 for Nebraska with \$307,000 allocated for Long-Term agreements. Being similar to the Great Plains Program, the Long-Term Agreements administered by the ASCS and development of conservation plans and contracts are the same with the exception that it is a program for from 3-10 years with a maximum of \$2,500 in cost-sharing in any one year during the 10 year period. This program is set up for the 1974 program only. The 1973 REAP program has been reinstated under the guidelines set up in 1972. The 1974 program has a little different approach. There were only 14 practices nationally in this program and these were designed to carry out the concept of increasing production but protecting our natural resources. Some of the cost-sharing practices found in the 1973 program will not be found in the 1974 program because of the concept to produce but to protect. No appropriations in 1975 for the Great Plains Program are indicated in the NACD Newsletter. The objective is that this would then become a part of the 1975 Rural Environmental Program (REP) combining the RECP and Great Plains Programs.

Parker also reported that USDA is trying now to work out a plan for agricultural service centers throughout the United States. This would be an internal operation connected with a computer system, possibly in Kansas City. There would be one office located in every county, where there is presently an office, unless work in that county should not warrant maintaining an office or staff. The purpose is that anyone may go to one federal office and get any agricultural service they desired. In conclusion, Parker also made reference to the necessity of each NRD developing a long-range comprehensive plan of work such that SCS can determine technical requirements of each District and USDA can update the memorandum of understanding with each NRD.

Marsh reported briefly on the requirements and guidelines for development of a one-year certain and a six-year comprehensive plan of work as outlined in the NRD handbook. Ray Burke reviewed the general activities and procedures involved in the development of the District's Comprehensive plan of work including the preparation of base maps with various project overlays, inventory and acquisition of existing reports and plans, review of existing reports, report correlation and basic data compilation, proposed project development and plan formulation. Following discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #7) to refer the matter of staff considerations for development of the District's comprehensive plan of work jointly to the Personnel Committee and the Projects and Programs Committee for review with provisions, for reporting back to the Executive Committee at the May meeting including recommendations for planning guidelines and staff responsibilities. Seconded by Orval Eikenhorst and the motion carried as follows: 15 yes and 1 not voting (Lowell Ehlers left the meeting prior to motion #7).

Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager, presented the new slide presentation: "Progress and Programs of NRD's", recently prepared by NARD and Deon Axthelm. This presentation reviews current activities of NRD's throughout the state of Nebraska. Two sets of this presentation will be available at the District office for use in promoting NRD programs.

Burke briefly reviewed a list of revised committee appointments. A copy of these committee appointments is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Floyd Marsh discussed arrangements for the future Basin Meeting with the Lower Big Blue NRD. It was decided to have an evening meeting in late May with Marsh and Ron Fleecs responsible for completing the final details.

In preparation for review of the Personnel Committee report, Russell Hultine made the motion (motion #8) to convene exclusively to an executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel considerations and recommendations. Robert Jeary seconded. The motion carried as follows: 15 yes and 1 not voting (Lowell Ehlers left the meeting prior to motion #7).

Following review and discussion of personnel considerations involved with the Personnel Committee report, the following recommendations were made: 1. Revision to the contract of the General Manager incorporating an increase in current salary to \$15,000 per year retroactive to January 1, 1974; 2. Cost-of-living increases for the period July through December, 1973 be granted to the base pay of all hourly NRD employees including \$0.10 per hour for clerks and \$0.15 per hour for the technician retroactive to January 1, 1974; 3. Revisions to the contract for the current position of Assistant Manager incorporating an increase in current salary to \$10,500 per year retroactive to January 1, 1974 with provisions for additional job responsibilities involving comprehensive planning activities; and 4. Authorize Personnel Committee and General Manager to begin recruitment and interviewing to fill the position of additional assistant manager in replacement of the individual in the current position of assistant manager including a salary guideline of \$9,000 per year depending upon qualifications. Hansen moved (motion #9) that the above recommendations concerning personnel be approved. Motion seconded by Murray and carried unanimously by a roll call vote.

The General Manager's report included future meeting notices and activities. In the Legislative Report, Marsh announced that LB641 has been approved by the Governor (elect one director from each sub-district rather than 2). LB836, bill requiring monthly publication of financial statements, is currently being held in the Public Works Committee. LB897 was amended so the law relating to holding more than one elected office will remain in affect as it has been in recent years.

In additional business, representation on the Nebraska Water Conference Committee was discussed. Membership of this Committee will be reorganized at a meeting upcoming in April or May. Wendell Lauber will represent the interests of the UBBNRD at this upcoming meeting of the Nebraska Water Conference Committee. Lauber suggested that someone else also represent the UBBNRD on this conference committee, since he is also currently representing another organization.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m..

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Public Subdivision Meeting

A public meeting for review of the proposed subdistrict boundaries was called to order at 7.30 p.m. March 4, 1974 by Chairman Ray Burke, presiding as hearing officer. Burke reviewed the notice of Public hearing published in the York Daily News-Times as required. Chairman Burke then turned the meeting over to Lowell Ehlers Chairman of the NRD's special Subdivision Committee.

Ehlers stated that the NRD was directed by the NNRC to determine the number of directors and subdistricts needed to represent the NRD beginning January 9, 1975. After several meetings the Subdivision Committee recommended to the Executive-Committee that 17 directors be elected to govern the NRD. This recommendation was given final approval by the Executive Committee at the November 5, 1973 meeting and subsequently approved by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. As the law states that two directors will be elected from each subdistrict and one at large, this NRD requires a total of 8 subdistricts. At the last Subdivision Committee meeting a recommendation on subdistrict boundaries was finalized. Ehlers presented this proposal to those in attendance. These boundaries were determined with consideration being given to area, population, valuation, and existing and future programs.

There was some discussion concerning voting and election procedure. All Residents of the District will vote for all 17 directors however those running for election must produce a petition bearing 25 signatures from residents of only the subdistrict in which they are planning to run.

After all discussion was completed Chairman Burke officially closed the hearing at 8.00 p.m. The complete hearing proceedings are maintained on tape which has been placed on file with additional sub-division documents at the district headquarters office.

MINUTES: Upper Big Natural Resources District March 4, 1974

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on March 4, 1974 at 8.00 p.m. Burke announced that Public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of Public meeting" published February 25, 1974 in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for Public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Harold Fausch, Seward County District Conservationist and a special report by Jim Foster, Area Conservationist. A copy of the NRD progress report including new cooperators is kept on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes. Foster reported on the use of high flight photos to accelerate publication of the York County Soil Survey Report. Foster presented this report in the absence of Jim Culver, State Soil Scientist who was unable to attend. The use of these photos will reduce publishing time for Thin soil survey by 2-3 years and average about \$6 per sq. mi. For York County total cost would be \$3,462.

An initial roll call indicated the following 15 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Ray Gard, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, Carl Epp, William Watmore, and Raymond Burke.

Guests present included Millard Hatt, University of Maine; Nyla Thomsen, Water Resources Research Institute; Bud Viessman, Water Resources Research Institute; Jean Reynolds, Water Resources Research Institute; Mel Noffke, Blue River Assn. of GWCD's; Harry Hecht, York County Extension Agent; Gayle Starr, NNRC; Jim Foster, SCS area, Conservationist Dave Mettenbrink, York

Daily News-Times; Norman Wellman, NRD Full Board member; Robert Epp; Dwight Walkup; Rod Egbarts, SCS District conservationist; Peter Huntoon NU Conservation and Survey Division Dwight Hoxie, NU Conservation and Survey Division; Stan Diehl, York County Commissioner; and Harley Bergen, York County Commissioner.

Minutes of the February 4 1974 Full Board meeting had previously been mailed to all Board members. Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #11) to approve these minutes as distributed Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable as of March 4, 1974. After discussion Orval Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #2) to accept this financial statement. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried as follows: 14 yes and 1 not voting.

Harold Fausch, Seward County Conservationist, reviewed all new cooperators include as part one the monthly NRD progress report. Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #3) to approve these cooperators. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried as follows: 14 yes and 1 not voting. A copy of all cooperators reviewed at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these Minutes.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the March '74 applications for cost-share assistance. These applications had not been previously reviewed by the Projects Committee and therefore were recommended directly to the Executive Committee for review and tentative approval. The seven new applications were for assistance on re-use impoundments. After discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to tentatively approve these applications for cost-share assistance. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried as follows: 14 yes and 1 not voting. An accumulative cost-share assistance report through March 4, 1974 is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the final recommendation of the Subdivision Committee on subdistrict boundaries as presented for review at the preceding public hearing. After brief discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #5) to approve this recommendation. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried as follows: 14 yes and 1 not voting. This recommendation will be forwarded to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission for final review and approval. A copy of this report and final recommendation including a map of the subdistrict boundaries approved at this meeting is on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

A cooperative study with the University of Nebraska concerning groundwater recharge and stabilization has been initiated. A draft of a Master Cooperative Agreement is included with the official file copy of these minutes. In connection with this study, two proposals were presented by Dr. Peter Huntoon, NU Conservation & Survey Division and Dr. Warren Viessman, Water Resources Research Institute, respectively.

Dr. Huntoon outlined the proposal of the Conservation and Survey Division as a two year study of the groundwater aquifer underlying the Upper Big Blue NRD. The first year of the study would essentially entail compilation of data largely from information already amassed in the University of Nebraska data bank and supplemented by additional field data. The second year of the proposed study would entail the incorporation of this data into a mathematical model from which predictive response and appropriate managerial procedures can be determined.

The proposal of the WWRI as outlined by Dr. Warren Viessman, also a two year study would basically pick up where the proposed mathematical model of the C & S Division left off. The objectives of this proposal would be to develop

quantitative Water Resources planning technology. Using information provided by Dr. Huntoon's proposal the alternative that can best provide for adequate quantities of water at an acceptable quality such as artificial recharge, importation of water etc. may be determined through this planning technology.

After discussion, Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #6) to refer the Master Cooperative Agreement and the individual proposals to the Projects and Programs Committee for review and further consideration Orval Eikenhorst, seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The use of high flight photos for acceleration of the York County Soil Survey publication had previously been discussed by Jim Foster, Area Conservationist. After discussion Orval Eikenhorst, made the motion (motion #7) to proceed with this proposal authorizing the Chairman to sign the requisition for such photos. Provisions for involvement of the York County Board of Commissioners on a cooperative basis will be made. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried as follows: 11 yes, 2 not voting, and 1 abstention.

Chairman Ray Burke made the recommendation that due to increased operational expenses as a result of gas prices, mileage rate for directors and staff be increased from \$0.12/mi. to \$0.15/mi. effective April 1, 1974 for the final quarter of FY '74 and that the mileage rate be further reviewed for FY '75 budgetary considerations. After discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #8) to approve this recommendation. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried as follow: 13 yes and 2 not voting.

Bob Jeary reported on the NACD convention held Feb. 10-14, 1974 in Houston, Tex. close to 2,000 conservation representatives attended this convention. Jeary stated that he became aware that land treatment was probably one of the biggest problems throughout the country.

At the February 4, 1974 meeting the names of Morris White and Dr. Jim Foster both of Ulysses, Nebr., were recommended for submission to the Governor for that a replacements for John Klosterman could be appointed. Chairman Burke announced that a letter had been received from the Governor and that he had appointed Morris White to serve, in Klosterman's place. Since the resignation by John Klosterman left a vacancy on the Executive Committee, Chairman Burke recommended that action be taken to tentatively appoint Morris White to serve on the Executive Committee, subject to final approval by the Full Board at their next scheduled meeting. Orval Eikenhorst, made a motion (motion #9) to approve this recommendation. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried as follows: 12 yes and 3 not voting.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the cooperative Agreement with USGS for the investigation of stream flow records on Lincoln Creek for the last quarter of the fiscal year. Preliminary arrangements for this Agreement had been approved at a previous meeting. Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #10) to authorize the Chairman to sign this cooperative Agreement Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The Upper Big Blue NRD is required to report irrigation acreage that will be irrigated out of the four strictures of the Dorchester Watershed to the Department of Water Resources by April 1, 1974. Wayne Hansen, made the motion (motion #11) to authorize the General Manager to sign this report and forward to the Department of Water Resources. Robert Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The General Manager's report included future meeting notices and activities and a brief status report on current legislation. Data of the County Group Development Meetings to develop county programs for the 1974, RECP assistance program were announced. Directors from each area were encouraged to attend these meetings to provide assistance in developing the various county programs

A two day informational meeting concerning the formation one US Agricultural Service Centers and the federal RECP program is being held in Grand Island on Match 5-6.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
February 4, 1974

A Full Board meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Vice Chairman Robert Jeary on February 4, 1974 at 7:40 p.m. Jeary chaired the meeting in place of Chairman Ray Burke who was unable to attend. Vice-Chairman Jeary announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of Public meeting" published January 26, 1974, in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for Public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Sherman Throckmorton, Polk County District Conservationist, and a special report by Ray Griffin, Hamilton County District Conservationist. A copy of the NRD progress report including new cooperators is kept on file as part one of the one official copy of these minutes. Griffin presented the idea of controlling water in the upper reaches of various sub-watersheds in Hamilton County. Griffin reviewed several maps which had been prepared in the Aurora field office outlining such sub-watersheds. Griffin, suggested that the NRD and the Hamilton County Commissioners could cooperatively initiate sub-watershed projects such as these.

An initial roll call indicated the following 22 Full Board members present; Bruce Anderson, Alfred Beick, Alvin Biester, Clyde Ehlers Lowell Ehlers, call Epp, Ray Gard, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Don Kleinschmidt Henry Klosterman, Norris Otto, Cleo Rabbe, Ted Regier, Max Ronne, Floyd Schmer, Gerald Stahl, William Watmore, Norman Wellman, Earl Wilkins, and Tom Votipka. Dale Moore joined the meeting. Subsequent to motion #7 bringing the total number of directors present to 23 for the balance of the meeting.

Guests present included: Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resource Commission; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; Jim Eriksen, SCS District Conservationist; Harold Fausch, SCS District Conservationist; Myron Gocke, West Blue Valley Preservation run; Ray Kubie, SCS Acting area Conservationist; Harry Hecht, York Co., Extension Agent; Mel Noffke Blue River Assn. of GWCDs and Ray Griffin, SCS District Conservationist.

Since a quorum of the Executive Committee was not present to conduct business at the January 7, 1974 meeting, no official action was taken concerning agenda considerations listed on the January meeting notice. A summary of various activities reviewed at this meeting had been previously mailed to all Board members. Minutes of the special Executive Committee meeting held on January 30, 1974 were distributed to all Board members present for review. This special meeting was held for consideration of testimony on two legislative bills (L.B. 884 and L.B. 975) which were pending before the Legislature and scheduled for hearings prior to the next regularly scheduled Board of Directors meeting.

Morris Otto made the motion (motion #1) to approve the minutes of the January 30 special meeting and the summary of activities reviewed at the January 7 meeting. Ted Regier seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable as of February 4, 1974. The January 7, 1974 financial statement had previously been reviewed at the prior regular meeting with no official action taken. Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve both financial statements as of January 7 and February 4, 1974. Max Ronne seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

New cooperators for the months of January and February had previously been reviewed in respective, NRD progress reports. Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #3) to approve these new cooperators. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of all new cooperators reviewed at this meeting is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Floyd Marsh briefly reviewed the status of present maintenance requirements on the Dorchester Watershed which had been presented at the previous January 7, 1974 meeting. Wayne Hansen, made the motion (motion #4) to approve this maintenance report and to meet these maintenance requirements in the ensuing year Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed correspondence from the state SCS office concerning future inspection provisions for the Dorchester Watershed. This correspondence proposed to formally delegate total responsibility for future maintenance inspections of the watershed to the NRD with SCS joining in annual inspections when the situation indicated a special need for equipment existed. Following discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #5) to accept all inspection responsibilities of the Dorchester Watershed. Von Kleinschmidt seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Ray Kubie, acting SCS area Conservationist reviewed plans for the West Ulysses flood retarding structure. The proposed structure is located in Butler County approximately 2 miles West of Ulysses with two separate sites being considered at this point in planning. Kubie indicated that SCS presently has adequate engineering surveys from which final design for one site can be made. Additional design information is currently being developed for the alternative site which appears to be the most economical location. Such information including quantities and costs will provide a basis for assessing the merits of each proposal in teaching a decision on site location. This information will be made available for consideration by the NRD as soon as possible.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the Projects & Programs Committee Report to be submitted to the Board of Directors for review and approval. Action taken at this committee meeting included the tentative approval of 5 new cost-share applications, and final approval for payment of 4 completed practices; deferment of action on REAP referrals until further information on the status of the REAP program is received approval of cooperative funding with U.S Geological Survey one a streamflow recording station on Lincoln Creek for balance of FY 1974 with recommendation that future budgetary considerations be given to this project; and a proposed inventory of projects including estimated costs which are considered to be eligible for state assistance under the proposed Nebraska Resources Development Fund. Following discussion, Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion 6) to approve all recommendations made by the Projects and Programs Committee. Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of this report is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Jim Eriksen, SCS District Conservationist from Adams County, reviewed the Lake Hastings Flood and Erosion Control Project. A meeting was held in December with the Upper Big Blue and Little Blue NRDs and the Hastings City officials to discuss this Project. Presently there is a 5600 acre area draining into Lake Hastings, the majority of which flows through the northern section of Hastings and results in flooding of this section. Most of this drainage area is located in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Of three possible sites chosen for this project, the most feasible is a road structure on a county road which would control approximately two-thirds of the total drainage area. These findings have been submitted to the area and State SCS Offices for preliminary design and cost estimates. Following discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion, (motion #7) to approve the application for a group enterprise project

requesting the technical assistance of SCS in planning the Lake Hastings Flood and Erosion Control Project. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried as follows: 22 yes and 1 not voting.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the development of mapping and project data necessary for a comprehensive plan one work. By requirement of law, the NRD must have developed a long range (6 year) comprehensive plan and a 1 year certain plan by August, 1975. A suggested approach in developing these plans is to have the NRD staff compile the data and then at a later date if necessary have a consultant assemble this data and information into a comprehensive plan Secondly, a base map is needed and currently being developed to show topographic features of the Upper Big Blue River Basin. Such a map will be used in conjunction with project overlays to consider various project alternatives.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the recommendations to the Governor on an appointment to the Board of Directors. The resignation of John Klosterman representing the former Butler County SWCD was officially accepted on December 4, 1973. Morris White and Dr. James Foster both of Ulysses, have been selected as possible candidates to replace Klosterman on the Board. After discussion, Ted Regier made the motion (motion #8) to approve these candidates and recommend to the Governor that one of these two recommendations be appointed to the Board replacing John Klosterman. Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the Legislative Report. A copy of the report is included with the official file copy of these minutes. After review, action was taken on the following bills:

