

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
December 20, 1979

A regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 1:15 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Max Ronne, Secretary	Stan Staab, Information Department Manager
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Ken Feather, Operations Department Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Bob Ehlers, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaisons D.C., Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Mike Rabbe, Fillmore Co. D.C., Geneva
Melvin Kuska, Director	Charles MacLean, Saline Co. D.C., Wilber
Jim McLean, Director	Paul Smith, Butler Co. D.C., David City
Norman Obermier, Director	Ervin Lechner, Blue River Basin Rep., Beatrice
Lowell Peters, Director	Mark Nannen, Manager, Blue River Assn., York
Kenneth Regier, Director	Ray Gard, Seward Co. GWCD, Beaver Crossing
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Bill Watmore, Fillmore Co. GWCD, Geneva
Roy Stuhr, Director	Don Mierau, York Co. GWCD, Henderson
Morris White, Director	Keith Niemann, York Co. Extension Agent, York
John Ortman, York News-Times, York	

ABSENT

Wayne Hansen, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this public meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published December 11, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Bob Ehlers arriving later in the meeting.

MINUTES

White made the motion (motion #1) to approve the minutes of the November 1-5, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET REPORT

Turnbull reviewed the financial statement and budget report as of November 30, 1979. Burke made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Financial Statement and Budget Report as of November 30, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., gave a report on various SCS personnel changes. He reported that Jerry Bucy of McCook is expected to begin as York County's District Conservationist on January 7, 1980.

Charles MacLean, Saline Co. D.C., gave a report on the Christmas tree industry. The business is a long term investment involving the growing, reproduction, caring and selling of Christmas trees. He reviewed the operation conducted near Beatrice.

NACD CONVENTION DELEGATES

Chairman Moore reported that the NACD Annual National Convention is going to be held in Houston, Texas, February 10-14, 1980. Representatives for the District need to be delegated in order to make the proper reservations and registrations. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #3) that the District limit the delegation to the NACD Convention to four Directors plus the Chairman.

Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

Anderson made the motion (Motion #4) to, authorize a member of the District staff to attend the NACD Convention, and staff member to be determined by the Manager. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

The Directors showing interest in attending the NACD Convention to Houston, Texas, February 10-14, 1980, are Bob Ehlers, Lowell Peters, Max Ronne, Gerald Hegeholz and Mel Kuska. Staff member determined is Stan Staab, Information Department Manager. It was reported that the Post-Convention tour to Mexico has been cancelled. Directors and staff expenses will be reimbursed, also.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White gave a report on the Water Committee meeting held December 13, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

CONTROL AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

White reported that the Committee reviewed the final draft of the rules and regulations for the Control Area. Approval of the rules is recommended. White made the motion (Motion #5) that the District adopt the Control Area Rules and Regulations as submitted. Seconded by Kaiser. The change in the final proposal was reviewed. Future concerns of the water were briefly discussed. Question called. Motion carried. (Copy included with minutes.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

CERTIFICATION OF ACRES

Turnbull reported that the Water Department is near completion of a bulk mailing to each rural groundwater user (as near as possible) within the District. The material involves information and forms for certification of irrigated acres, and reporting irrigation wells and flow meters.

GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICTS EXTENDED EXISTENCE

DeBuhr reported that Mark Nannen, Manager of the Blue River Association of GWCD's, reviewed with the District staff the possibility of extending the existence of the GWCD's beyond January 1, 1982. Nannen reported that the Association met with Senator Kremer and discussed with him the possibilities of extending the existence of the GWCD's. The present law would dissolve the GWCD's on January 1, 1982. Nannen further reported that Senator Kremer is

interested in introducing legislation to eliminate or extend this date, if NRD and public support is shown. Nannen explained that the Association's reasons for continuance is to further provide educational programs to the farmers and to further collect data for the farmers information,. The date of extension being considered-is five years, January 1, 1987. DeBuhr reported that the District staff has considered the GWCD's continuance and feel that their continuance can be a great help to the NRD. Therefore, the staff does recommend that NRD support for this type of legislation is justified. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #6) that the District go on record in support of legislation that would extend the existence of the GWCD's, and that the staff and Water Committee be directed to prepare the necessary justification and a resolution for future Board action to promote this effort. Seconded by Ronne. Kaiser explained that the GWCD's will be needed to assist in the administration of the Control Area. Stuhr voiced his opposition to this concept because of their funding basis. Board discussion was conducted including representatives from various GWCD's. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: Obermier, Stuhr

ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke gave a report on the Projects Committee meeting held December 13, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PAYMENT - POWER LINE RELOCATION - FRIESEN WATERSHED PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to approve final payment in the amount of \$1,904.48 to York County REA for relocation of power lines during construction of the Friesen Watershed Project. Seconded by Obermier. original estimate for the power lines relocation was \$3, 000. 00. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

GLEN EVELYN BERG AGREEMENT AND LEASE

Burke reported that the Committee reviewed the Glen Evelyn Berg agreement and lease involved in the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Feather reviewed the agreement with the Board. Burke reviewed that the lease with Berg is for the sum of \$4,000. The term is March 1, 1980, to March 1, 1981. Feather explained that the lease involves approximately 160 acres. 58 acres (more or less) is the dam site, construction area and permanent pool of the Hastings NW Flood Control Structure. The remaining 100 acres is farmable dry land., Burke made the motion (Motion #8) that the District accept the-terms of the Agreement with Glen R. and Evelyn M. Berg as stated, and to accept the Lease for Glen R. and Evelyn M. Berg as stated for the sum of \$4,000, for approximately 160 acres involved in the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. The term of the lease to be March 1, 1980, to March 1, 1981. Seconded by Peters. Turnbull reviewed that the Agreement and Lease are between the District and the Berg's. The proceeds received from the Berg's lease is submitted to the Nebr. Natural Resources Commission, because they funded in full the monies for the title acquisition for this tract. Board discussion was conducted concerning the terms of the Lease. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Obermier, Regier, Schneider, Stuhr

This Lease is considered one of three agreements being submitted to the Nebr. Natural Resources Commission to be able to draw an additional,\$45,000 for the

Hastings NW Flood Control Project court awards.

PROGRESS PAYMENT - BAILEY DAM

Burke reviewed that a November partial payment of \$15,620.88 is due Slepicka Brothers, the contractor on the Bailey Dam, York County. Original bid contract was \$58,431.58. Revisions due to contract modifications amounts to an additional \$4,154.30, which includes costs incurred for the cutoff trench excavation requirement, additional length of PVC pipe, a PVC elbow, and additional common excavation due to the emergency spillway material not suitable for embankment fill. Previous payments were \$41,241.25. This project is 95% complete including this partial payment. Total revised contract to date is \$62,585.88. - Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to grant the progress payment of \$15,620.88 to Slepicka Brothers for work completed on the Bailey Dam, York County. Seconded by Obermier. This project has been shut down for the winter months, because of frozen ground conditions at the construction site. The completion date has been revised to May 1, 1980. It is anticipated that the construction of the project. will be completed before that time. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen

PROGRESS PAYMENT - FRIESEN WATERSHED PROJECT

Burke reported that the Projects Committee met just prior to the Board meeting to review the progress payment on this project. It was reported at the committee meeting that a discrepancy in the yardage calculations has arisen and has not yet been determined. The amount of the contract left to be paid in lieu of this discrepancy is \$2,754.00. Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to grant payment of \$2,754.00 to Biba Engineering which completes the contract up to the revisions reported to date for construction of the Friesen Watershed Project. Seconded by Stuhr. The yardage calculation discrepancy has arisen on the Bergen Dam and the amount is anticipated to be considerably more than estimated. The Projects Department will review and verify the quantities in question before final payment of the project will be made. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ehlers
ABSENT: Hansen