L. B. 836 provides that each NRD publish a monthly financial statement in each county from which tax revenues are received and also to submit an annual audit to the state auditor. After discussion, Earl Wilkins made the motion (motion # 9) to oppose that section one of L. B. 836, which requires the monthly publication of a financial statement in each county of the NRD. As an alternate, Wilkins suggested that a financial statement be posted in the county clerk's office of each county on a monthly basis. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

L.B. 917 provides for the establishment of a state soil survey fund for acceleration of the county soil survey program to be funded through legislative appropriations. Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #10) to support this bill. Clyde Ehlers seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

L.B. 910 provides that the Game and Parks Commission will retain a portion of monies received from sale of upland game stamps with the balance of the money being used by NRD's for the development and management of wildlife habitat directed towards providing cover and habitat for upland game birds. After discussion, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #11) to oppose L.B. 970. Russell Hultine seconded and the and the Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

L.B. 990 proposes a permit system for the construction of wells and provides for designation of critical groundwater areas. Following discussion Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #12) to oppose the initial draft of L.B. 990 as jointly introduced by the Ag and Environment and Public Works Committees and re-evaluate this position as status of the bill changes. It was recommended that a special meeting be held to consider such action as is appropriate immediately prior to when the bill is scheduled for Public hearing Floyd Schmer seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

L.B. 653 provides for a published Public notice and a 90 day notice to a landowner in negotiating an easement, prohibiting any contact with said landowner prior to the 90 day notice. After discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #13) to oppose L.B. 653. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh presented the managers report. Future meetings and activities include:

1. Feb. 8, NNRC Meeting - Lincoln
2. Feb. 10-14, NACD National Convention - Houston, Texas
3. Mar. 4. NRD Board of Directors Meeting - York
4. Mar. 12, NARD Meeting - Lincoln
5. Mar. 18-19, 1974 Water Conference - Lincoln

Marsh summarized activities concerning the Automatic Surface Irrigation Demonstration including a slide presentation and review of a preliminary report prepared by Bob Mulliner, NU Extension Irrigationist Specialist. This demonstration located near Henderson was cooperatively sponsored by the NRD, GWCD's, SCS and the Extension Service this past year. A copy of the report is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

In addition, Marsh reviewed services offered by the Ag Technology Company of McCook concerning irrigation management and scheduling.

In additional business, Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NNRC), informed directors that the designation of sub-district boundaries which the Upper Big Blue NRD will be divided into for election purposed must submitted to the NNRC by May 1,1974.

Marsh reminded directors that completed expense vouchers for the second quarter of FY 1974 including the period October through December 1973 were due in order to receive payment for reimbursable expenses.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

Clyde Metz, Secretary

Special Executive committee Meeting
January 30, 1974

A special Executive committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on January 30, 1974 at 8:00 p.m. in the NRD office, York Nebr. An initial roll call indicated the following 13 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Alfred Beick, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Hans Jensen, Don Kleinschmidt, Wendell Lauber, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Ted Regier and Raymond Burke. Chairman Burke explained that the reason for calling this special meeting was for consideration of testimony on two legislative bills, L.B. 884 and L.B. 975, currently pending before the Legislature and scheduled for hearings prior to the next regular scheduled Board of Directors meetings

Chairman Burke summarized the content of L.B. 884 which directs the merger of the Upper Big Blue and Lower Big Blue NRD's. After discussion, a motion was made by Hans Jensen (motion #1) and seconded by Robert Murray to oppose L.B. 884. Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh, General Manager, reviewed with the Committee a statement of testimony prepared to be submitted to the Agriculture and Environment Committee of the Nebraska Legislature in opposition to L.B. 884. After discussion and minor revision, Bruce Anderson made a motion (motion #2) to authorize representatives of the Upper Big Blue NRD to present this testimony at the Agriculture and Environment Committee hearing on Jan. 31, 1974. The motion was seconded by Clyde Ehlers and carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Chairman Burke and General Manager Floyd Marsh summarized the content of Legislative Bill 975 which creates the Nebraska Resources Development Fund. After discussion of this bill, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion#3) to support L.B. 975. The motion was seconded by Robert Jeary and carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed testimony prepared in support of L.B. 975. This testimony will be presented at the Public Works Committee hearing scheduled on January 31, 1974. After discussion, Robert Jeary made a motion (motion #4) to authorize representatives of the Upper Big Blue NRD to present this testimony at the Public Works Committee hearing on January 31, 1974. The motion was seconded by Russell Hultine, and carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

A copy of the attendance record, roll call records, and each statement of testimony concerning the two Legislative Bills (L.B. 884 and L.B. 975) are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes. As there was no further business, this special meeting was adjourned at 9.30 P.M.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

To: All Directors

From: Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager

Subject: Status of Action and Minutes of January 7, 1974 Executive
Committee meeting

Reference is made to activities of the Executive Committee meeting scheduled on January 7, 1974.

Since a quorum of the Executive Committee was not present to conduct business at the January 7, 1974 meeting, no official action was taken concerning agenda considerations listed on the January meeting notice. Several items on the agenda were reviewed by those directors present and will be reconsidered together with additional items of business at the next regularly scheduled full board meeting on February 4, 1974.

Major items reviewed included comments and discussion on irrigation management and scheduling services offered by the Agricultural Technology Company of McCook, Nebr. A presentation outlining such services was made by Mr. Fred Corey, representative of the company. Discussion which followed indicated a need for a service of this nature within the NRD. Corey indicated that he would to be available to schedule any future informational meetings necessary throughout the NRD to outline these services to local irrigators. It was suggested that the NRD could possibly promote and assist with providing this service to irrigators throughout the District.

In addition, a special maintenance report on Dorchester Watershed was reviewed by Leonard Hosack, Salina County District Conservationist. Action concerning this report was delayed until the February meeting.

Preliminary plans for a special flood and erosion control project above Lake Hastings were briefly reviewed. This project as proposed would be a cooperative effort by the Upper Big Blue and Little Blue NRD'S, City of Hastings, and Adams County. Additional details of the project will be reviewed at the February meeting.

Since no official action was taken and minutes of the meeting were not maintained, this memo will serve as a record of the activities conducted at the January 7, 1974 meeting.

Minutes Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
December 3, 1973

An Executive committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on December 3, 1973 at 7:461 p.m. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published November 26, 1973 in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Directors.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Ray Griffin, Hamilton County District Conservationist and a Special Report by Sherman Throckmorton, Polk County District Conservationist. Throckmorton discussed land easements and problems to be dealt with in developing flood control structures. A chart was shown and discussed indicating size of storm, drainage time, inches per acre, and steps to be taken to prevent flooding according to size of the storm. Throckmorton stated that in developing these flood control structures, compensation to the landowner for the use of his land should depend on the size and frequency of the storm. The larger the storm the smaller the compensation as the land will be utilized less frequently than in a smallest storm. A copy of the progress report by Griffin is kept on file as part of the official copy of these minutes.

An initial roll call indicated the following 14 directors present: Bruce Anderson Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Jeary, Wendell Lauber, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Floyd Schmer, Carl Epp, William Watmore, and Ray Burke.

Guests present included Ray Griffin, SCS District Conservationist; Sherman Throckmorton,, SCS District Conservationist; Carroll Hamon, Missouri River Basin Commission; Melvern Noffke, Blue River Assn. of GWCD's; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Harry Hecht, York County Extension Agent; Max Ronne, NRD Full Board member; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; and Stan Peterson, KAWL Radio.

Minutes of the November 5, 1973 meeting had been mailed to all Board members. Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #1) to approve these minutes as distributed. Floyd Schmer seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable. After discussion, Wendell Lauber made the motion (motion #2) to approve this report. Robert Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of the financial statement is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the cost-share assistance report for December there were 21 new applications received. Of these 21, 19 are applications for assistance on irrigation reuse impoundments, 1 for a flood control structure, and 1 for an erosion control structure. These 21 new application bring the total number of applications received to date to 44. Three of these applications are completed and reported and eligible for final payment. After discussion, Wayne Hansen made the motion (notion #3) to tentatively approve the 21 new applications and give final approval and authorize payment for those three structures which have been completed. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of this report is on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Floyd Marsh briefly reviewed the master cooperative agreement and amendment no. 1 for the Clay Co. Soil Survey. This agreement has been drafted by the State SCS Office and is designed to accelerate the SCS soil survey efforts in

Clay Co. The agreement for this accelerated soil survey program also involves the Little Blue NRD Clay Co. Board of Supervisors, SCS, and the NU Conservation and Survey Division. The Little Blue NRD has recently reviewed and approved this agreement. This will begin by June 3'0 1974 and is to be completed on or before June 30, 1978. The amendment to the agreement essentially obligates the NRD in the amount of \$5,000 for such activities during fiscal year 1974. After discussion, Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #4) to approve the master cooperative agreement for Clay Co. and amendment no. 1, and to authorize the Chairman to sign and the secretary to attest to both documents. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the status of the special pilot snagging and clearing project in Seward Co. After advertising for bids and naming Friday, Nov. 30, 1973 as the bid opening date, no bids were received. Marsh stated that the probable reason for this is that no contractors in this immediate area have had any experience with a project of this nature. Marsh indicated that follow up work on this proposed project would be initiated including consultations with the Seward Co. Commissioners, the landowners involved, and perhaps utilizing a different approach in contracting the work done. It is anticipated that the contract for this project will be re-advertised sometime in the future including an expanded mailing of notices to prospective contractors.

Jim Foster, Area Conservationist, reviewed all newcooperators included in the progress report. Robert Jeary, made the motion (motion #5) to approve these new cooperators. Bill Watmore seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Carroll Hamon, study director of the Platte Level 3 Study with the Missouri River Basin Commission, led an open discussion on the use of consulting services in developing a comprehensive plan of work. Hamon, prior to his current position, has had experience both as a private consultant and in utilizing the services of a consultant as a staff member of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. By August 1, 1975, all NRD's must have a Long Range (6-year), comprehensive plan developed and adopted and also a one year certain plan. One approach to development of this comprehensive plan would be to employ the services of a consultant. Hamon briefly reviewed what a consultant could do for the NRD, some approaches he would probably use, and the estimated time and costs involved. The floor was opened for discussion and, questions concerning the use of consulting services. Additional discussion and comments were made concerning the use of local priorities, goats, and policy statements in development of the plan and the methods in which input from directors, staff, and additional agencies and organizations would be incorporate into such a plan.

General Manager Floyd Marsh reviewed the agenda of the upcoming basin meeting to be held with the Lower Big Blue NRD in Crete on December 5. Copies of this meeting notice and agenda had been mailed to all Board members.

Floyd Marsh gave the manager's report. Future meeting notices and activities include:

1. Dec. 5, Basin meeting with LBB NRD - Crete
2. Dec. 12-13, Sediment and Erosion Control Conference Lincoln
3. Jan. 7 the Board of Directors Meeting - York
4. Jan. 29, Annual Awards Banquet - York
5. Feb. 4, NRD Board of Directors Meeting, York, Nebraska
6. Feb. 10-14, NACD National Convention - Houston Texas

Marsh noted that reservations for the NACD Convention must be completed by Dec. 20, 1973. Directors interested in attending this convention are encouraged to contact the NRD office.

Marsh reviewed the report on NRD Water Resources Problems, Programs and Solutions recently prepared by the Water Resources Committee of NARD. Information in this report included a summary of the priority water resources problems as recognized by various programs and projects being conducted or planned by NRD's and solutions recommended to improve water resources problems throughout the state.

Chairman Burke commented briefly on the NARD Board of Directors meeting held in Scottsbluff on November 20, 1973. In his remarks, Burke indicated that Bill Parker, SCS State Conservationist, pointed out that SCS in Nebraska is reviewing methods by which to better assist NRD'S, through a reorganization scheme.

Floyd Marsh reported that the NNRC has tentatively taken action concerning the recommendation for the number of directors to govern the NRD after January 1975. The Commission approved NRD effective January 9, 1975. Marsh also briefly reviewed a formula which the Commission used as a guideline in considering these recommendations. The four major components of this formula included land area population, project complexity, and the number recommended by the NRD.

Marsh mentioned that representatives of the Upper Big Blue NRD were meeting with Lee Orton of NARD and representatives of NARD at a noon luncheon on Tuesday, December 4. Purpose of this meeting is to review NACD programs and functions as they relate to programs of the NRD. Several members of the Executive Committee were encouraged to attend this luncheon meeting.

In additional business, Marsh reviewed a letter of resignation from Executive Committee member John Klosterman. Klosterman stated his resignation was due to personal reasons and that he intended to follow the development of the programs and activities as closely as possible in the future. Floyd Schmer made the motion (motion #6) to accept the resignation of John Klosterman from the Executive Committee and also to express appreciation for his efforts in organization of the Upper Big Blue NRD and his soil and soil conservation activities of the past. Motion seconded by Eikenhorst and carried unanimously. Recommendations to replace Klosterman will be forwarded to the Governor's office in the near future for appointment of a successor to this position.

Harry Hecht, York Co. Extension Agent, reported briefly on the purpose and organization of the Bicentennial Commission for the Greater York area. Hecht indicated that NRD's had a potential role in future activities of the Bicentennial Commission throughout the state.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to in these minutes are on file as part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
November 5, 1973

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on November 5, 1973 at 8:40 p.m. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting the made public by a "notice of public meeting" published October 29, 1973 in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board members.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Rod Egbarts, York Co. District Conservationist and a special report by Herb Casey, Fillmore Co. District Conservationist. Casey gave a slide presentation concerning what has been accomplished in the way of feedlot control in Fillmore Co. Some of the problems which result in need for waste control systems were covered. A copy of the progress report by Egbarts is kept on file as part of the official copy of these minutes.

At this point it was noted that a quorum of Executive Committee members was not present. The initial roll call of Board of Directors and action concerning agenda items was postponed until a quorum was attained. Preliminary review of agenda items proceeded until such time that a quorum of members was present and official action could be taken.

Lowell Ehlers, Chairman of the special Subdivision Committee, reviewed his Committee's activities. A recommendation has to be submitted to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission by January 1, 1974- as to the number of directors required to govern this district. After reviewing all necessary considerations including population and land area relative to representation, area needs, and complexity of existing and future programs, Ehlers, stated that his committee recommends that 17 directors are necessary to govern the, Upper Big Blue NRD effective Jan. 9, 1975. Along with the recommendation on the number of directors to be elected, consideration was also given to the 8 sub-districts that the NRD will be sub-divided into. Recommendations on designation of these sub-districts will be made at a later date. A copy of this report is maintained on file with the official minutes of this meeting.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the master cooperative agreement and amendment no. 1 for the Butler Co. Soil Survey. This agreement which is intended to accelerate the SCS soil survey efforts in Butler Co. has been approved by the Butler Co.

Board of Supervisors, Lower Platte North NRD, and Lower Platte South NRD. after approval by the Upper Big Blue NRD the agreement will then be forwarded to the Board of Regents and SCS for their action. This survey will begin by June 30, 1974 and is to be completed on or before June 30, 1978. The amendment to the agreement essentially obligates the NRD in the amount of \$5,000 for such activities during fiscal year 1974. A copy of this agreement and amendment is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Robert Jeary noted the need for telegrams and letters to be sent to Washington to urge the President to sign and undo the recent legislation containing appropriations for the REAP program. Following discussion, it was decided that the NRD and individual directors should support this legislation by immediately forwarding letters to the White House, Office of Management and Budget, and the Nebraska congressional delegation.

An initial roll call indicated the following 11 directors present; Bruce Anderson, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Wayne Hansen, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, William Watmore, and Raymond Burke.

Guests present: included Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Leonard Hosack, SCS District Conservationist; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; Melvern Noffke, Blue Rivet GWCD; Herb Casey, SCS District Conservationist; Harry Hecht, York Co. Extension Agent; and Stan Peterson, KAWL Radio.

Minutes of the October 1, 1973 meeting had been mailed to the entire Board. Robert Jeary, made the motion (motion #1) to approve these minutes as distributed. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable. After discussion Norris Otto made the motion (motion #2) to approve this report. Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh briefly reviewed the auditor's report. This report had been presented to the Executive Committee at the October 1, 1973 meeting. Copies of the report were distributed to those directors who had not previously reviewed the report. Approval was postponed until the Nov. 5, 1973 meeting to allow for personal review of the report by individual directors. After discussion, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #3) to approve the auditors report. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The report by the Subdivision Committee recommending that 17 directors be recommended to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission as the number of directors necessary to govern the Upper Big Blue NRD effective January 9, 1975, had previously been discussed. Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #4) to approve this report and that the recommendation for 17 directors be forwarded to the Commission for consideration at the November 29, 1973 Commission meeting. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The master cooperative agreement for the Butler County Soil Survey and amendment no. 1 to the agreement had previously been reviewed Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to approve the master cooperative agreement and amendment no. 1 and to authorize the chairman to sign and the secretary to attest to both documents. Oral Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the Projects and Programs Committee report in the absence the Chairman Wendell Lauber. Twenty cost-share assistance applications that had been reviewed by this committee were recommended to the Executive Committee for their tentative approval. These applications included 13 irrigation reuse impoundments, 4 erosion control structures and 3 road structures. After discussion, Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #6) to tentatively approve these applications. Henry Klosterman seconded and the Motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A copy of this report including a summary of the cost-share assistance applications is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

Chairman Burke reviewed a proposed special snagging and clearing pilot project on the Big Blue River southeast of Milford in Seward County. There is a log jam in this area that is causing severe bank erosion. This project would be handled as a special pilot project with the NRD, Seward County, and landowners involved sharing project expenses. Representatives of the NRD met with the Seward Co. Board of Commissioners, and one of the two landowners involved in order to determine interest, course of action, and review the proposed plan of work including sponsorship responsibilities and division of project costs. All parties showed willingness to participate financially in the project. Floyd Marsh reviewed this draft plan of work outlining the approach to this special

snagging and clearing project. After discussion, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #7) to approve this plan of work as reviewed and to proceed with this special pilot project by advertising for bids from contractors in order to determine the costs of the project. All bids received would be subject to review and rejection by the NRD. Seconded by Robert Jeary, the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the Personnel Committee report in the absence of Chairman Russell Hultine. Provisions have been made at the prior recommendation of the Personnel Committee to utilize NRD technical assistance between two or more SCS field offices. As a follow up to this arrangement, the Personnel Committee recommends for time spent commuting from their personal residence to the additional office. Such compensation would be made by granting compensatory leave at the rate of actual commuting time for each day spent in the additional office assignment. After discussion Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #8) to approve this recommendation, Lowell Ehlers seconded and the motion carried as follows: 8 yes, 2 no, and 1 abstention.