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVAL

Burke made the motion (motion #11) to grant tentative approval on the land treatment cost-share application of Phil Kreutz, Hamilton County, a water impoundment dam, \$949.55. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to grant final approval for payment on three land treatment cost-share applications for a total of \$3,903.34 as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen

L.B. 450 PROGRAM - TENTATIVE APPROVAL

Burke made the motion (motion #13) to grant tentative approval on the L.B. 450 Program, Nebraska Water Conservation Program, cost-share application for Harold White, Clay County, a water impoundment dam, \$11,025.85. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr,
White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen

IN-BASIN STORAGE PROGRAM - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (motion #14) to grant final approval for payment on the two in-basin storage impoundment pits cost-share applications of Ingward Rathje, Butler County, \$1,893.66, and Bruce Nedrow, Fillmore County, \$4,241.03, for a total of \$6,134.09. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White

NAY: Schneider, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Moore

ABSENT: Hansen

The original budget for the In-Basin Storage Impoundment Program was \$20,000. With the final approval deductions of \$6,134.09, the program has a balance of \$13,865.91. The balance is to be used for the monitoring system on those two sites.

RECREATION PROJECT - McCOOL JUNCTION

Burke reported that the Projects Committee reviewed a recommendation to conduct a feasibility study to determine need and cost of a recreational facility on the east edge of McCool Junction. The Committee supports the concept and feels that the Programs Committee should consider recommending a feasibility study for subject public recreational facility.

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Burke reported that the Projects Committee reviewed a Master Plan for the Central Butler Water Management Project. Further committee discussion was requested before presentation to the Board. The committee will report at a later time.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter gave a report on the Education Committee meeting held. December 13, 1979, and reviewed the report as distributed.

CONSIDERATION TO PURCHASE VTR EQUIPMENT FOR 208 AND DISTRICT PROMOTION

Schlueter reported that the Education Committee viewed a demonstration of the VTR equipment. The committee discussed cost quotes of several brands and the utilization of the equipment for educational activities and promotions. The basic intent to obtain the VTR equipment is to promote Section 208 programs. A Federal EPA Grant will reimburse 208 time spent on presentations (\$1,000 this year, possibly the same for the next two years), and in turn, the reinvestment would go towards purchase of the equipment. The video tapes can be used for many activities such as presentations to schools, civic and social clubs, as well as showing the development of our projects, tours, seminars and various other programs. The Education Committee recommends that the District purchase the VTR equipment which includes a RCA portable VTR, AC adaptor, tuner-timer, Admiral 19" color television receiver, RCA color portable camera, tripod, extension microphone and tapes at an approximate cost of \$2,975.00. The Education Committee further recommended to forward this action to the Equipment and Personnel Committee for consideration.

CONSERVATION FARM AWARDS

Schlueter reviewed that the NRD has eight 1979 conservation farm award winners, one from each County, excluding Saline County. The Wessels Farm, the York County award winner, has denied his conservation farm award. The Education Committee discussed Mr. Wessels' decision. The Committee resolved the situation by deciding to formerly announce the names of those who have accepted the conservation farm awards for 1979. The awards will be given at various social affairs throughout the District within the next few months.

DISTRICT'S NEWSLETTER

The Education Committee discussed the District's first newsletter's acceptance by the general public. The Committee made some suggestions of, improvements. The next publication is expected to be released in January, 1980.

PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz gave a report on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held December 13, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM - PRACTICE II

Hegeholz reported that there have been suggestions to coordinate Practice II of the Wildlife Habitat Program with the Game & Parks Commission's program. Thereby, allowing the option of establishing the wildlife area as a 5 or 10 year program. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #15) that the Practice II of the Wildlife Habitat Program be established as a 5 or 10 year program. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen

FUNDING OF THE WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

Hegeholz read a copy of the letter sent to the Game and Parks Commission stating that the District supports the Wildlife Habitat Program and also supports the method of the NRD's providing 25% of the funds. The Board on November 15, 1979, passed a motion to that effect. This action took place because of a resolution made by the Lower Big Blue NRD and approved by the NARD, September 25, 1979, that the Game & Parks Commission should fund the Wildlife Habitat Program 100%. The Game & Parks Commission will be addressing the funding for the Wildlife Habitat Program at their next Board meeting (today).