Rod Egbarts, York Co. District Conservationist reviewed all new cooperators included with the NRD progress report. Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #9) to approve these new cooperators. Clyde Ehlers seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A copy of cooperators approved at this meeting is on file with 9 the official file copy of these minutes.

Each NRD which is a member the Nebraska Association of Resources District (NARD) must select an alternate to the NARD Board of Directors prior to Jan. 1, 1974 and re-appoint a representative for the year of 1974 according to NARD By-Laws. Orval Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #10) to reappoint Ray Burke as this NRD's voting representative to the NARD Board of Directors and appoint Robert Jeary, the NRD's alternate. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh gave the manager's report. Future meeting notices included:

- Nov. 7-8, Missouri River Basin Commission Meeting - Omaha
- Nov. 12-15, National Water Resources Association Convention - Phoenix, Ariz.
- Nov. 20, Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Meeting - Scottsbluff
- Nov. 26-28, Nebraska Water Resources Irrigation Association Meeting, Scottsbluff
- Nov. 29, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting - Lincoln
- Dec. 3, Regular Board Meeting - York
- Dec. 5, Basin meeting with Lower Big Blue - Crete

Marsh stated that some interest has been shown in NARD affiliate membership throughout the state. This membership is offered to businessman and individuals with an interest in natural resource conservation and development with whom the NRD has contact with. The NRD anticipates initiating a program for soliciting affiliate memberships to NARD.

In additional business, a special public hearing was held by a subcommittee of Senator Kremer's Public Works Committee to consider the problems of groundwater and development. The Upper Big Blue NRD submitted a statement of position to the subcommittee containing special recommendations concerning legislation for improving Nebraska's groundwater development and management. A copy of this report is on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Directors were reminded that expense vouchers for the 3rd quarter of 1973 must be submitted by Nov. 10, 1973.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement and additional reports referred to in these minutes are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P. M.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
October 1, 1973

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on October 1, 1973 at 8:10 p.m. in the NRD office, York Nebr. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published September 24, 1973 in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board members.

Conservationist reports included an NRD progress report by Harold Fausch, Seward County District Conservationist; a special report by Harlan Hendricks, Butler County District Conservationist; and an NRD Summary Report by Jim Foster, Area Conservationist. A copy of the progress report by Fausch is kept on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Harlan Hendricks reviewed the status of the West Ulysses Watershed structure which is under NRD advisement. This watershed has a high hazard structure and is a possible candidate for the NRD cost-share program. Hendricks voiced a question as to whether the NRD would continue to cost share if the REAP program were reinstated. Chairman Burke announced that this would depend on how the REAP was written.

Jim Foster gave an Upper Big Blue summary report for year 1973. In the District there are approximately 7,800 operating units. There are 5,979 cooperators and slightly over half of the 2,700 requests for NRD assistance were approved. Foster stated that much of the difference between requests for assistance and those actually receiving assistance is due in part to minor requests that were not considered actual practices. Figures for each practice completed during the '73 fiscal year were quoted. A copy for of 4 this report will be available at the NRD office for review and future reference.

An initial roll call indicated the following 14 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, John Klosterman, Robert Norris Otto, Ted Regier, Floyd Schmer, Carl Epp, and Raymond Burke.

Guests present included: Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Al Smith, Manager, Lower Platte North NRD; Darla Wilson, Secretary, Lower Platte North NRD; Marjane Ambler, Seward Independent News; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; Harold Fausch, SCS District Conservationist; Harlan Hendricks, SCS District Conservationist; and Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist.

Minutes of the Sept. 11, 1973 meeting had previously been mailed to all Board members. John Klosterman made the motion (motion #1) to approve these minutes as distributed. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Following review of the financial statement and bills payable Orval Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #2) to accept this report. Floyd Schmer seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The Auditor's Report, prepared by John Lindell, CPA, was reviewed by Floyd Marsh. This audit was completed the first part of Sept. and reviewed in detail with the officers on Sept. 17, 1973 by Lindell. The audit stated that all records appeared to be maintained, in accordance with provisions provided by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. The report further indicated that all financial statements and schedules present fairly the recorded cash receipts and disbursements of the Upper Big Blue NRD for the year ended June 30, 1973, and the balances of the various funds as of the same date. The audit included a statement of financial condition, statement of

revenues and expenditures and a statement of county treasurer's transactions. In order that individual directors may have an opportunity to make a personal review of the audit report, official action concerning the report will be taken at the November meeting. A copy of this report is included with the file official file copy of these minutes and is available at the District office for review.

The status of the Natural Resources Cost-share Assistance Program was reviewed. This program was adopted Sept. 3, 1973 for implementation Oct. 1, 1973. Marsh reviewed the cost-share application form (UBB NRD-300) After the application and technical review has been made, the form is then sent to the NRD office for review by the Projects and Programs Committee and tentative approval at the next regular Board meeting. A copy will then be sent to the applicant and respective SCS office. Final approval will be made by the Board upon completion of the practice and prior to payment. After discussion, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #3) to authorize Bob Jeary (vice-chairman of the Board) to sign applications for both tentative and final approval upon such action taken by the Board. John Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Three applications for assistance under this program were reviewed. These applications included a flood control structure and two irrigation re-use impoundments. Assistance requested was \$1970.35 for the flood control structure and \$358.68 and \$387.10 for the reuse impoundments, respectively. After discussion, Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion 04) to tentatively approve these applications. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed the feasibility of regulations for groundwater management in fringe areas including Adams, Butler, Polk, and Saline counties. There are six groundwater conservation districts (GWCD's) in Nebraska which have formally organized. Of that six, five are located in the Big Blue Rive Basin and include the counties of Clay, Fillmore, Hamilton, Seward, and York. Such districts have the authority and the five districts included within the Upper Big Blue have issued regulations regarding groundwater. These are basically irrigation water runoff control regulations at this time, but other measures have been considered and may be needed in the future. Each NRD has identical powers to GWCD's. Since no more GWCD's can be organized, the authority and responsibility for groundwater management in these areas now lies within the NRD. However, the NRD law differs slightly from the GWCD law in that a referendum now required before regulations can be put into force. In addition, Marsh reviewed the section of the NRD statute providing NRD's the power and authority to implement groundwater regulations and the six primary methods for accomplishing such a management program. Chairman Burke stated that the NRD staff will be working closely with the Projects and Programs Committee into the near future regarding the development of regulations for the management of groundwater in these areas.

Lowell Ehlers, Chairman of the special Sub-Division Committee, gave a report of on his Committee's activities. The purpose of this committee is to determine the number of directors and designate the number of subdistricts appropriate for the Upper Sig Blue NRD in preparation for the 1974 election of directors. According to the NNRC rules and regulations, each NRD Executive Committee shall recommend to the Commission by Jan. 1, 1974, the number of directors needed to govern the district starting Jan. 9, 1975. In addition, each NRD will designate the boundaries of election sub-districts by May 1, 1974. Progress thus far indicates that the Upper Big Blue NRD will need 15 to 17 directors with 7 of 8 sub-divisions. These divisions should be closely aligned with voting precincts. Each director will be voted on by the entire district. There will be two directors elected from every sub-district and one at large. The sub-division committee will present a final recommendation on the number of directors at the November 5 Executive Committee meeting.

Chairman Burke reported on the action at the recent NARD conference. Burke stated that a resolution endorsing Legislative Resolution No. 40 of

Nebraska's 83rd Legislature which includes the study of transbasin diversion of surface water, state funding of land and water development projects and problems related to groundwater management and development was of special importance to this NRD. A total of 14 resolutions proposed at the conference were adopted by NRD representatives in attendance. It was noted that 6 directors, 2 Honor Farm families and 3 Goodyear Conservation Award families attended from this NRD.

Harold Fausch reviewed the new cooperators included with the NRD progress report. John Klosterman made the motion (motion #5) to approve these cooperators. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Floyd Marsh gave the Manager's report. Future meeting notices include:

South Central Land Judging, - October 2, 1973 - Hastings
Natural Resources Commission - October 11, 1973 - Lincoln
Hearing on Outdoor Planning (Game and Parks Commission) October 15 -
York
Seminar - Role of Water in Energy Crisis - October 23-24 - Lincoln
Regular Board Meeting - November 5 - York
NACD Convention - February 10-15, 1973 - Houston, Texas

A basin meeting with the Lower Big Blue NRD will be scheduled for late in Nov. or early in Dec.

Marsh reported that since the Sept. meeting he had made preliminary contacts with legal counsel. After discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #6) to retain the firm of Pay Svehla as general legal counsel to the Upper Big Blue NRD effective January 1, 1974, at an annual retainer fee of \$300. Lowell Ehlers seconded and the motion carried as follows: 13 yes and 1 no.

Marsh reminded directors that expense vouchers for the 3rd quarter of the year were due October 1 and delinquent after November 10, 1973.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement and additional reports referred to in these minutes are on file as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Floyd Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
September 3, 1973

An Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on September 3, 1973 at 8:40 p.m. in the NRD office, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published Aug. 27, 1973, in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board members.

Conservationist report included an NRD progress report by Sherman Throckmorton, Polk County District Conservationist. A special report by Jim Foster Area Conservationist, was postponed until a later date. A copy of the progress report by Throckmorton is kept on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Ervin Peterson, State SCS Office, reviewed and gave a slide presentation of the SCS Technical Guides. These guides consist of a compilation of data that can be used to apply conservation practices of any kind to any land. The Technical guides are divided into five major sections including general soils information, land use and treatment, practice standards and specifications, and cost return. The material in the Technical guide is primarily for the benefit of the land user and is kept current as conservation techniques improve. The land user can get assistance from SCS employees. A cooperative agreement between the land user and the NRD can be signed with SCS providing the necessary soils information, conservation plan map, and recommendations for controlling erosion. The land user is responsible for establishing the conservation practices on the land.

An initial roll call indicated the following 11 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Alfred Beick, Orval Eikenhorst, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Hans Jensen, Norris Otto, Carl Epp, William Watmore, and Raymond Burke. Ted Regier joined the meeting subsequent to motion #4 bringing the total attendance to 12.

Guests present included Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Sherman Throckmorton, SCS District Conservationist; John Overing, SCS Area IV Engineer; Ervin Peterson, State SCS Office; and John Wochner, Full Board member.

Minutes of the August 6, 1973 meeting had previously been mailed to all Board members. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, Bob Jeary made the motion (motion #1) to accept this report. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Norris Otto reviewed an expenditure for an aerial flight in selection of the Hamilton Area award farms for the conservation award program, to inform and educate public leaders, to view the progress of the soil conservation program, and to build enthusiasm among those involved. Representatives of the Hamilton Area believe that such an air tour is beneficial to the overall conservation promotion program. Norris Otto then made the motion (motion #3) to approve payment of the bill presented and reviewed. Orval Eikenhorst seconded.

After discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion#2) to call of a vote by signed ballot. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried as follows; 9 yes and 2 no. The motion (motion #3) to approve payment of the tour bill as

reviewed was then voted on by signed ballot. The motion carried as follows; 10 yes and 1 no.

The auditor's report, item 6 on the agenda, was unavailable for review on this meeting date. Manager, Floyd Marsh stated that this report will be presented at the October 1, 1973, Executive Committee meeting.

Following brief discussion of the SCS Technical Guides which had been presented previously, Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #4) to approve these guides for use in the NRD Cost-Share Assistance Program. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The draft of the general administrative policy governing the proposed cost-share assistance program was reviewed by Floyd Marsh. There are four practices contained under this program, including road structures, flood control dams, erosion control dams, and irrigation re-use impoundments. After review, Hans Jensen made the motion (motion #5) to approve the administrative policy as outlined in the cost-share program. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

After review and discussion of the Cost-Share Assistance Program including specifications and provisions for the four individual practices for which assistance is to be provided, Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #6) to adopt the cost-share program for implementation effective October 1, 1973, with necessary minor revisions as indicated in the review to be made. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) dues for calendar year 1973 were reviewed. After discussion, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #7) to approve and pay the Upper Big Blue NRD 1973 NACD dues in the amount of \$742.71 and henceforth to request a list of NACD accomplishments in order to determine if membership is worthwhile. Hans Jensen seconded and the motion carried as follows: 11 yes and 1 no.

Requirements for general counsel for the NRD were reviewed. General Manager Marsh stated that a retainer fee paid yearly will include some routine legal counsel. After discussion Hans Jensen made the motion (motion #8) to authorize the general manager to make preliminary contacts with various legal counsel. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The renewal of the security bond was discussed. Clyde Ehlers, Secretary to the Upper Big Blue NRD presently bonded in the amount of \$10,000. Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #9) to renew the bond with Copple Insurance Agency. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously

Chairman Burke announced that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Annual Conference will be held September 9-11 at Kearney. At this conference there will be several resolutions to be voted on by district representatives. Each district is authorized 5 votes. Chairman Burke, according to Article 1 of the By-Laws of the state Association will be the Upper Big Blue NRD's voting delegate. Russ Hultine, made the motion (motion #10) to nominate and elect Robert Jeary as an alternate voting delegate at the State Convention. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Marsh reviewed the proposed NARD resolutions to be presented at the conference. After discussion, Hans Jensen made the motion (motion #11) to support these resolutions and authorize the delegates to take whatever action would be beneficial to the Upper Big Blue NRD on all other resolutions Ray Burke seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Sherman Throckmorton had previously reviewed all new cooperators. Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #12) to accept all new cooperators previously reviewed including the conservation agreements and resource plans. Orval Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Floyd Marsh gave the manager's report. Future meeting notices include:

NARD Conference - Sept. 9-11 at Kearney
District Conservationist Meeting - Sept. 13, 9:30 a.m. at the NRD office
Subdivision Committee meeting - Sept. 25, 1973
Promotion Committee meeting Sept. 18, 1973
Next regular Board Meeting October 1, 1973

Marsh announced that the NRD lawsuit has been appealed to the State Supreme Court.

At the August 30, 1973 Natural Resources Commission meeting the Commission approved a 1.58 million dollar budget for fiscal year '74-'75 including \$62,500 for the Clearing and Snagging Program which represents a substantial increase from the current \$12,500 appropriation. The Commission also went on record as supporting the Attorney General's office on a cross appeal of the section of the NRD law which was declared unconstitutional by the Lancaster District Court.

Also, the State Attorney General's office ruled that NRD's can receive federal revenue sharing funds from counties.

A copy of the attendance and roll call record, financial statement, and additional reports referred to in the minutes are on file as part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Public Budget Hearing

A public hearing for the proposed FY 1974 budget of the Upper Big Blue NRD was called to order at 8:05 p.m., August 6, 1973, by Chairman Ray Burke, presiding as hearing officer. Burke reviewed the notice of public budget hearing and budget summary published in the York Daily News-Times as required. Chairman Burke then turned the hearing over to John Klosterman, Chairman of the NRD's Budget Committee.

A summary of the proposed budget had been distributed to those in attendance. Klosterman reviewed in detail all budget items listed on the budget summary. Chairman Burke then asked for discussion and questions related to the proposed FY 1974 budget as reviewed NRD by Klosterman.

A question arose concerning necessary cash reserve. Klosterman explained that between July and December of next year no cash revenue will be coming in. Therefore this cash reserve will serve to meet expenditure requirements during that period.

There was some discussion concerning project expenditures. Klosterman said that the NRD will put \$15,000 allocated for the Davis Creek Project into a sinking fund account. This money will be earmarked at a later date for a specific project expenditure.

With no further discussion concerning the FY 1974 budget as proposed, Chairman Burke officially closed the hearing at 8:40 p.m. The complete hearing proceedings are maintained on tape which has been placed on file with additional budget documents at the District headquarters office.

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District

August 6, 1973

A regular Full Board meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on August 6, 1973 at 8:40 p.m. in the NRD office, York, Nebr., following a public hearing on the proposed FY 1974 Budget. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published August 1, 1973, in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all board members.

District Conservationist reports included a NRD progress report by Herb Casey, Fillmore County and a special report by Jim Ericksen, Adams County. Casey reported that of the nine counties in the monthly conservation reports had been received by eight counties. 150 requests have been received for technical assistance throughout the NRD. There were 11 new cooperators reported, 5 conservation plans, and 10 irrigation pits and dugouts. Geneva reported the only feed lot. Aurora reported 5 irrigation water control structures. There were 111 acres of land leveling, 12 dams, 3 miles of diversions and terraces, and 23 wells. Clay Center and Osceola had county -fair displays and Clay Center and Hastings requests ad news releases in their local papers. Geneva had a program on the Resource and Conservation Development Program. Aurora reported one Great Plains application.

Jim Ericksen, Adams County, presented a special report. Ericksen reviewed a summary of the "Special Flood Hazard Information Report" on the south branch of the West Fork of the Big Blue River through Hastings, Nebr. This report was prepared by the Corps of Engineers at the request of the city of Hastings, the Adams County Board of Supervisors, and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission to evaluate the hazards resulting from floods and to use as an aid in the identification of local flood problems and to promote the best utilization of lands subject to overflow. The stream itself has a slope of about 8 ft. per mile in the channel. The flood plain is approximately 800 ft in width. In this area the Corps had delineated two different types of flood storms; one occurring on the average of every 100 years, and ranging from two

to five ft. in depth, and the other more serious flood would have depths ranging up to 7 ½ ft. Alternatives to flooding would be the indication of land use regulations, prevention of housing development in the flood plain area in order to reduce damages, and construction of flood prevention structures such as dike and levee work.

Minutes of the July 9, 1973 meeting had previously been mailed to all Board members. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

An initial roll call indicated the following 18 full Board members present: Bruce Anderson, Raymond Burke, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Carl Report, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, H.F. Klosterman, John Klosterman, Norris Otto, Max Ronne, Floyd Schmer, Ralph Stuhr, Norman Wellman, William Watmore, and Earl Wilkins. Wendell Lauber joined the meeting subsequent to motion #2 bringing the total attendance to 19.

Guests present included: Sue Hoppel, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Leo Stuhr, York, Nebr.; Robert Stuhr, Waco, Nebr.; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; Herb Casey, SCS District Conservationist; Elmer Kruse, McCool Jct., Nebr.; Raymond L. Ronne, York, Nebr.; Fred Erks, Waco, Nebr.; Martin Wiemer, Waco, Nebr., and Gerhart Blum, York, Nebr.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #1) to accept this report. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Following brief discussion of the FY 1974 Budget, John Klosterman made the motion (motion #2) to adopt the FY 1974 Budget as proposed and reviewed at the public hearing preceding the Board meeting. Anderson seconded and the motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Sue Hoppel of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission presented slides and a report concerning Urban and Rural Pollution. The Commission has just completed a two year study in water quality management. The major problem in rural pollution is agricultural waste. Most cities require new waste treatment plants or updated expanded plants as population has exceeded waste treatment capacity. The Commission has also recommended training sessions for operators of these treatment plants.

Norris Otto, Chairman of the Promotions Committee, and Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager to the NRD, reported on the status of the NRD Conservation Awards programs. Two farms, Leo Barry, York County; and Edgar Luebbe, Seward County, have been selected by the committee to represent the NRD at the State Convention at Kearney in early September.

Recommendations made by the Promotions Committee included an NRD annual banquet to be held in late Jan. or early Feb. in York. Guests would tentatively include Directors and their families, SCS Personnel and families, and honored guests. The York Area Advisory Committee will assist in the local planning of this banquet.

The NRD has been entered in the 1973 Goodyear Awards program. Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager, will work up the program booklet and at some later date the NRD will select an outstanding cooperator for this contest.

Also discussed by the Promotion Committee was drafting a letter to the U of N Extension Service requesting that someone be selected to replace Harold Gilman retired Extension Conservationist, as soon as possible.

In additional notes, the York Area Advisory Committee has been organized. Ray Sullivan was elected Chairman, H.P. Hirshfeld, Vice-Chairman, and Boyd Burhoop, Secretary. The next quarterly meeting of this group is tentatively scheduled on August 9, 1973.

Otto reported that the Soil Stewardship program was discussed and that the

Hamilton County Advisory Committee has offered to hold the Soil Stewardship outdoor services this year.

Otto also called the Board's attention to the full page news spread published recently in the York Daily News-Times. This article gave short biographies of the NRD officers and was prepared and released by Tom L. Uhl. Plans are being made to publish this full page news spread in four additional area newspapers.

After completion of his report, Norris Otto made the motion, (motion #3) to approve the recommendations in the report, Max Ronne seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

The NARD Annual Conference will be held September 9-11, 1973 in Kearney, Nebr. Preregistration for all Directors who wish to attend must be in by Sept. 4th. Room reservations must be in by Aug. 25, 1973. Floyd Marsh reviewed a number of possible resolutions which will be presented at this conference.

New cooperators and conservation plans were reviewed Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #4) to accept the new cooperators and conservation plans. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously. A summary of this report is on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Floyd Marsh gave the manager's report. Future meeting notices include:
NACD Area V (Northern Plains) Meeting - August 5-7, 1973 at Grand Island
NARD Board of Directors - August 7, 1973 in Grand Island
Nebr. Natural Resources Commission - August 30, 1973 in Lincoln
Next Regular Board Meeting - Sept. 3, 1973

Marsh discussed affiliate memberships to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD). Approximately 300 letters were mailed to individuals and firms involved in resource development, seeking affiliate membership in the state Association. This membership in the Association entitles the firm or individual to participate in Association activities and to receive all general materials provided to members. The annual dues, which are on a fiscal year basis, are \$10 per year. NRD Directors are eligible and were encouraged to become affiliate members of the state Association.

In additional business, Marsh indicated that NRD's were judged to be constitutional in a recent District Court law suit decision. Found to be unconstitutional however, is language in the Commission legislation requiring that certain positions on the Commission be filled by individuals holding other positions in state government or the University of Nebraska. The court order provides that these 4 positions are to be filled by gubernatorial appointment.

Also discussed was a letter resolution to the NU Extension Service requesting that Harold Gilman be replaced as soon as possible. Following discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to forward such a letter and resolution to the NU Extension Service. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Marsh reminded directors that they have until August 9, 1973 to submit their expense vouchers for the third and fourth quarters of 1973.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to in the minutes are on file as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resource District
Executive Committee Meeting
July 9, 1973

A regular Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on July 9, 1973 at 8:40 p.m. in the NRD office, York, Nebr. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published July 1973, in the York Daily News-Times and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

District Conservationist reports included a progress report by Ray Griffin, Hamilton Co. and a special report by George Remmenga, Clay Co. Griffin reviewed monthly totals of conservation accomplishments in the entire Upper Big Blue NRD which included: new cooperators - 4; new basic plans - 23; revised plans - 17; land leveling - 158 acres; grass seeding -10 acres; dams - 5; diversions terraces - 4,725 ft.; reuse pits - 16; windbreaks - 7.7 acres; and feedlots - 1. Also, one 7,000 cu. yd. dam was built in Hamilton Co. without cost share. Field work for the soil survey of York County has been completed. This report is included with the file-copy of these minutes.

George Remmenga discussed conserving surface water and recharging groundwater. Remmenga stressed the need for reservoirs to control surface runoff on tributaries of School Creek and other tributaries, of the Big Blue River in Clay Co. There is a flood problem in these areas. However, under the small watershed program there is not enough damage to justify expensive projects. Road elevation is being utilized in some 5-6 projects; however, attempts are being made to broaden the scope of projects under the watershed program.

Chairman Burke announced that Vince Jacobson, District Conservationist for Seward County, retired June 30, 1973. Harold Fausch, District Conservationist from Beaver City, has been selected to replace Jacobson effective July 8, 1973.

Jacobson submitted an outgoing report concerning long range NRD projects that could be of possible interest to the NRD's Projects Committee. This report reviewed by Floyd Marsh, included the following major points: Investigations into groundwater recharge have not been pursued by any federal agency. In Seward Co. there are numerous excellent clam sites for storage of water and these sites could offer significant groundwater recharge potential as well. Funds to develop these structures should come from the local, and federal levels. A copy of this complete report is on file with the file copy of these minutes.

An initial roll call indicated the following 12 Executive Committee members present: Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, John Klosterman, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, Carl Report, and Raymond Burke.

Guests present included: Dave Mettenbrink, York Daily News-Times; Rod Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; Sherman Throckmorton, SCS District Conservationist; Ray Griffin, SCS District Conservationist; Max Ronne, Full Board member; George Remmenga, SCS District Conservationist; Leland Jackson, SCS State Engineer; Bill Patterson, Asst. State Conservationist; John E. Overing, SCS Area Engineer; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; and Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Minutes of the June 4, 1973 meeting had previously been mailed to all board members. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, John Klosterman made the motion (motion #1) to accept this report. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Bill Patterson, Assistant State Conservationist, reviewed a few considerations

that should be taken into account in future NRD projects such as land rights and operation and maintenance programs. Watershed structures are built on a 50 yr. sediment storage plan based on current land use data. However, if the land treatment changes, flood storage will be reduced. Therefore, land treatment should be maintained or increased in order to have proper flood control during this period.

Lee Jackson, State SCS Engineer, presented a progress report on the Davis Creek Flood Control project. Under a dam safety inspection program passed by Congress, the Corps of Engineers is charged to inspect every dam site yearly. Therefore, each flood control structure must have adequate flood storage based on the area in which it is located. The Davis Creek Structure is on a 50 year storm frequency design. Jackson reviewed design criteria and cost-estimates for structures 3-D and 4-A of this project which are proposed for FY '74 construction.

Russell Hultine, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, introduced the NRD's new assistant manager Tom Uhl. Uhl assumed his new position July 2, 1973. Hultine then gave, a brief report of his committee's recent activities. A copy of this report is maintained on file with the file copy of these minutes.

A Personnel Committee meeting was held June 6, 1973 and it was recommended that the NRD participate in a group insurance program for employees including health and accident insurance, life insurance with accidental death and dismemberment, and disability income insurance being sponsored by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, (NARD) and further that the NRD effective July 1, 1973, pay the individual employee's premium for the four District employees who are interested in the health and accident and life insurance portions of this program and that the NRD contribute the total premium for disability income insurance including coverage for all employees. After discussion, Russell Hultine made the motion (motion #2) to accept the Personnel Committee's aforementioned recommendation for participation in this insurance program. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried as follows; 7 yes, 1 no, and 4 abstentions.

Another recommendation was for a uniform pay schedule for technical and clerical employees with base year July 1, 1973. Hultine moved (motion #3) to adopt the proposed uniform pay schedule as recommended. Seconded by John Klosterman the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Also recommended was that annual pay increases be granted effective July 1, 1973, for various technical and clerical personnel. After discussion, Hultine made the motion (motion #4) to adopt the pay increases as recommended. Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried as follows; 11 yes, 1 abstention. A copy of the recommended increases and locations of the respective employees is on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Another recommendation was that technicians in the Aurora and Osceola offices be scheduled approximately half-time each in other offices including possibly Clay Center, York, and/or Seward and be reimbursed round trip mileage from their respective residence. Further, they would be expected to maintain an 8-5 schedule in that office traveling on personal time. After discussion, Hultine made the motion (motion #5) to distribute technical assistance as recommended. Seconded by Eikenhorst, motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Also recommended by the Personnel Committee was that the reimbursement rate for mileage be increased from \$0.10/mi. to \$0.12/mi. for all directors and employees. Hultine made the motion (motion #6) to increase the mileage reimbursement rate as recommended. Murray seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Finally, it was recommended that an official contract be approved and signed for Floyd L. Marsh as General Manager. Following review of this contract and discussion, Hultine made the motion (motion #7) to approve this contract, Henry Klosterman seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call

vote.

A review of the proposed FY 1974 budget considerations was presented by John Klosterman, chairman of the Budget Committee. The proposed total budget expenditures of \$344,640 will require a general fund levy requirement of approximately 0.75, mill based upon the estimated-tax valuation of the NRD. A summary of the proposed FY 1974 budget considerations is enclosed, with these minutes.

It was pointed out that the Davis Creek structures 3-D and 4-A were budgeted at approximately one third of the cost estimates reviewed earlier in the meeting. Budget adjustments and cost-share arrangements were discussed. It was suggested that those parties who will experience the immediate and long range benefits of this project should be contacted in order to conceive workable financial arrangements. A copy of all budget considerations is maintained. Following the budget review, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #8) to set the budget hearing date for 8:00 p.m. August 6, 1973, preceding the Full Board meeting which will begin at 8:30 p.m. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The division of the Dorchester Watershed Assets with the Lower Big Blue NRD was discussed. A resolution was proposed that the Lower Big Blue NRD waive their claim on the 7.51% of the Dorchester Watershed that is located in their district and assign such assets in total to the Upper Big Blue NRD. Further, it was proposed that the Upper Big Blue ORD assume all responsibility for operation and maintenance and that the UBB NRD release the LBB NRD from all litigation and damage obligations. This resolution had been adopted by the LBB NRD on June 28, 1973. Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #9) to accept the resolution on the division of assets for the Dorchester Watershed. Robert Jeary seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

A resolution to the Bureau of Reclamation encouraging continued studies of water resource projects in the Big Blue River Basin was reviewed. This resolution was adopted jointly by the Upper Big Blue and Lower Big Blue ORD's at the last basin meeting and ratified independently on June 28, 1973 by the Lower Big Blue NRD. After review, John Klosterman made the motion (motion #10), to endorse this resolution and forward it to the Governor and Nebraska's members in Congress. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

The master cooperative agreement for the Butler County, Soil Survey was briefly reviewed. This agreement outlines the provisions for the soil survey effort in Butler County. Cooperators include, Butler County supervisors, Lower Platte North, Lower Platte South, Upper Big Blue NRD's, SCS, and the NU Conservation and Survey Division. Specific provisions of this agreement are currently being reviewed by representatives of SCS and the University of Nebraska. Upon completion of this review and possible revisions, the final version of the agreement will be forwarded to all cooperators for final approval.

Two insurance proposals for FY '74 were discussed. Premium quotations from two insurance agencies were reviewed. After discussion, Orval Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #11) to accept the Copple Insurance Agency bid on insurance coverages for comprehensive general liability, excess liability, non-owned auto, property, extended liability for personal injury, and workman's compensation. This premium quotation amounts to \$362.30 per annum. Clyde Ehlers seconded and the motion carried as follows: 11 yes and 1 no.

Also reviewed was the Copple Insurance Agency bid for the bonding of Russell Hultine, NRD treasurer, at the rate of \$1.78 per \$1000 for the amount of \$50,000. After discussion, Norris Otto made the motion (motion #12) to accept this bid, seconded by Robert Jeary the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Proposed rules and regulations for subdivision and election of directors were reviewed. This proposal outlines how and when the NRD will subdivide and how

this action will be documented. Prior to Jan. 1, 1974, each NRD must recommend the number of directors deemed adequate to govern the district based on needs, projects, population, and similar criteria. The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission will then either approve or reject the recommendation by Feb. 15, 1974. Also, the NRD must recommend by May 1, 1974, subdivisions of the district at which time the Commission will again approve or reject recommended subdivision of the NRD. A public hearing will be conducted on July 19, 1973 at 1:30 p.m. by the NNRC to consider these proposed rules and regulations.

Norris Otto, Chairman of the Promotion Committee reported on his committee's activities. Otto reviewed the 1973 Conservation Award Farm winners. Six farms have been selected in the UBB NRD including the farms of Donald Keller, Harvard; Leo Barry, York; Edgar Luebbe, Seward; Mervin Ransom, Osceola; Otto Brothers, Phillips; and Tom Votipka, Exeter. These farms will be photographed and two of these six photographs will be selected by the UBB NRD to be entered in state competition at the Annual Conference of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. All award winners are being sponsored locally.

Floyd Marsh gave the manager's report. Future meeting notices and activities include:

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Meeting - July 19 - in Lincoln Summer Institute on Water Resources - July 22-27 in Lincoln, Regular Board meeting - August 6, 1973 in York Northern Plains Area Meeting (NACD) - Aug. 5,6,7, 1973 in Grand Island Automatic Surface Irrigation Demonstration - July 16 at 7:00 p.m. near the Henderson Interchange.

In additional business new and revised conservation agreements and resource plans received from SCS field offices throughout the NRD were reviewed. John Klosterman made the motion (motion #13) to approve these conservation reports and resource plans. Clyde Ehlers seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to in the minutes are on file as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Full Board Meeting
June 4, 1973

A Full Board meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on June 4, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. in the York County 4-H Building, York, Nebr. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published May 29, 1973 in the York Daily News-Times, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

District Conservationist Reports included Fillmore County by Herb Casey and Polk County by Sherman Throckmorton, Leonard Hosack, District Conservationist for Saline County, reported on the Dorchester Watershed Annual Inspection later on during the course of the meeting.

Casey reported on the SCS activities in Fillmore County. The SCS office has been involved since 1966 in a nationwide plant materials program. The purpose of this program is to assemble, evaluate, and increase those grasses, trees, shrubs, and other plants which prove suitable for, conservation use within various locations. This is carried out through Plant Materials Centers throughout the United States. The Center for this area is located 10 miles SW of Manhattan, Kansas.

Plant materials must be field tested at the locations where they are expected to be used. Nearly every county in the NRD has various species and varieties of plants which are being evaluated. The SCS office in each county can provide information on the location of plantings in that respective county for anyone who may be interested. While evaluations in Fillmore County are not complete, present study shows red cedar, willow, and cottonwood as good trees; lilac and chokecherry as good shrubs; and Garrison creeping foxtail and Reed canary grass as good grasses for wet, marshy sites. Casey showed slides depicting some of the trees and grasses in their proper areas.

Sherman Throckmorton reported on the activities of the Polk County SCS office. Tree planting in the Upper Big Blue NRD District was completed by May 24, 1973. A total of 2,300 trees were planted on five separate farms.

Polk Co. Conservation School Day was held April 25, 1973 for all 7th and 8th grade students. The day featured guest speakers in the morning and a tour of the Ralph Simpson farm in the afternoon. A total of 260 students and teachers attended.

The Davis Creek dam designs are progressing. The reservoir areas have been surveyed and plotted for two structures. Also, some spillway routings have been run. Mr. Jackson, SCS State Engineer, wants to run further routings. A full progress report of this project will be given at the next regular NRD meeting.

Polk County has several REAP practice-referrals on hand. The completion date for these referrals is June 30, 1973. However, due to weather conditions this date will not provide sufficient time for completion of some of these referrals. Throckmorton, indicated the possible need to recommend to government agencies and/or congressmen that the June 30th completion date be extended.

Requests for assistance from the Polk Co. Soil Conservation Office has been for reuse pits, land leveling, windbreaks, shelterbelts, topographic surveys, water rights, feedlot pollution control systems, terraces, drainage, grade stabilization dams, flood control dams, irrigation laterals, diversions, contouring, and range management.