HABITAT PROGRAM FOR THE FUTURE

Hegeholz reported that the Programs Committee reviewed the projection for the future of the Wildlife Habitat Program including a 7% limit increase.

DEDICATION OF DAMS

Hegeholz reported that the Programs Committee discussed the suggestion that a program be devised for a simple dedication on dams that have been built by the NRD.

RECREATIONAL AREAS

Hegeholz reported that the Programs Committee discussed the suggestion that the NRD needs to start providing recreation areas throughout the District. It was recommended by the Programs Committee that the Projects Committee do study on an area located near McCool Junction, known as Donovan Park, for possible recreation project. Stuhr briefly discussed the project area with the Directors.

WATER LEGISLATION

Anderson reported that the Legislative Public Works Committee will be meeting

again after the first of the year in Lexington. The Public Works Committee will be discussing the proposed bill prepared by an ad hoc committee studying the State's water problems. The draft revises measures that concern the NRD's authorities to levy one-quarter of a mill to administer the ground water control areas. Anderson suggested that the Board should form a concept on this proposal. A long discussion was held concerning this~,water proposal. Comments were made that the District wishes to retain the administration of the control area at a local basis, and not allow State control of the water. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #16) that the District support up to 3/4 mill increase and what is not used for administration of the control area, could be used for construction of water recharge projects. Seconded by Kuska for discussion. Much Board discussion followed concerning the legislation and concerns of the mill levy increase. Comments were made that the monies not used for administration, that they could be used for construction of water recharge projects and other water management projects. White amended motion #16 to make the motion (Motion #17) that the water recharge projects specifically include irrigation re-use pit systems. Seconded by Burke. Discussion was held on the uses of the mill increase. White withdrew the amendment, second concurred. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, White, Moore
NAY: Ehlers, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Ronne, Schlueter
ABSENT: Hansen

Directors gave reasons for their votes concerning if this legislation is entered. If this is entered, the District would like to use-the mill levy increase on water recharge projects and not exclusively for administration of the control area.

NNRC REPORT

Erv Lechner, Big Blue Basin NNRC representative, gave a brief report and complimented the Board on their efforts to confront the water problems of our District.

AMENDMENTS FOR THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

ACT Turnbull reviewed that a few months ago, the Water Committee recommended some proposals to the Board concerning late permits on wells without permits in the control area. The Board gave approval to those suggested proposals. These were presented to the NARD Water Committee with several paragraphs of suggested amendments for the Groundwater Management Act. The NARD Water Committee adopted those proposals and presented them to the NARD Legislative Committee. The NARD Legislative Committee granted approval of the suggested amendments and presented them to the NARD Board. The NARD Board adopted them as suggested amendments for the Groundwater Management Act. Therefore, the NARD presented these proposals to Senator Harold Sieck, who is going to sponsor a bill to include the suggested amendments to the Groundwater Management Act.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kaiser gave a report on the Executive Committee meeting held December 4, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Kaiser reviewed the Executive Committee's recommendation that the standing committees of the Board be reorganized. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #18) that the committees of the Board be reorganized as--1. Executive Committee; 2. Budget, Planning and Legislative Committee; 3. Parks, Forestry and Wildlife Committee; 4. Education Committee; 5. Projects Committee; and 6. Water Committee; and become effective February 1, 1980. Seconded by Ronne. The Committees' responsibilities were briefly discussed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White,. Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

Kaiser further reviewed that the Executive Committee also suggested the number of members for each committee. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #19) to appoint p the number of members in each new committee as--1. Executive Committee - 4; 2. Budget, Planning & Legislative Committee - 6; 3. Parks, Forestry and Wildlife Committee - 6; 4. Education Committee - 6; 5. Projects Committee - 7; and the Water Committee - 7. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White,. Moore,
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