An initial roll call indicated the following 17 Full Board members present: Bruce Anderson, Raymond Burke, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst,

Carl Epp, Wayne Hansen, Robert Jeary, Robert Krivohlavek, Wendell Laubert, Robert Murray, Dale Obermeier, Gerald Ochsner, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, Floyd Schmer, and William Watmore.

Guests present included: Leonard Hosack, SCS District Conservationist; Herb Casey, SCS District Conservationist; Harry Hecht, York County Extension Agent, Sherman Throckmorton, SCS District Conservationist; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; and Dean Manbeck, NU Department of Ag. Engineering.

Minutes of the May 7, 1973 meeting had previously been mailed to all board members. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, Floyd Schmer made the motion (motion #1) to accept this report. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Wendell Lauber, Chairman of the Projects and Programs Committee, reviewed the FY '73 project expenditure recommendations which were tentatively approved by the Executive Committee, May 7, 1973. The following projects and project allocations were submitted to the Full Board for final approvals.

| <u>Project</u> | <u>FY '73 Allocation</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Groundwater recharge research project | \$2,000 |
| Irrigation field demonstration | 11,000 |
| Rosenquist farm structure | 3,500 |
| Seward county road structure | 1,000 |
| Acceleration of soil survey efforts | <u>3,000</u> |
| | TOTAL \$10,500 |

Dean Manbeck, NU Dept. of Ag. Engineering reported on the draft of a groundwater recharge research proposal, a possible immediate and long range project for NRD consideration. This NRD initiated program is being developed employing the mutual leadership and guidance of the NU Conservation and Survey Division, NU Department of Ag. Engineering, and Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute

Manbeck outlined the general situation supporting the initiation of such a program. Water levels of the aquifer in the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District have been obviously declining in recent years. One method of reducing this decline and perhaps actually raising the water level is by augmenting the flow of water from the soil surface to the aquifer, ie. artificial recharge. This artificial recharge may be accomplished by the use of wells, shafts, pits ditches, surface spreading or combinations of these methods.

Several projects under the direction of the Nebraska Water Resources Institute are directly related to recharge. A simulation model of the groundwater movement in most of the Upper Big Blue River Basin is being developed. Areas in seven counties of the basin with sufficiently permeable soil for potential recharge and with less than 3% slope have been delineated. A generalized simulation model of the recharge process of water percolating from the soil surface to the water table is under development.

With this general situation and problem under consideration, a proposed program would be to select two existing farm ponds, one holding water very well and the other losing water and monitoring water movement from the ponds to determine whether the water is evaporating or percolating into the ground. An additional consideration would be to select one or two ditch sites with flowing water possibilities to monitor water movement from the ditches. There an experimental pond and a ditch could be constructed in suitable soil areas and with techniques to maximize infiltration with water movement again being monitored.

An additional possibility is to utilize a supplemental deep well source for pumping water into an existing irrigation well located in the water table depression area. Such an operation could be monitored for maximum possible

continuous recharge rate, for chemical compatibility of the waters, and for maintenance requirements. Assuming such a project is feasible and economically justified, it could prove to be a future recharge consideration,

Manbeck also outlined proposed budget considerations to this program for a three year period on a fiscal year basis. A copy of this report is included with the file copy of these minutes.

After discussion of the proposed FY '73 expenditures, Bruce Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the above listed FY '73 project recommendations and necessary allocation of expenditures. Motion seconded by Robert Jeary passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Lauber then reviewed the tentatively proposed FY '74 projects recommended by the Projects and Programs Committee. Lauber indicated that considerations for these FY '74 projects should be made as soon as priorities, have been assigned and cost sharing provisions, have been made so that they may be budgeted for in '74. This report is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Leonard Hosack, Saline County District Conservationist reviewed the annual Dorchester Watershed Inspection Report. An operation and maintenance inspection of the watershed structures was conducted on May 7, 1973 by representatives of SCS and the NRD. Hosack, Wayne Hansen, and Floyd Marsh made this annual inspection. Results of this inspection indicated that the condition of all structures and channels was generally satisfactory. Some routine maintenance of spraying and mowing was needed. It was also noted that berms adjacent to the channels needed better care, since in a few areas farming operations have destroyed vegetation, creating minor erosion problems. The seeding and necessary repair work will be accomplished by September 1, 1973.

Following discussion, Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #3) to accept this report including provisions for formal notification to the landowner and tenant involved in the maintenance problem in the area of channel I as to the right of easement held by the NARD and that the general policy regarding maintenance shall be that the landowner concerned is responsible for routine maintenance with the additional understanding that the landowner shall be reimbursed for any necessary maintenance expenditures. Orval Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the NARD questionnaire concerning water resource problems, needs, and solutions. The purpose is to provide the NARD Water Resources Committee with an inventory of the water resource needs in the UBB District and also obtain possible solutions and recommendations for developing these needs. The priority water problems in the UBB District were placed in the following order: depletion of Groundwater resources, flood control, land treatment, drainage improvement, and water based recreation.

Marsh reported on the current status of NRD legislation. There has been a fairly significant slate of legislation this legislative session in terms of the NRD. Highlights of this report included a review of NNRC Legislative Report #16 outlining those legislative bills passed and signed by the governor and those bills still on general file and held in committee. Also reviewed were legislative resolutions directing interim studies in the area of flood plain legislation, land and water resource development, and land use planning.

A brief Manager's report by Marsh included the following NRD activities; the Area VI Speech Contest was held May 31, 1973 in Geneva, Nebr. Four contestants divided equally between the Little Blue and Upper Big Blue NRD's competed. First and second place winners were from the LB District. Soil Stewardship week was recognized May 27 - June 3, 1973.

Future meeting notices included:

1. National Watershed Congress - June 3-6, 1973 in Wichita, Kan.

2. Natural Resources Data Bank Seminar - June 26 in Lincoln
3. Next regular meeting - July 2, 1973
4. NNRC Meeting - July 19 in Lincoln
5. Projects & Programs & Budget Committee Joint Meeting - June 7
6. Personnel Committee - June 6

In additional business, the new and revised conservation agreements and resource plans received from the SCS field offices throughout the NRD were reviewed. Wayne Hansen made the motion (motion #4) to accept the conservation reports and resource plans. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to in the minutes are on file as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:40 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Executive Committee Meeting
May 7, 1973

A regular Executive Committee meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on May 7, 1973 at 8:00 p.m. in the conference room of the York County Extension Office, York, Nebr. Chairman Burke announced that Public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published May 2, 1973, in the York Daily News-Times, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

District conservationist reports included York County by Rodney Egbarts and Hamilton County by Ray Griffin. Egbarts reported on the Universal Soil Loss Equation. Effective water erosion control will consist of dropping sequences, the various mulch tillage operations and essential supporting conservation practices as determined by the Universal Soil Loss Equation to keep soil loss by water to within the designated tolerances. The formula for this equation is expressed as follows: $A = R \times K \times SL \times P \times C$

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| A | = | predicted average annual loss in tons/acres |
| R | = | average annual rainfall erosion index. |
| K | = | the soil erodibility factor and is a measure of the soil detachability and transportability |
| SL | = | the slope and slope length factor. |
| P | = | conservation practice factor |
| C | = | management factor and cropping sequence. |

The soil loss in tons per acre per year can be calculated for any field by multiplying together each factor value of the formula. Most soils should not exceed approximately 4 to 5 tons/acre/year.

Griffin reported on the ASCS 247 referral situation. Forty projects have been carried over from last year with a completion date of June 30th. Most of these involve work that ties in with the groundwater district's efforts in controlling irrigation run-off. Griffin stated that consideration should be given to extension of the June 30th date otherwise a great deal of design and lay-out effort could be lost.

Also, in Aurora the SCS biologist has shown an interest in the city parks and would like to see a nature trail and outdoor classroom in Aurora. Trees and shrubs would be identified, and the trails would be well marked. The NRD advisory board in Hamilton county supports these plans; however, whether it should be a short or long-range plan is yet undecided.

Finally, Griffin reported on soil stewardship activities. With the aid of slides Griffin compared two pictures of the same soil stewardship site, one taken in '66 and one taken recently. Soil Stewardship Services will be held June 3rd at 3:00 p.m. in Aurora. These services are held in cooperation with the county ministerial association and the general public is invited to attend.

An Initial roll call indicated the following 13 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Clyde Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Don Kleinschmidt, John Klosterman, Henry Klosterman, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, William Watmore, and Ray Burke. Wendell Lauber joined the meeting subsequent to Motion #1 bringing the total attendance to 14 directors for the balance of the meeting. The official record of roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

Full board members and guests present included Norman Wellman, York County Groundwater Conservation District, Rodney Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist; Ray Griffin, SCS District Conservationist; Jim Foster, SCS

Area Conservationist; Lee Orton, Nebr. Natural Resources Commission; and Duane Chamberlain, also with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Minutes of the April 2, 1973 meeting had previously been mailed to all board members. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, Robert Jeary made the motion (motion #1) to accept this report. Orval Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Russell Hultine, chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported on the final recommendation for hiring an assistant manager. Two prospective employees were chosen after interviewing 7 applicants. The Personnel Committee elected to recommend that Tom Uhl from Lincoln be employed in the position of Assistant Manager for the Upper Big Blue NRD. Uhl is currently employed with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. Resumes of both prospective employees were reviewed. Following discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #2) that Uhl be hired as Assistant Manager at an annual salary of \$9,500 plus up to \$100 to cover expenses incurred in relocating to York. Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A tentative starting date was set for June 18 with final date of employment no later than July 1, 1973.

Wendell Lauber, chairman of the Projects and Programs Committee, gave a report of the FY '73 project expenditures recommended at the April 10, 1973 committee meeting. After discussion, John Klosterman made the motion (motion #3) to give tentative approval to the FY '73 project expenditure recommendations and further study be given to the groundwater recharge research and soil survey allocations. Motion was seconded by Anderson and carried unanimously with a roll call vote. Included in this report were recommendations on proposed FY '74 projects, also. A copy of this report is included with the file copy of these minutes.

Comments on Project Planning were presented by Duane Chamberlain, NNRC Conservationist. Chamberlain stated that there was a serious need for planning throughout the districts. In the NRD law the District is obligated to accomplish four things; to develop and execute plans, facilities, works, and programs. At a planning workshop held March 1-2, 1973 in Lincoln, NARD representatives formulated this common purpose; "to enhance our natural resources for the maximum benefit of the people." Also discussed at this workshop was the planning that must be done to accomplish this purpose. The planning process can be summed up in basic concept.

First there is a thorough analysis, secondly there is the process of setting up goals, and the third step is to establish priorities. The last effort is to determine how the goals will be accomplished.

Floyd Marsh reported on the Status of NRD legislation. Highlights of this report included a review of legislative report #15, legislative resolutions requesting interim studies, and a review of the NNRC Budget summary for FY '74.

The York County Lease agreement was reviewed. This agreement is for the rental of the new NRD office facilities located on the York County Fairgrounds. Provisions of this agreement outline that the NRD will agree to pay \$150 per month for ½ of the office facility with the lease arrangements to be renewed annually. After discussion, Lauber made the motion (motion #4) to approve the lease as reviewed and authorize the NRD chairman, Ray Burke, to sign. Regier seconded and motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Also reviewed was the new lease for the SCS rental of the Osceola office. After discussion, Anderson moved (motion #5) that the lease agreement be approved and the chairman be authorized to sign. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Ray Burke reported on the NARD meeting held April 24th, 1973 in Lincoln. It

was disclosed at this meeting that Lee Orton, a Lincoln attorney has been hired as the Association's Executive Director. Mr. Orton has worked since 1969 as legal counsel for the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission. He will assume his new responsibilities on July 1, 1973.

A brief Manager's report by Marsh included the following meeting notices:

May 24 - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission Meeting

June 4 - Next regular Board meeting

Scheduled for mid to latter May;

- Joint Budget and Projects Committee meeting

- Inspection of Dorchester Watershed structures by SCS and NRD representatives.

Future NRD educational activities include:

May 9 - District Speech contest in York

May 31 - Area VI Speech contests in Geneva.

Marsh also reminded directors that expense vouchers for the January-March 1973 period are due May 10th.

In additional business, new and revised conservation agreements and resource plans were reviewed. After discussion John Klosterman made the motion (motion #6) to accept these conservation agreements as reviewed. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

Also discussed were recommendations on the 1973 Nebr. Range Youth Camp. The camp will be held at the state 4-H camp in Halsey on June 18-22. Young people at least 14 years of age, but not over 18 are eligible. The purpose of this camp will be to develop leadership and give advanced training to young people in Nebr. who are interested in range land and practical range management. After discussion, Jeary made the motion (motion #7) that the NRD furnish \$25 of the \$35 dollar, registration fee with the \$10 balance being furnished by the applicants. Otto seconded. and the motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion, Lauber made the motion (motion #8) to refer the determination and selection of 1973 Conservation Picture awards throughout the NRD to the Promotion Committee for their consideration. Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement and additional reports referred to in the minutes are on file as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Executive Committee Meeting
April 2, 1973

A regular Executive Committee Meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on April 2, 1973 at 7:30 p.m. in the conference room of the York County Extension Office, York, Nebr. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

District Conservationist reports included Butler County by Harlan Hendricks and Clay County by George Remmenga. Hendricks reviewed the West Ulysses Watershed project. It is a one structure design on private land with 11 sections of drainage area. At present it is under 100 year storm design; however, Hendricks stated that after studying the project a 50 year storm design would be adequate. Remmenga reported on the Conservation Plan which previously has been working solely with individuals. Now units of government may also assist in the conservation effort by developing conservation resource plans. In the past a Conservation Work Plan began with the approval of an agreement sheet. Since governmental entities have no such agreement sheet, Remmenga suggested that an agreement sheet be developed in order that units of government can initiate Conservation Work Plans.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the minutes of the second joint basin meeting of the Upper and Lower Big Blue NRD's in Crete on March 21, 1973. At this meeting comments and recommendations were made on the Corp. of Engineers Report on the Big Blue River Basin. A resolution was adopted by these joint boards outlining specific comments and recommendations to this report. The resolution is to be ratified by independent action of each board at future meetings and submitted to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors. Additional agenda considerations at this meeting included a review of groundwater rules and regulations currently being implemented in irrigated areas of the Big Blue Basin, a review of current NRD legislation, discussion of road structure programs and cost sharing provisions, review of procedures and criteria for subdivision for election purposes, and coordination of area educational programs.

An initial roll call indicated the following 12 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Clyde Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Ray Gard, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Henry Klosterman Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, William Watmore, and Ray Burke.

Wendell Lauber joined the meeting subsequent to motion making a total attendance of 13 directors for the balance of the meeting. The official record of roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

Guests present included: Stanley Diehl, York County Commissioner; Harry Hecht, York County Extension Agent; Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Harlan Hendricks, Butler County District Conservationist; and George Remmenga, Clay County District Conservationist.

Minutes of the March 12, 1973 meeting had preciously been mailed to all board members. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, Norris Otto made a motion (motion #1) to accept this report. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Marsh then commented on the Review Report of the Big Blue River Basin, Kansas and Nebraska, and reviewed a resolution to the Board of Engineers for Rivers

and Harbors, entailing re-evaluation of criteria used in justifying works of improvement and an increase of appropriations to various federal agencies for implementation of non-structural measures by local interests as recommended in the report. This resolution had been previously adopted jointly at the recent basin meeting of the Upper Big Blue and Lower Big Blue NRD's. Following review of the resolution, Anderson moved (motion #2) to ratify the resolution as stated, seconded by Hultine motion passed as follows; 12 yes, and 1 abstention. This resolution accompanied by a letter will be forwarded to the Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors, with copies to the Nebraska congressional delegation and Governor Exon, as official comments to the Review Report of the Big Blue River Basin.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the final draft of the General Policy Statement. (copy attached). This statement serves to delineate the general goals of the NRD in the areas of Conservation and Land Treatment, Watershed and Flood Control, Irrigation and Groundwater Resources, and General Activities. Clyde Ehlers made the motion (motion #3) to accept the final draft as reviewed, motion seconded. by Wendell Lauber and carried unanimously.

Henry Klosterman reviewed a copy of a letter forwarded to Congressman Thone from the director of the Nebraska Water Research Institute concerning federal appropriations to the Office of Water Resources Research for FY 1974. Klosterman also prepared a draft letter outlining the Upper Big Blue NRD's support of the Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute's position in this effort to achieve adequate federal funding for water resources research programs. administered by the office of Water Resources Research. Following discussion Bruce Anderson moved (motion #4) that such a letter outlining the NRD's support in this matter be forwarded to Congressman Thone and Congressman Martin, seconded by Murray. Motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.

Wendell Lauber, Chairman of the Projects and Programs Committee reported on the Committee's activities. At this time they are developing long range projects while pinpointing and identifying short term projects. Also they are reviewing policy and provisions for cost sharing. The next meeting of this Committee will be April 10, 1973.

Norris Otto reported on the activities of the Promotion Committee. The Upper Big Blue NRD is organizing the 1973 Conservation Speech Contest. This contest conducted for grades 7-11 will begin on a local level with contests being held in Henderson, Stromsburg, and Seward the last week in April. The top three entries will be awarded ribbons and be eligible to compete in the District Contest to be held in York, May 9. First and second place winners of this contest will then be eligible to compete in the Area Contest to be held in Geneva on May 31. The Area Contest is being organized and sponsored by the Upper Big Blue NRD and will be attended by contestants from the Lower Big Blue and Little Blue NRD's, also.

In addition, Otto reported on the FFA Natural Resources Awards Program. There will be ten chapters eligible within the area of the Upper Big Blue NRD to participate in this program. Each participant must submit a written account of activities in the area of natural resource conservation during the 1972-73 school year to the state Association's Education Committee by May 1, 1973,

In respect to Soil Stewardship Week, May 27-June 3, 1973, all materials have been ordered for Hamilton, Polk, Fillmore, Seward, and York counties. This material will be shipped to the respective SCS offices for distribution to local churches.

Finally Otto reported on the formation of additional NRD advisory committees to aid in the distribution of Soil Stewardship Material and to coordinate local and district educational programs including speech contests.

Harry Hecht, advisor to the Promotions Committee, reported on an inquiry he had received from the National Honor Society of the Bradshaw High School, concerning sponsors of a community tree planting project. Following discussion Wendell Lauber moved (motion #5) that the NRD provide up to \$50 of trees to the Bradshaw Honor Society for a youth coordinated community improvement tree planting program seconded by Bruce Anderson. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Russell Hultine, Chairman of the Personnel Committee, reported on recent activities of the Personnel Committee. Eight applications for the position of assistant manager have been received and reviewed by the Committee. Interviews for these applicants are scheduled for April 9th and 12th in Aurora. Following discussion, Lauber made the motion (motion #6) to proceed with the assistant manager interviews as scheduled and establish a tentative date of employment as July 1, 1973, seconded by Bruce Anderson. Motion carried as follows: 11 ayes and 2 abstentions.

Hultine also reviewed a proposed uniform pay schedule by which NRD employees including clerks and technicians would have a consistent basis for pay increases and advancement based on experience and performance.

Hultine requested that the Executive Committee go into executive session to review contractual arrangements for the positions of manager and assistant manager. Following discussion of this consideration, the executive session was adjourned and business proceeded per the agenda.

Office lease arrangements with York County or the new office facility were reviewed. Following discussion, it was decided to revise and negotiate specific sections of the lease agreement with the York County Board of Commissioners prior to final approval of the lease at the next regular board meeting.

Marsh reported on current status of NRD legislation by reviewing Legislative Report #12 prepared by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

A brief manager's report by Marsh included the following future meeting notices:

- April 10 - Projects and Programs Committee
- April 12 - Nebraska Natural Resources Commission,, 9 a.m.- in Lincoln
- April 24 - Nebraska Assn. of Resources Districts, 9 a.m.- in Lincoln
- May 7 - Next regular board meeting

It was also reported that the NRD office will be relocating permanently in the new office building in about two weeks. Directors were reminded that expense vouchers for the third quarter (January - March) of FY 1973 were due March 31 and must be submitted no later than May 10 for payment. As a final item of this report, a 30 minute program on Soil Stewardship will be presented on May 19 at 6 p.m. on TV channels 4, 6, 8, and 13.

In additional business, new basic conservation agreements and resource plans received since the last regular meeting were presented. Following review, Lauber moved (motion #7) to accept the new and revised agreements and plans as reviewed, seconded by Otto, motion carried unanimously.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement, and additional reports referred to in the minutes are on file as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Full Board Meeting
March 12, 1973

The Full, Board Meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on March 12, 1973 at 7:50 p.m. in the Crystal Room of the Ideal Restaurant, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by: a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, March 6, 1973, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

District Conservationist reports included Fillmore County by Herbert Casey and Polk County by Sherman Throckmorton. Casey reviewed the background history and problems involved in the Exeter-Dogtown Watershed. This project has undergone planning through the preliminary investigation stage and found to be non-feasible under the PL 566 criteria. A request to remove this project from PL 566 planning assistance has been recently approved by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

Throckmorton reported that the one and six year county road plan for Polk County had been reviewed. Road structures were recommended for consideration in this plan, where applicable. He also reviewed the progress on the Davis Creek flood control project. The project has been reviewed by SCS and input for design and supervision of construction by SCS has been approved. A local interest group chaired by Orval Eikenhorst has reviewed each site locations, assigned recommended priorities on the proposed structure sites, and requested permission for access by SCS to gather survey and design information from respective land owners. This group has also decided to make formal application for project planning assistance to the Upper Big Blue NRD and Polk County Board of Commissioners.

An initial roll call indicated the following 23 Board members present: Bruce Anderson, Sterling Anderson, Alfred Beick, Raymond Burke, Clyde Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Arlin Gocke, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Hans Jensen, H.F. Klosterman, William Krejci, Wendell Lauber, Dale Moore, Robert Murry, Norris Otto, Cleo Rabbe, Arnold Refshauge, Ted Regier, Max Ronne, Floyd Schmer, Melvin Kuska, and John Wochner. The official record of roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

Guests present included: Deon Axthelm, NU Extension Water Resources Specialist; Gayle Starr, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; James Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Sherman Throckmorton, Polk County SCS District Conservationist; Herbert Casey, Fillmore County SCS District Conservationist; Rodney Egbarts, York County SCS District Conservationist; Dr. Peter Huntoon, Hydrogeologist, NU Conservation and Survey Division; Dr. Warren Viessman Jr., Director, Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute; Steve Hanks, John Hopkins University; Clayton Lauber, Geneva; Dolen Freeouf, York; and Sam Thorson, Lincoln Journal-Star.

Orval Eikenhorst reviewed a formal request for planning assistance on the Davis Creek flood control project. Following discussion, Eikenhorst moved (motion #1) that this formal request by local interests for planning assistance on the Davis Creek project be accepted. Bruce Anderson seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote as follows; 22 ayes and 1 abstention.

Minutes for the February 5, 1973 meeting had previously been mailed to all board members. Minutes of this meeting were approved as distributed.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, Henry Klosterman made the motion (motion #2) to accept this report. Hans Jensen seconded the motion which carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

A report on a digital model for the Upper Big Blue Watershed was presented by

Dr. Peter Huntoon, Hydrogeologist, University of Nebraska - Conservation and Survey Division. He stated that this work is being done to model the groundwater reservoirs in the Upper Big Blue River Basin and that the project area includes York and parts of Hamilton and Hall counties. This hydroponic model will serve a twofold purpose including a predictive or planning tool to anticipate what effect a certain condition will have in a specific area over a certain period of time and as-a management tool in determining wise utilization of groundwater resources under various conditions. Huntoon indicated that this model would assist in predicting future trends and controlling these trends through sound planning and management techniques. At present the model is being calibrated for practical use by using basic data. In conclusion, he stressed the seriousness of groundwater conservation, stating that if well development continues, groundwater levels can be expected to drop considerably within the next twenty years and that the groundwater irrigator's number one priority should be to promote efficiency of use.

Dr. Warren Viessman, Director, Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute, reviewed groundwater research programs of that agency. Viessman indicated that there are five principal areas requiring research emphasis including water resources planning, management of water resources systems, environmental impact of water :resource development, human behavior and institutions, and resources data systems. In addition, he summarized assignment of priorities and relative effort required in each problem area.

A review of the final Review Report of the Big Blue River Basin, Nebraska and Kansas, recently issued by the U.S. Army Engineer District, Kansas City, was presented. Floyd Marsh reviewed numerous excerpts from various areas of the report including the sections related to discussion, conclusions, and recommendations. The Board of Engineers for Rivers and Harbors will now review this report and take final action on the report. Final comments pertinent to this report must be received by the Board of Engineers prior to April 9, 1973. Final comments and recommendations on this report will be considered jointly at the basin meeting of the Upper and Lower Big Blue NRD's in Crete March 21.

Floyd Marsh reported on the current status of pending NRD legislation. Brief status as reported is as follows:

| <u>Legislation</u> | <u>Status</u> |
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| L.B. 107 | Signed into Law |
| L.B. 170 | Held by Public Works Committee |
| L.B. 188 | Signed into Law |
| L.B. 206 | Final reading March 14 |
| L.B. 230 | General File |
| L.B. 335 | Passed by Legislature |
| L.B. 337 | Passed by Legislature |
| L.B. 439 | Held by Ag and Environment Committee |
| L.B. 465 | Held by Ag and Environment Committee |

Gayle Starr, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission concluded with brief comments on the proposed Nebraska Land and Water Development Fund.

Wendell Lauber and Raymond Burke summarized the highlights of the 1973 Nebraska Water Conference held March 5-6 in Lincoln. Floyd Marsh commented on the sessions related to groundwater regulations and groundwater withdrawal and recharge. Comments and discussion from groundwater directors in attendance followed. Proceedings of this conference will be received by this office and will be available for review by all interested directors in the near future.

A report was presented on the Planning and Program Development Workshop for Directors held in Lincoln, March 1-2. Several directors representing the Upper Big Blue NRD were in attendance at the workshop.

Highlights of the NACD national convention held in Las Vegas; February 11-15 were reported by those directors in attendance. Ray Burke, Bob Jeary, Bruce Anderson, and Orval Eikenhorst represented the Upper Big Blue NRD at this

conference. Proceedings of this convention will also be received by this office and will be available for review in the near future.

The manager's report presented by Floyd L. Marsh included future meeting notices. March 15, a Personnel Committee meeting is scheduled. A joint Basin meeting between the Upper and Lower Big Blue NRD's is scheduled for March 21, in Crete, Nebraska. And finally, the next regular Executive Committee meeting is scheduled for April 2. Notice was given of the Governor's appointment of Melvin Kuska of Fairmont to replace Willard Steyer of Fillmore County. Notice was also given that the NRD office will be relocating permanently between April 1, and April 15, 1973 in the new office facilities in the York County Office Building. The concluding report concerns the reorganization of York County GWCD. Four new directors were elected and are as follows; Jim Jackson, Norman Wellman, Clyde Goertzen and Bob Ehlers. At a recent organizational meeting, new officers were elected including Carl Epp as Chairman, who was likewise appointed to the Executive Committee of the NRD replacing Dwight Walkup.

Floyd Marsh also plans to arrange future committee meetings of the Projects and Programs Committee, with Chairman Wendell Lauber to review the final draft of a General Policy Statement, and a meeting of the Promotion Committee with Chairman Norris Otto to coordinate local, district, and area education programs.

In additional business, following discussion, a motion was made by Robert Jeary (motion #3) to authorize the Chairman to sign 1973 acreage reports for structures 1-A, 2-A, 3-A, and 4-A in the Dorchester Watershed. Norris Otto seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

New basic conservation agreements and resource plans received since the last regular meeting were presented. Following review, Bruce Anderson moved (motion #4) to accept the new agreements and plans as presented, seconded by Max Ronne, motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statement and additional reports referred to in the minutes are on file as a part of the official minutes of this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

FEBRUARY 5, 1973 BOARD MEETING IS MISSING

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Executive Committee Meeting
January 8, 1973

The Executive Committee of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on January 8, 1973, at 7:30 p.m. in the York County 4-H Building, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, January 2, 1973, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

Rodney Egbarts, District Conservationist from York County, reported briefly on REAP funds used in York County during the 1972 program. District Conservationist Harlan Hendricks from Butler County reviewed REAP cost sharing in that county and also the Butler County tree planting program. From Clay County, District Conservationist George Remmenga reported on Clay County activity in the Great Plains program.

An initial roll call indicated the following 14 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Raymond Burke, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Don Kleinschmidt, Henry Klosterman, John Klosterman, Wendell Lauber, Norris Otto, Floyd Schmer, and Dwight Walkup. Guests attending the meeting included: Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist, Rodney Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist, York County; Harlan Hendricks, SCS District Conservationist, Butler County; George Remmenga, SCS District Conservationist, Clay County; and Richard Bristol and Charles McDonald, NRD directors representing the Hamilton County Groundwater Conservation District.

Minutes of the December 4, 1972 meeting had previously been mailed to all board members. Minutes were approved as distributed.

Following review of the financial report and bills payable, Floyd Schmer made the motion (motion #1) to accept this report. Henry Klosterman seconded the motion which carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Manager Floyd Marsh reviewed a recommendation on a 1973 Clarke McNary Tree Planting Program including recommended planting services and a price schedule for these services (recommendations attached). Following discussion, John Klosterman made a motion to revise the recommended price schedule graduated according to size of request by adopting the following prices for all requests regardless of size: \$5.00 service charge per request; \$0.08 planting charge per tree; \$0.10 cost per tree; for a total charge of \$0.18 per tree planted with an optional spraying charge at \$0.02 per tree. Orval Eikenhorst seconded the motion which passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Wendell Lauber moved (motion #3) to accept recommendations 1-7 for the 1973 Clarke McNary Tree Planting Program. Bruce Anderson seconded, the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Following a review by Chairman Burke of the educational and promotional programs prepared in report form by the Operations Committee of the State Association, Norris Otto moved (motion #4) that this composite of programs be recommended to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts for sponsorship. Robert Jeary seconded the motion. A unanimous roll call vote was cast.

Manager Floyd Marsh indicated that the NRD office had received a letter of resignation from Willard Stever representing the former Fillmore County SWCD, Dwight Walkup moved (motion #5) that the Board accept the resignation of Willard Stever and Norris Otto seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Bruce Anderson made a motion (motion 6) that directors representing Fillmore County be granted the authority to submit recommendations through the NRD office for a successor to this vacancy to be appointed by Governor Exon. Motion carried.

A report on the joint meeting December 7, 1972 with Lower Big Blue NRD was presented by Marsh. Minutes of this meeting were previously mailed to all board members.

Marsh also reported on termination of the 1972-1973 REAP program. Following discussion on the impact of the termination of this program in relation to the development of the NRD's anticipated natural resource programs, Henry Klosterman moved. (motion #7) that directors of the NRD adopt a resolution requesting that the REAP program be reinstated immediately with an appropriate level of funding and that proper acknowledgment of this action be forwarded to the entire Nebraska congressional delegation, seconded by Bruce Anderson. Motion carried unanimously. Individual directors were also encouraged to forward personal correspondence regarding this position.

In additional business, a list of NRD legislation proposed for the 1973 State Legislative Session was reviewed by Floyd Marsh.

Future meeting notices and events were reported. Several upcoming events include the NACD convention February 11-15. Six directors have completed reservations to attend. The York County Awards Banquet will be February 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the USO Room of the York City Auditorium. The State Association will hold a board meeting January 11, 1973 in Lincoln. Agenda items for this meeting were reviewed. Directors were reminded that expense vouchers for the second quarter (October - December 1972) were due December 31, 1972 and must be filed in the District office not later than February 9, 1973.

New conservation agreements and resource plans from Clay and Seward Counties were presented by Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist. Don Kleinschmidt moved (motion #8) to approve these agreements and plans, seconded by Orval Eikenhorst. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Full Board of Directors Meeting.
December 4, 1972

The full Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on December 4, 1972 at 7:45.p.m. in the York County 4-H Building, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, November 28, 1972, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

Herb Casey, District Conservationist from Fillmore County, reported on 5 possible watershed areas for future development in Fillmore County. These areas include Turkey Creek, Lower Turkey Creek, Indian-Johnson Creek, Elk Run - Upper West Fork of the Big Blue River, and School Creek. He indicated there was project potential and interest for development of road structures in the Upper West Fork of the Big Blue River and School Creek areas. Casey pointed out that control was possible in these areas with smaller structures on tributaries of the major channels.

The District Conservationist from Polk County, Sherman Throckmorton reviewed development in the Davis Creek area. He reported that a preliminary study of 16 feasible structure sites had been completed and will be reviewed soon by the area and state engineers of SCS. Tentative plans include direct contact with local land owners by a local action committee once the study is completed and reviewed.

An initial roll call vote indicated the following 14 Board of Directors present: Raymond Burke, Clyde Ehlers, Ray Gard, Robert Jeary, Wendell Lauber, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Arnold Refshauge, Dale Rocker, Max Ronne, Floyd Schmer, Ralph Stuhr, Dwight Walkup, and William Watmore. The official record of roll call vote and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office. Guests attending the meeting included: Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Herb Casey, SCS District Conservationist, Fillmore County; Sherman Throckmorton, SCS District Conservationist, Polk County; Rodney Egbarts, SCS District Conservationist, York County; Duane Chamberlain, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Robert Epp, Henderson; and Claude Walkup, York.

Minutes of the November 6, 1972 meeting had previously been mailed to board members. Dwight Walkup made the motion (motion #1) to accept the minutes as distributed, Ray Gard seconded. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

Upon review of the financial report and bills payable, Max Ronne made the motion (motion #2) to accept this report. Floyd Schmer seconded the motion which carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

Glen Kirk, Chief of the Planning Division, Bureau of Reclamation in the McCook office, was unable to attend the meeting due to prevailing weather conditions thus canceling his report on Bureau programs in the Big Blue River Basin. This report will be rescheduled for the next full board meeting possibly in February or March.

Floyd Schmer, Chairman of the Clay County Groundwater Conservation District, reviewed the rules and regulations for management of groundwater through control of surface runoff recently adopted by 4 of the 5 county groundwater districts represented in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Material concerning the implementation of those rules and regulations is presently being distributed to all irrigators in these counties. Groundwater districts in Clay, Hamilton, Seward, and York Counties have adopted the rules and regulations with the Fillmore District considering action to adopt them. Dwight Walkup, Chairman of the York County Groundwater Conservation District, reported on the progress of the recently organized Blue River Association of Groundwater

Conservation Districts. He reported that this Association is in the process for hiring a manager to assist with activities of implementing the above rules and regulations.

Wendell Lauber, Chairman of the Projects and Programs Committee, reported on recent meetings and activities of that committee. Lauber reviewed an inventory of proposed projects that the NRD recently compiled and submitted to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission for consideration in the establishment of a proposed State Water Development Fund. He also presented a special recommendation as attached prepared by the Committee concerning the NRD becoming involved in cost sharing on a road structure in Seward County currently under construction. Following discussion, Lauber moved (motion #3) that the special recommendation of this Committee be adopted, seconded by Dwight Walkup. Motion carried with a roll call vote as follows: 13 ayes, 1 abstain.

Norris Otto, Chairman of the Promotion Committee, reported on a recent meeting held by that Committee. Otto reviewed educational, public relations and special awards programs that should be considered by the NRD. He indicated that the Advisory Committee Resolution as adopted by the NRD had been reviewed and that the Promotion Committee recommends amendment of that Resolution as follows:

1. That the Committees be organized on a county and/or area basis,
2. That members of the NRD Promotion Committee assist in organization of Advisory Committees in their respective areas,
3. And that Executive Committee members not serve as Chairman of such Advisory Committees.