BY-LAWS OF THE DISTRICT

Kaiser reported that the By-Laws of the District have been reviewed by the Executive Committee concerning the Board of Directors, the officers of the Board and the Board's committees. Turnbull reviewed the revisions to the bylaws including a different format and updated changes and corrections to the rules. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #20) that the By-Laws of the District be adopted as revised and changed. Seconded by Hegeholz. Discussion was held on the revisions to the By-Laws. White amended motion #20 to make the motion (Motion #21) to strike "or each sub-committee Chairman", paragraph C. 3. Seconded by Regier. Question called on the amendment. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

McLean amended motion #20 to make the motion (motion #22) to add, "the District Board's membership, "not to exceed 40%.of the total Committee's membership" paragraph C.3. Seconded by White. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried. (Copy included in Minutes.)

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

GENERAL LIABILITY INSURANCE

Kaiser made the motion (motion #23) to approve payment of the General Liability Insurance coverage with Alexander & Alexander, from July 1, 1979, through July 1, 1980, insurance premium of \$2,585.00. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Anderson gave a report of the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held December 18, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

TRACTOR REPAIR

Anderson reported that the Committee was briefed by Feather on the need for major repairs necessary on the tree planting tractor. The Committee members agreed to help check out the possibility of trading the tractor for another used one instead of making the repairs as discussed. A report will be made later.

VIDEO TAPE EQUIPMENT

Anderson reported that the Education Committee made a recommendation to the Personnel and Equipment Committee to purchase video tape equipment. It was recommended that the District purchase a RCA portable VTR, AC adaptor, tuner timer, Admiral 19" color television receiver, RCA color portable camera, tripod, extension microphone, and tapes at an approximate cost of \$2,975.00. The Committee discussed cost comparisons of other dealers regarding the VTR equipment. Anderson made the motion (Motion #24) that the District purchase the Video Tape equipment as reviewed for an approximate cost of \$2,975.00. Seconded by Schlueter. The purchase of this equipment will be reimbursed by a Federal EPA Grant for Section 208 time spent on presentations and promotion of it's programs. This video equipment will also be used for our own District programs. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kuska, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Kaiser, McLean

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

Local television and radio stations may utilize the tapes for possible news releases, if their equipment coordinates with the VTR recorder.

COMPUTER TERMINAL

Anderson reviewed the staff's desirability of acquiring, through a lease from Lincoln Telephone & Telegraph, a computer terminal setup. It would consist of a Cathode Ray Tube (similar to a TV screen) and a Hand Copy Printer hooked by a direct leased phone line to the University Computer in Lincoln. Anderson reviewed the approximate costs of the computer terminal system. The Committee discussed the alternative of hiring an additional staff member vs. the computer terminal. Anderson reviewed the programs currently on line to be used by the staff and potential programs that could be added. Anderson made the motion (motion #25) that the District approve of a lease arrangement for a computer CRT unit, Hard Copy printer, direct phone line and necessary accessories from LT&T at an approximate cost of \$12,073.20 per year, including installation charges. Seconded by Ronne. Discussion was held on the reasoning of obtaining a computer terminal, the utilization of the system, and the increased efficiency of the office. A question was raised on the costs of the computer affecting the FY 80 Budget. It was explained that the Water Department would contribute at least 20% of the expense of the system. The Projects Department would include their expense of the system under the Special Projects account. More discussion was held on the significance of obtaining a computer terminal in the District office. Ehlers amended motion #25 to make the motion (Motion #26) that the purchase of the computer: terminal be funded 30% by the Water Department and the remaining 70% be funded by the Administration Departments. Seconded by Peters. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Kaiser

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters,

Regier, Ronne, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Schlueter
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