In addition, Otto reported that the Hamilton County NRD Advisory Committee had recently been organized and that the Promotion Committee recommended approval of the formation of this Advisory Committee. Motion (motion #4) was made by Norris Otto to adopt the report and recommendations of the Promotion Committee. Robert Jeary seconded the motion which passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reported on County REAP Development Meetings. All meetings are now completed with active participation of NRD Directors. Most of the county ASCS committees adopted about the same program as in 1972 including almost the same high priority practices as before. One county committee is planning to submit a special conservation practice for the Removal of Dead and Dying Trees, to the state ASCS committee for consideration and were planning to contact other county committees in the Big Blue Basin for support of this special practice. It is anticipated that the state 1973 REAP budget will be cut by one-third.

Marsh also reviewed the agenda and meeting notice for the joint NRD meeting December 7, in Crete. Representatives from the Corps of Engineers, Bureau of Reclamation, SCS, State Commission, University Extension Service, and State Senators will be present to review current and future programs.

Future meeting notices were reviewed by Floyd Marsh. Directors were reminded of the NACD National Convention in Las Vegas, February 11-15, 1973. Reservations for this convention must be made by December 10. The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors will meet December 15 at 9:30 a.m. in Kearney and the Fillmore County Awards Banquet will be held December 6 at 6:30 p.m. in Geneva.

It was reported by the manager that the York office will be temporarily relocated at the York County Noxious Weed District office effective the middle of December awaiting completion of the new office facility. The phone number of the office will remain unchanged.

New conservation agreements and resource plans from Polk, Adams, and Clay Counties were presented by Jim Foster; SCS Area Conservationist. Robert Jeary moved (motion #5) to approve these agreements and resource plans, seconded by Wendell Lauber. Motion carried unanimously.

Robert Murray moved that the meeting adjourn, seconded by Max Ronne. The motion carried unanimously.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Executive Committee Meeting
November 6, 1972

The Executive Committee of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on November 6, 1972 at 8:10 p.m. in the York County Extension Service Building, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, October 31, 1972, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

District Conservationist Leonard Hosack from Saline County, presented slides of the Dorchester Watershed. Ray Griffin, District Conservationist from Hamilton County, reported on a small drainage area and possible small watershed involving the headwaters of Beaver Creek, southwest of Aurora in Hamilton County. From Seward County, Vince Jacobson reviewed a summary of last year's land treatment practices accomplished in Seward County. Discussion followed on conservation practices. Henry Klosterman reported on the recent semi-annual meeting of the Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute and current research activities being conducted in the area of groundwater recharge with application in the Upper Big Blue Basin.

An initial roll call indicated the following 16 Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Alfred Bieck, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Ray Gard, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, John Klosterman, Wendell Lauber, Robert Murray, Norris Otto, Dwight Walkup, and Raymond Burke. The official record of this roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

Guests attending the meeting included: Jim Cook, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission; Dr. Charles Stonecipher, District Extension Service Director, Clay Center; Jim Poster, SCS-Area Conservationist; Ray Kubie, SCS Assistant Area Conservationist; Leonard Hosack, SCS District Conservationist, Saline County; Ray Griffin, District Conservationist, Hamilton County; Vince Jacobson, District Conservationist, Seward County; and Harry Hecht, York County Extension Agent.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the October 2, 1972, meeting by Henry Klosterman and seconded by Orval Eikenhorst. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

The financial report was reviewed and Robert Jeary made the motion to approve the financial report as reviewed. Bruce Anderson seconded, and the motion unanimously carried with a roll call vote.

Reviewing the memorandum of agreement from the Cooperative Extension Service was Dr. Charles Stonecipher, District Extension Director. Following discussion, Bruce Anderson made the motion, to accept the memorandum of agreement and that Chairman Ray Burke be authorized to sign the agreement. Motion passed with a unanimous roll call vote.

Jim Cook from the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission reported on state funding for NRD projects and the proposed state Water Development Fund. A list of proposed projects should be submitted to the Commission by November 20, 1972. Wendell Lauber, chairman of the Projects and Programs Committee, reviewed an inventory of projects compiled to submit to the Commission to meet this requirement. Following discussion, Henry Klosterman moved that the list of proposed projects be accepted and forwarded to the state Natural Resources Commission as required. Wayne Hansen seconded and the motion passed unanimously. Added to the inventory, of projects as reviewed was a category for wildlife management and urban recreation projects.

Following discussion on a policy for cost sharing on a Seward County road structure currently under construction, it was decided to refer the matter to the Projects and Programs Committee to consider and present a special recommendation at the December meeting.

The joint meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD and the Lower Big Blue NRD scheduled on December 7, 1972 was discussed. This meeting is being held to coordinate resource projects and programs within the Big Blue River Basin and will be held in Crete, Nebraska at 10:30 a.m. with a noon luncheon. Notice of final arrangements and agenda of this meeting will be forwarded with the December meeting notice.

Floyd Marsh reported on the National Water Resources Association Convention to be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, November 15-17, 1972. An appointment has been arranged during this convention for representatives of the NRD to discuss the proposed irrigation feasibility study of the Sunbeam Unit and additional Bureau of Reclamation projects and programs within the Big Blue Basin with Commissioner Armstrong of the Bureau of Reclamation. Following discussion, John Klosterman moved that this appointment be canceled, seconded by Bruce Anderson. Motion carried.

It was reported that the building to office the NRD has arrived and the footings are being poured. Estimated completion date is set for the last of January or the first of February, 1973.

Floyd Marsh also reported on banquet planning meetings. Those banquets already planned are Clay County, November 21; Polk County, November 27, and Fillmore County, December 6. Seward and York County banquets are currently being planned. Hamilton County will hold the presentation of the award picture to the honor farm family in January at the annual Aurora Chamber of Commerce banquet.

A brief report on recent activities of the five county groundwater conservation districts was made. It was reported that the groundwater districts had recently organized the Blue River Association of Groundwater Conservation Districts and are currently making plans to acquire managerial assistance in a joint arrangement. Floyd Marsh had discussed future groundwater projects with the group and it was concluded that reduction of irrigation runoff and research in recharge methods and groundwater stabilization were the most critical project needs. A review of the rules and regulations for management of irrigation runoff currently being adopted by the groundwater districts will be presented at the December meeting.

Future meeting notices included the Nebraska Water Resources and Irrigators Association Joint Convention in Kearney on November 27-29, 1972. The National Association of Conservation Districts Convention will be held in Las Vegas, February 11-15, 1973. The Nebraska Association of Resources Districts is sponsoring a group tour to this convention. Information concerning reservations for this tour will be distributed in the near future. Directors were encouraged to contact the District office if interested in attending this convention.

Floyd Marsh reported that the REAP County Development Meetings are being scheduled during the month of November. The NRD Directors from each county will be notified of these meetings and were encouraged to attend the meeting in their respective counties.

Procedures for the collection and transfer of tax revenues from the respective county treasurers was reviewed. Following coordination with the county treasurers, Floyd Marsh reported that the warrant procedure is the type of collection recommended.

The possibility of day meetings for December through February or March was discussed. The next meeting is scheduled for December 4, 1972. This meeting will be a full Board of Directors meeting and the time will be decided at a later officers meeting.

A motion was made by Robert Jeary to accept the new conservation agreements and resource plans for the period July 1, 1972, through September 29, 1972, Bruce Anderson seconded. The motion passed unanimously. Jim Foster, Area Conservationist reported that in the future these records will be updated by monthly SCS reports.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
Executive Committee Meeting
October 2, 1972

A meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District Executive Committee was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on October 2, 1972, at 8:15 p.m. in the York County Extension Service Building. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made public by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, September 25, 1972, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

George Remmenga, District Conservationist from Clay County, presented a report on SCS activities in Clay County. Remmenga reported that the area around School Creek and the South Branch of the West Fork of the Big Blue River needed additional land treatment and suggested that the Board may want to consider an accelerated program of land treatment in these areas. He also mentioned that the School Creek drainage in the Sutton area was the most serious flooding problem in the portion of Clay County within the Upper Big Blue NRD. Remmenga concluded by stating that depletion of the groundwater supply was a problem in parts of the county and that re-use pits were an increasing SCS activity.

The District Conservationist from Butler County, Harlan Hendrichs, reported on the programs and problems in Butler County. Hendrichs mentioned that 35 dams were constructed in the previous year and that about 12 of these dams were road structures indicating the emphasis that Butler County has placed on such structures. He concluded by reporting that there has been much discussion concerning watershed development in the Badger, Park, and Kezar Creek areas which are all tributaries of the Big Blue River. These projects are feasible, but more local interest is required before planning activity can be initiated.

Rodney Egbarts, York County District Conservationist, reported that three major tributaries of the Big Blue River - Lincoln Creek, Beaver Creek, and the West Fork of the Big Blue River - traverse York County. He reviewed the Conservation Needs Inventory Report for York County and commented that due to heavy irrigation demands a declining ground water level is a major problem in York County. Egbarts also commented on status of the York County Soil Survey Report. The field work is 80% completed and is scheduled to be finished next year. Publication of the report will not be completed until 1975-77 unless local financial support could be, used to accelerate this publication.

Orval Eikenhorst reported that two major floods had occurred in the Osceola area the past summer resulting in considerable road and property damage. A meeting was called September 28, 1972, and attended by interested people in the area. This group concluded that 6 or 7 flood detention structures were possibly needed on the drainage into Davis Creek. He reported that a committee had been appointed and will work closely with the Polk County Soil Conservation Service office and respective landowners to formulate a feasible plan for flood control in the Davis Creek area.

An initial roll call indicated the following 16 Executive Committee members present: Alfred Beick, Raymond Burke, Clyde Ehlers, Lowell Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Ray Gard, Wayne Hansen, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Henry Klosterman, John Klosterman, Wendell Lauber, Ted Regier, Floyd Schmer, Dwight Walkup, and William Watmore. The official record of roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

Guests attending the meeting included: Duane Chamberlain and Robert Shaw, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission staff personnel; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; District Conservationists from Butler, Clay and York Counties; and Harry Hecht, York County Extension Agent.

A motion was made to approve the minutes of the September 5, 1972, meeting by

Ted Regier and seconded by Floyd Schmer. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

An itemized list of the bills payable was reviewed and Henry Klosterman made a motion to accept them as listed. Orval Eikenhorst seconded, and the motion unanimously carried with a roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed the By-Laws as adopted by the State Association of Resources Districts. A motion was made by Orval Eikenhorst to nominate Raymond Burke as representative to the Association Board of Directors. John Klosterman seconded the motion. John Klosterman also made a motion that nominations close and to cast a unanimous ballot for Raymond Burke as representative, it was seconded by Clyde Ehlers. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Russell Hultine made a motion to approve payment of dues to the State Association in the amount of \$500 for the period from January 1, 1973 to June 30, 1973, as adopted by the State Association of Resources Districts. Ray Gard seconded the motion which carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reported on a group health insurance plan, Series 60 from Nebraska Blue Cross and Blue Shield. The cost would be \$17.46 per month per person with the directors eligible to participate. Following discussion, a motion was made by Henry Klosterman that the NRD approve this group plan as presented and pay 50% of the premium for all individual employees who participate in the plan, seconded by Wayne Hansen. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 13 ayes, 3 nays.

Wayne Hansen reported that the Dorchester Watershed Conservancy District met September 26, 1972, as an advisory board with Manager Floyd Marsh present. This Board discussed transfer of water rights and irrigation pumping permits and the annual operation and maintenance inspection of watershed structures. Floyd Marsh reported that the water rights and permits had previously been transferred by means of an assumption affidavit. A new policy for future inspections and maintenance of the structures by the NRD will be established in the future. A tour of the Dorchester Watershed by the Board of Directors was suggested as a possible educational activity of the NRD.

Ted Regier, chairman of the Hamilton County Groundwater Conservation District, reported briefly on the rules and regulations for efficient management of ground water proposed by the county groundwater districts. He reported that Seward, Clay, and Hamilton counties have held public hearings prior to the final adoption of such rules and regulations and that York and Fillmore counties will be scheduling public hearings in the future. Chairman Burke suggested that a detailed review of these rules and regulations be presented at the next full Board of Directors meeting.

Planning for local award banquets to recognize the honor farm families was discussed. It had been approved previously at the September meeting that these banquets would be planned and held on a local individual basis this year. Manager Floyd Marsh reported that local planning meetings are being scheduled to arrange these banquets.

A policy concerning District topographic services was discussed. John Klosterman made a motion that all topographic services offered by the NRD be conducted on District time with scheduling at the discretion of the district conservationist, seconded by Bob Jeary. The motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

Manager Floyd Marsh reported on a \$1 million umbrella liability insurance coverage offered by Copple Insurance Agency. Following brief discussion, Orval Eikenhorst moved that the NRD acquire this additional liability coverage, seconded by Henry Klosterman. Motion carried by unanimous roll call vote.

Floyd Marsh reviewed status of the office building to be constructed by the

York County Commissioners and leased to the NRD. He reported that they had awarded the contract and that the contractor was preparing to proceed with construction immediately.

Legal counsel was discussed briefly and Wayne Hansen made a motion to table further action until the December meeting when the requirement for legal counsel could better be evaluated. Dwight Walkup seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Manager Floyd Marsh reported on the Water Resources Technology Transfer Conference held recently in Lincoln and the Area IV Land Judging Contest to be held in York, October 3, 1972. The NRD will co-sponsor the land judging event with the York County Soil Conservation Service and York County Extension Service.

Arrangments for a joint meeting with the Lower Big Blue NRD to coordinate resource projects and programs within the Big Blue River Basin were discussed. It was suggested that such a meeting be scheduled for late November or early December.

As additional business, action by the Lower Big Blue NRD encouraging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a feasibility study for clearing debris from the Big Blue River was reviewed. Henry Klosterman made a motion to advise the Lower Big Blue NRD of this NRD's support in their action of encouraging the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to conduct such a feasibility study, seconded by Dwight Walkup. Motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Following brief discussion, it was moved by Dwight Walkup, to designate Wayne Hansen and Russell Hultine to review and sign all Conservation Agreements in Saline and Adams Counties, respectively. Motion seconded by Wendell Lauber. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

The next regular meeting of the Executive Committee was scheduled for November 6, 1972, at 8:00 p.m. in the York County Extension Office.

Chairman Burke commented briefly on the importance of the upcoming county ASCS Program Development meetings scheduled for November and December. Board members were encouraged to attend these meetings being held in their respective counties.

A motion to adjourn was made by John Klosterman and seconded by Wendell Lauber. The motion carried unanimously and the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

Clvde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
September 5, 1972

The Executive Committee of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke, September 5, 1972, at 8:10 p.m. in the York County Extension Service Office, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, August 28, 1972 and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting noticed and agendas were mailed to all Board of Directors.

Bill Patterson, representing the State Soil Conservation Service office, presented an informational report on proposed Plum Creek and Kezar Creek Watershed located in Butler and Seward Counties. He reported that both projects appeared feasible based on investigations conducted by SCS. A recent field survey conducted in the Plum Creek area was used to update a previous Watershed Investigation Report. Patterson reported that the investigations on Kezar Creek were very preliminary. A review of the planning and construction schedule of watershed projects authorized under PL 566 indicated on 8 to 10 year back log of projects. Patterson commented that in view of this schedule that alternatives to PL 566 should probably be considered in order to develop both watersheds sooner.

Following this report, Dave Mazour, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, reviewed procedures for preparing and submitting a watershed planning application. Discussion by the group including Executive Committee members and local interests representing the areas involved followed. It was concluded that the NRD should solicit the interests of the local people and attempt to define the local support for future action on both projects.

Brief reports were given by District Conservationists from Polk and Fillmore Counties. Those reporting were Sherman Thockmorton, Polk County, and Herb Casey, Fillmore County.

An initial roll call indicated the 12 following Executive Committee members present: Bruce Anderson, Raymond Burke, Clyde Ehlers, Orval Eikenhorst, Ray Gard, Russell Hultine, Robert Jeary, Don Kleinschmidt, Henry Klosterman, Norris Otto, Ted Regier, and William Watmore. Those absent included: Alfred Bieck, Lowell Ehlers, Wayne Hansen, Hans Jensen, John Klosterman, Wendell Lauber, Robert Murray, Floyd Schmer, and Dwight Walkup. An official roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

A motion to accept the minutes for the August 7, 1972 meeting was made by Clyde Ehlers and seconded by Orval Eikenhorst. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

A proposed committee structure and individual appointments to these committees was reviewed by Chairman Burke. The committees as proposed include the following:

1. Budget and Finance Committee
2. Projects and Programs Committee
3. Promotion Committee
4. Personnel Committee

An itemized list of bills payable was reviewed by Floyd Marsh. Clyde Ehlers made a motion to approve payment of the bills payable as reviewed, seconded by Ted Regier. Motion was carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

A Personnel Policy Statement was reviewed by Russell Hultine, Personnel Committee Chairman. Discussion of this statement followed. A motion to adopt the Personnel Policy Statement as reviewed with exception that section 6(e) be amended to include "payment of accumulated annual leave upon retirement or death" (in addition to termination of employment) and that such policy statement be made retroactive to July 1, 1972, with exception that the

provision for payment of a health insurance plan be effective upon approval of such a group plan by the Board was made by Norris Otto and seconded by Robert Jeary. The motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Alternative meeting dates were discussed and a motion was made by Henry Klosterman to retain the meeting date as the first Monday of the month. The motion was seconded by Robert Jeary and carried unanimously with a roll call vote. The next meeting date is October 2, 1972.

The continuation of local banquets and award programs for the current year was discussed. Clyde Ehlers made a motion that the former SWCD's arrange their individual banquets and award programs as they have previously for this current year's program and that the NRD pay any necessary expenses incurred for each banquet, seconded by Bruce Anderson. Motion passed with a roll call vote as follows: 6 yes, 4 no, 2 abstain.

A motion was made by Robert Jeary to bond the secretary Clyde Ehlers, for \$10,000, seconded by Henry Klosterman. The motion carried unanimously.

Clyde Ehlers made a motion to have the manager made a notary public. Norris Otto seconded and the motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote.

The manager reviewed the program and agenda for the State Association of Resources District organizational conference to be held in Omaha September 10-12. The proposed by-laws for the new association were also reviewed briefly. Pre-registration and attendance by Board members was encouraged, since new by-laws would be adopted and six members would be elected to the State Natural Resources Commission.

Three proposed resolutions to be considered at the State Association Convention were reviewed. These resolutions included a resolution drafted by the Tri-Basin NRD opposing legislation (HR 12885) for the federal regulation of ground water, a resolution endorsing local involvement in the current Platte River Basin Study prepared by the Central Platte NRD, and a resolution proposing the allocation of state matching funds for project planning and construction drafted by the Lower Platte South NRD. Ted Regier made a motion to support and co-sponsor the preceding resolutions, seconded by Bruce Anderson. The motion passed unanimously with a roll call vote.

A motion to obtain telephone credit cards for the officers and manager was made by Orval Eikenhorst and seconded by Ray Gard. The motion passed unanimously.

Floyd Marsh announced that the Area IV Land Judging Contest was scheduled for October 3, 1972 at York. The event is being cosponsored by the York County Extension Service, York County Soil Conservation Service office, York Chamber of Commerce, and the Upper Big Blue NRD. Individual directors were urged to participate if possible.

The program for a conference titled "Technology Transfer in Water Research" and sponsored by the Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute was reviewed by Floyd Marsh. Interested Board members were encouraged to attend this conference scheduled on September 25-26 in Lincoln.

The establishment of a petty cash fund was discussed. Robert Jeary made a motion to set up a petty cash fund not to exceed \$30 in each of the five SCS offices within this NRD and that all expenditures made from this fund be recorded on a standard form, seconded by Henry Klosterman. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

A motion to adjourn was made by Don Kleinschmidt and seconded by Robert Jeary. Motion carried with a unanimous roll call vote.

Signed:

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District

An official meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke, August 7, 1972, at 8:15 P.M. in the York Community Center, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News-Times, August 1, 1972, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices were mailed to all Board of Directors.

Manager Floyd Marsh outlined the Plum Creek and Kezar Creek Watersheds. Further research is to be given at the next meeting by the Natural Resources Commission and the State Soil Conservation Service.

District Conservationist Vince Jacobsen reported for Seward County on Plum Creek Watershed. Others reporting briefly on their areas were Ray Griffin for Hamilton County and Jim Erickson for Adams County.

Budget changes were reviewed by Floyd Marsh. A motion to adopt the budget for the fiscal year 1973 was made by Ted Regier and seconded by Marshall Folts. The motion was carried by a roll call vote as follows: 25 yes, and 1 no. An official record of roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

Motion was made to adjourn full Board of Directors meeting by John Klosterman and seconded by Max Ronne. Motion carried and the meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

-Executive Committee-

Upon adjournment of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee meeting was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke.

Motion to approve minutes of July 7, 1972 was made by Norris Otto and seconded by Robert Murray. Motion carried by a roll call vote as follows: 14 yes, and 1 no.

Russell Hultine made a motion, seconded by Bruce Anderson to approve the minutes of the final official meeting of the following SWCD's: Butler Co., Clay Co., Fillmore Co., Hamilton Co., Polk Co., Seward Co., and York Co. The motion was carried.

A motion was made by Bruce Anderson, seconded by Robert Jeary to adopt the memorandum agreement for gratuitous use of District personnel and equipment by local SCS offices, and to authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. The motion was carried.

Officers reports covered bonding and insurance coverage. Banking procedure was discussed. A motion for accepting the terms offered by the two York banks and authorizing the Chairman and Treasurer to co-sign the contract was made by Russell Hultine and seconded by Wayne Hansen. The motion carried unanimously with a roll call vote. A report was made on legal counsel and it was decided to table discussion until the cost could be investigated by the manager.

John Klosterman made a motion that the personnel committee be given authority to approve job descriptions, seconded by Bruce Anderson. The motion was carried.

A report was given by the manager on the construction of an office building. The County Commissioners are reviewing bids and will award the contract soon. The lease is prepared and ready to be enacted as soon as the contract is awarded. The manager also briefly reported on the Task Force Hearing, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting to be held on August 10, 1972 and the State Association Convention to be held in Omaha, September 10-12.

The September meeting was scheduled for Tuesday, September 5th, because of Labor Day conflict. The motion was made by Ted Regier and seconded by Robert Murray. The motion was carried.

A list of bills payable was read and a motion to approve the bills was made by Dwight Walkup and seconded by Ted Regier. Roll call vote was taken and the motion passed unanimously.

Expense vouchers were put on a semi-annual basis. A motion was made by Wayne Hansen and seconded by Bruce Anderson, to turn in expense vouchers every six months with a forty day grace period. The motion was carried. This will be effective from July 1, 1972.

Following discussion on payroll and routine bills, a motion was made by John Klosterman and seconded by Wayne Hansen to exempt payroll and utility bills from official action. The motion was carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:15 P.M.

Signed:

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

Minutes: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District

The first official meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke July 7, 1972, at 8:20 P.M. in the York County 4-H Building, York, Nebraska. Chairman Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published in the York Daily News Times, July 1, 1972, and that a current agenda was kept on file for public inspection at the District office. Meeting notices were mailed to all Board of Directors.

An initial roll call made by Secretary Clyde Ehlers indicated 35 members of the Board of Directors present. Chairman Burke reviewed the requirement that any formal action taken by the Board must be made by roll call vote. An official record of roll call and roll call voting for this meeting is maintained on file with the official minutes at the District office.

The attached general resolution (enclosure 1) outlining actions and recommendations to be adopted by the Board of Directors was reviewed section by section. Amendments as made to various sections of the general resolution are noted on page 3 of the resolution. Following a complete review of the resolution, moved by John Klosterman, seconded by Marshall Foltz to adopt this resolution as amended. The motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 32 yes, 1 no, and 2 abstain.

The four board members present representing the Big Blue Watershed Planning Board caucused as a nominating committee of that Board to nominate Bruce Anderson as the Big Blue Watershed Planning Board's additional representative to the Executive Committee. Such action was required by an amendment to the general resolution as adopted.

The proposed slate of members to the Executive Committee noted as Enclosure 2 was reviewed by the Secretary. Moved by Norris Otto, seconded by John Klosterman, to unanimously elect the proposed slate of members to the Executive Committee. The motion was carried by a unanimous roll call vote of 35 yes votes.

In considering additional business, moved by Richard Bristol, seconded by Orval Eikenhorst, to authorize the Treasurer and/or Secretary to pay routine bills that have incurred by the District since July 1. Motion carried.

Moved by Ted Regier, seconded by Bruce Anderson, that all Great Plains contracts be reviewed and signed by the Executive Committee member of the former county SWCD from which the contract originated. Motion carried.

Norris Otto presented the resolution proposing a county NRD Advisory Committee. Moved by Norris Otto, seconded by Russell Hultine to adopt the Advisory Committee Resolution. Motion carried.

Moved by John Klosterman, seconded by Bruce Anderson, that all District employees will be paid monthly at the end of the month. Motion carried.

Moved by Norris Otto, seconded by John Klosterman, that for an interim period all sub-offices will continue to order their individual office supplies and that the orders be billed to the NRD. Orders made by these offices will be reviewed periodically by the Executive Committee. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 P.M.

Clyde Ehlers, Secretary

UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
JULY 7, 1972

Composite Resolution of Actions and Recommendations to be Adopted by Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District

"Resolved, that the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District adopt the following composite of actions and recommendations:

1. That the Board of Directors elect an Executive Committee of 20 members composed as follows and with the following considerations:
 - (a) One (1) member from each of the 7 mergings SWCD's and 2 merging watershed Boards for a total of 9 members,
 - (b) One (1) member from each of the 5 groundwater conservation districts represented on the full board for a total of 5 members,
 - (c) One (1) member from each of six counties represented by the 10 urban representatives on the full board for a total of 6 members,
 - (d) And, that each merging District and Board and each groundwater conservation district and urban representative represented on the full board serve as a nominating committee for the purpose of selecting their respective representation to said Executive Committee,
 - (e) Establish terms of office for this governing body as the Interim period between July 1, 1972, and the general election effective January 9, 1975,
 - (f) Establish regular meeting date of Executive Committee as the first Monday of each month,
 - (g) And, that the authority of this governing board be limited on the approval of new projects, new programs, and the annual budget.
2. That the Board of Directors establish the headquarters and office location at York, Nebraska, and authorize the chairman and secretary to enter lease agreement with the York County Board of Commissioners who will provide office facilities.
3. That the Board of Directors approve the proposed budget as presented with the following considerations:
 - (a) Said budget be referred to a committee composed of the original interim budget committee and the elected Treasurer for refinement based on general guidelines of the Board prior to the public budget hearing,
 - (b) Establish July 24, 1972, as date of the public hearing of the proposed budget,
 - (c) And, presentation of the proposed budget by John Klosterman, chairman of interim budget committee.
4. That the Board of Directors approve arrangements to acquire necessary insurance and bonding coverage including the following:
 - (a) Approve a master insurance program including workman's compensation and public liability coverages as proposed by Couple Insurance Agency, Inc.,
 - (b) And, approve the required surety bonding of the Treasurer for the total budget by accepting one of the following proposals:
 1. Couple insurance Agency, Inc, \$1.78 per hundred thousand for a total bonding fee of approximately \$361, serviced out of Lincoln,
 2. Or, AID Insurance Service-\$1.75 for first hundred thousand and for second thousand for a total bonding fee of approximately \$329, serviced by a local agent (including Geneva, Milford, Seward, and York.)
5. That the Board of Directors approve employment arrangements with all District personnel including the following considerations:
 - (a) All clerks and technicians previously employed by SWCD's in Fillmore, Hamilton, Polk, Seward, and York Counties be employed by the NRD effective July 1, 1972 and that the NRD provide its proportionate share of salaries for the aforementioned employees and including such employees previously employed by SWCD's in Adams, Butler, Clay, and Saline Counties effective same date,
 - (b) Approve the hiring of Floyd Marsh as General Manager at an initial annual salary of \$12,000 with expenses and mileage compensation at the rate of \$0.10/ mile. Other provisions will be set forth in a contract to

be drafted,

- (c) Refer development of a District personnel policy statement and job descriptions to a Personnel Committee for review and action,
- (d) Grant authority to Executive Committee and District staff to acquire necessary professional services including legal counsel and certified public accountant,
- (e) And, appoint Vice-Chairman of the Board as official representative of the District to enter into working agreements with all appropriate federal, state agencies.

6. That the Board of Directors approve arrangements made tentatively with the two local York banks (York State Bank and First National Bank of York) to establish loan arrangement and cash accounts of the NRD mutually with both banks or independently as appropriate.

7. That the Board of Directors authorize the Chairman and or Secretary as appropriate to sign all official applications and documents as follows:

- (a) Social security and income tax withholding permits,
- (b) Sales tax and resale permits,
- (c) Documents and affidavits necessary to complete transfers and assumption of assets, liabilities and obligations of consolidated Districts,
- (d) Form NRD-10 for State matching funds,
- (e) And, form authorizing rental payment for the Polk Co. Office by the Soil Conservation be made to the NRD office.

Moved by: John Klosterman, seconded by Marshall Foltz to adopt the preceding resolution, amended as follows, of the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District:

1. Moved by John Klosterman, seconded by Bruce Anderson, to amend section 1 (a) as follows, that the Executive Committee be comprised of 21 members with representation from the Big Blue Watershed Planning Board being increased from one (1) to two (2)members. Amendment carried.
2. Moved by Bryce Bartu, seconded by Wayne Hansen section 4 by eliminating sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) from the section. Amendment carried.
3. Moved by Bryce Bartu, seconded by Wayne Hansen, to further amend section 4 by inserting the officers instead of the Board of Directors approve arrangements to acquire necessary bonding and insurance arrangements. Amendment carried.
4. No further amendment.

OUTLINE OF ACTIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
OF THE UPPER BIG BLUE NRD INTERIM BOARD
June 15, 1972

1. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The interim board has discussed composition of the Executive Committee and presents the following recommendations.

- (1) That the number of directors on the Executive Committee be 20.
- (2) That composition of the Executive Committee from each of the 7 merging SWCD's and 2 watershed boards be one director for a total of 9 members to the Executive Committee.
- (3) That composition of the Executive Committee from the 5 groundwater conservation districts represented on the full board be one director from each District for a total of 4 members to the Executive Committee.
- (4) That composition of the Executive committee from the 10 urban representatives to the full board be one director from each of the six counties represented by the urban representatives - that is - counties with greater than one representative will select according to their option one director to represent that respective county for a total of 6 members to the Executive Committee.
- (5) That each merging Board and District and each ground water conservation district and urban representative represented on the full board act as a nominating committee for the purpose of selecting their representation to the Executive Committee. It is further encouraged that each nominating committee prepare in advance their nomination for use at the first official meeting in July when the committee will be elected.

2. HEADQUARTERS AND OFFICE LOCATION

- (1) The Interim Board recommends that the Natural Resources District headquarters office be located at the York County Fairgrounds immediately adjacent to the York County Extension Service Office Building.
 - (a) The York County Board of Commissioners have tentatively agreed to provide office facilities at the proposed location.
 - (b) A lease agreement between York County and the Natural Resources District is being drafted.
- (2) Temporary arrangements have been made to office with the York County Extension Service awaiting completion of the new building proposed above.

3. BUDGET

- (1) A four-man budget committee was appointed from the NRD Interim Board to develop a tentative recommendation that has been submitted to the Interim Board for approval.
- (2) John Klosterman, Chairman of the Budget Committee will review the proposed budget as recommended by the Interim Board.

4. INTANGIBLE ASSETS - CASH ACCOUNTS AND SAVINGS

- (1) Transfer of bank accounts and savings of merging Districts and Boards will occur on or about July 1 and new Natural Resources District accounts will be opened on that date. Signature cards for use by the new Treasurer will be obtained as the new accounts are opened.
- (2) Tentative arrangements for financial transactions of the District including accounts and loans have been made with two local York banks. Final arrangements will be made upon approval of the official Board.

5. TANGIBLE ASSETS - ASSUMPTION OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

- (1) The Interim Board has reviewed the estimated assets and liabilities of all merging District and Boards as submitted on the Organizational Analysis Work Sheet.
- (2) Final arrangements on division of tangible assets and assumption of liabilities will be completed on or after July 1 following receipt of information on the state-wide appraisals and specific agreements have been concluded with individual Districts and Boards involved with such division.

6. INSURANCE COVERAGE - LIABILITY, PROPERTY, AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

- (1) The Interim Board has recognized the requirement of insurance coverage for the NRD. Existing coverage involving workmen's compensation and public liability coverage for participating Soil and Water Conservation Districts as presently furnished by Copple Insurance Agency, Inc., has been extended to the District effective July 1, 1972, to effect coverage for a reasonable period of time until permanent arrangements can be developed.
- (2) Consideration is being given to a master insurance plan including workmen's compensation and public liability coverages as presented by Copple Insurance Agency, Inc., and the Interim Board recommends that official action on insurance coverage be taken at the official July meeting.

7. SURETY BONDING

- (1) The budget as proposed for fiscal year 1973 will be in the range of \$200,000 to \$250,000 and according to law it will be necessary for the District Treasurer to be bonded for the full amount of the budget.
- (2) A proposal by Copple Insurance Agency, Inc., indicated a bonding rate of \$1.78 per \$1,000. Official action on bonding requirements will be taken at the July meeting.

8. EMPLOYEES AND PERSONNEL POLICIES

The Interim Board has reviewed employment of personnel of existing Districts and new personnel and presents the following recommendations:

- (1) The Board recommends that the presently employed SWCD clerks in Fillmore, Hamilton, Polk, Seward, and York Counties be employed by the Natural Resources District effective July 1 and that the District provide its proportionate share if salaries for SWCD clerks in Adams, Butler, Clay, and Saline Counties.
- (2) The Board recommends that the Natural Resources District continue to employ technicians assisting the Soil Conservation Service offices in Fillmore, Hamilton, Polk, Seward and York Counties and that the District provide its proportionate share of salaries toward continuing this technical assistance in Adams, Butler, and Saline Counties.
- (3) A three-man Personnel Committee appointed from the NRD Interim Board has reviewed applications and conducted personal interviews to acquire a General Manager for the Natural Resources District. This committee's recommendation to hire Floyd Marsh to fill this position has been tentatively approved by the Interim Board with official action to be taken at the July meeting. Authority for the General Manager to recruit secretarial assistance as soon as possible was also recommended.
- (4) The Board recommends that consideration be given to hiring an Assistant Manager after January 1, 1973, depending upon the District workload at that time.
- (5) The Interim Board is currently preparing personnel job descriptions and personnel policy statements which should be ready for review and official action during July.
- (6) The Board recognizes the future requirements for the professional services including appraisers, certified public accountant, negotiators, and legal counsel; however arrangement to acquire these services have not been made to date.

9. NOTIFICATION OF DEBTORS, CREDITORS, AND BUSINESS CONTACTS
 - (1) The Interim Board has taken no action on this provision; however, the Board recommends that respective Districts and Boards should notify their individual business contacts of proposed reorganization and that action by the NRD be taken as soon as possible to compile a list of business contacts.
10. ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS
 - (1) The Board recommends adoption of a resolution appointing a County NRD Advisory Committee to assist, strengthen, and extend activities within the Natural Resources District in an advisory capacity.
 - (2) The Board recommends that the Natural Resources District continue to support and sponsor important natural resources related promotional activities including Soil Stewardship, Conservation Award Pictures, and other educational and public relation activities.
11. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMITS AND ACCOUNT NUMBERS - COMMISSION PRESENTATION
12. MEETING NOTICES, REPORTS, AND FORMS - Commission Presentation
13. FUNCTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS OF MERGING DISTRICTS TO BE ASSUMED BY THE NRD - Commission Presentation
14. STANDARD BOOKKEEPING SYSTEM - Commission Presentation
15. FIRST OFFICIAL MEETING OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD
 - (1) The Interim Board recommends that the first official meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District be held July 7, 1972, at 8:30 P.M. in the 4-H Building located at the York County Fairgrounds.