STANDARD OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT

Anderson reported that Turnbull reviewed with the Personnel & Equipment Committee the Consumer Price Index for the region and nation. He reported that the Committee had a long, discussion concerning an acceptable salary increase for the staff. The Committee recommends to the Board that a cost-of-living increase be granted to all employees as--less than \$14,000 annual wages - a 9% increase; \$14,000+ annual wages - a 7% increase. Turnbull reviewed the Consumer Price Index for Oct. '78 and Oct. '79. He explained the differences of take home pay of raises for low wage earners to high wage earners, including the variations of Federal, State and FICA withholdings. He also reviewed the 9% salary adjustment for those currently earning less than \$14,000 annually and a 7% increase for those earning \$14,000 or more per year, including the average gross and net changes per month. The Board discussed the salary adjustments for the District staff. Ronne made the motion (Motion #27) that a cost-of-living increase be granted to all employees as--less than \$14,000 annual wages - a 9% increase; \$14,000+ annual wages - a 7% increase, and to become effective January 1, 1980. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr

HOLIDAY LEAVE

Moore reported that Monday, December 24th, most of the County and State offices are going to be closed. Should we also close our office? Anderson made the motion (Motion #28) to grant holiday leave, Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve, to all District employees. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Peters, Schneider, Stuhr

Meeting adjourned 5:45 p.m.

Max Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
November 15, 1979

A regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 2:20 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

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Kenneth Regier, Director	Harold Fausch, D.C., Seward
Morris White, Director	Mark Nannen, Blue River Assoc. of GWCD's, York
	Bill Watmore, Fillmore Co. GWCD, Geneva
	John Ortmann, York News-Times, York

ABSENT

Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large
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Roy Stuhr, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this public meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published November 5, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. It was reported that a Public Hearing was held just prior to the Board of Directors meeting on the proposed flow meter specifications; proposed changes to Rule 3-(2)(d), the groundwater runoff rules; and Rule 4, the formal adjudicatory hearing rules for the Upper Big Blue NRD.

Due to no quorum at this time, the SCS Report was given.

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora, reported that with Jerry Williams leaving the York County SCS office for Hawaii, that he has been made the acting D.C. for the York County SCS office. He also reported that we have a new District Clerk at the Seward County SCS office, Carol Ann Anderson. Griffin reported on a problem with ACP cost-sharing on tree plantings within the District.

Ken Franzen, D.C. Adams County, reported on the program of outdoor Classrooms established on school property. He reviewed the plan, design and cover developed at the Hastings School Outdoor Classroom.

BLUE RIVER ASSOCIATION OF GWCD'S REPORT

Bill Watmore, Chairman of the Blue River Association of GWCD's, introduced Mark Nannen, the new General Manager of the Blue River Association of GWCD's office. Nannen distributed a map of Fillmore, Hamilton, Seward and York Counties showing the township by township average of the fall, 1978, to fall, 1979, observation well program readings. The map indicated the number of wells read in each township and the average rise or decline in the water table from

fall, 1978, to fall, 1979. The results of the readings show a rise in the groundwater table across the four County area. The rise would be from less pumping, energy costs and the groundwater users' awareness of water conservation. Polk and Butler Counties observation wells are yet to be read. If the rise in the water table continues or shows stabilization, the allocation system of groundwater will be delayed. The rainfall for the past years also contributed to the water table rise. There is also a fairly stable rate of recharge in the groundwater table at present.

ROLL CALL

A quorum is present at this time, so roll call was taken of the Board members in attendance. Nine-Present, Eight-Absent.

PUBLIC HEARING - BOARD DECISIONS CHANGES TO THE CONTROL AREA FLOW METER SPECIFICATIONS

Turnbull reported that the Conservation and Survey Division and the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission as well as the District's legal counsel have expressed some concerns with the proposed flow meter rules and specifications as discussed at the Public Hearing held just prior to the Board meeting. Therefore, it is recommended that the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors refer the proposed flow meter rules and regulations to the Water Committee and staff, and direct them to consider the concerns and testimony given at the Hearing. Schneider made the motion (Motion #1) that the Board of Directors refer the proposed flow meter rules and regulations to the Water Committee and staff, and direct them to consider the concerns of the Conservation and Survey Division, the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, and the District's legal counsel, and also to consider testimony given at the Public Hearing on the proposed changes to the Control Area flow meter specifications. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

CHANGES TO RULE 3-(2)(d), ADMINISTRATION OF THE GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Turnbull reviewed that Rule 3-(2)(d) is the complainant option in runoff: and illegal well situations. The changes include the complainants right to request a formal hearing. It is recommended that the Upper Big Blue NIM Board of Directors approve the proposed changes to Rule 3-(2)(d). White made the motion (Motion #2) that the Board of Directors approve the proposed changes to Rule 3-(2)(d) as presented and heard at the Public Hearing. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Obermier

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

CHANGES TO RULE 4, FORMAL ADJUDICATORY HEARING PROCEDURES

Turnbull reported that it is recommended that the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors approve the proposed changes to Rule 4, the formal adjudicatory hearing rules. Schneider made the motion (Motion #3) that the Board of Directors approve the proposed changes to Rule 4, the formal adjudicatory hearing rules as presented and heard at the Public Hearing. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

White made the motion (motion #4) to approve the minutes of the October 13, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET REPORT

Turnbull reviewed the financial statement and budget report as of October 31, 1979. Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to approve the Financial Statement and Budget Report as of October 31, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

NACD CONVENTION DELEGATES

Appointment of delegates to be delayed until the December Board meeting.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Ehlers gave a report on the Education Committee meeting held November 8, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

208 AUDIO VISUAL PROPOSAL

Ehlers reported that the NARD made a presentation to the Education Committee of the equipment available. The Committee was favorably impressed with the potential. Staff will continue to pursue the concept and compile cost quotes and benefits of the audio visual equipment for consideration at a later date.

FRIESEN-BERGEN RECOGNITION NIGHT

A special event to honor the many landowners and other involved parties of the recently completed Friesen Watershed project previously scheduled has been postponed until the third week in January, 1980. The Farm Family Conservation award for Albert Thieszen will also be presented at that time. All directors will be notified of the details at a later date.

1979 FARM FAMILY CONSERVATION AWARDS

Plans are nearly complete for presentation of the Farm Family Conservation Awards. The York County Farm Award was reported rejected.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Obermier gave a report on the Projects Committee meeting held November 6, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

HASTINGS NW - LAND RIGHTS

Obermier reviewed the recommendation for the Lloyd Schroeder annual lease for land in the Hastings NW Project. It is recommended that the District accept the lease for Lloyd H. and Inez V. Schroeder for the sum of \$1,680. (48 acres at \$35/acre). The term of the lease is March 1, 1984 to March 1, 1981. The terms are cash payable in advance prior to the starting of the lease. The Board is recommended to give approval of the lease, the NNRC will be asked to give approval, and upon approval Mr. Schroeder will be asked to submit payment. This area is all dryland and will be planted to milo. The money collected for rent will be given directly to the Commission. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #6) that the District accept the terms of the Lloyd Schroeder lease as stated and reviewed. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

HASTINGS NW - LAND RIGHTS

Obermier reviewed the Committee's action on the Neil Grothen agreement for replacement of an irrigation re-use pit being destroyed during construction of the Hastings NW Project. This agreement is only a tentative draft to be used in negotiations concerning the Grothen property. The tentative agreement states that Grothen will be provided an irrigation re-use facility only upon dismissal of their court appeal and rights to inverse condemnation. No Board action is required. The Committee will report back as to Grothen's approval.

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Obermier reviewed the land treatment cost-share assistance applications for final approval. Anderson made the motion (Motion #7) to grant final approval on three land treatment applications for a total of \$5,091.50 as reviewed. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

IN-BASIN STORAGE PIT - FINAL APPROVAL

Bitner reported that the landowner, Ingward Rathje, has recently questioned the earthwork quantities. Therefore, a request was made to defer final payment approval of the in-basin storage pit cost-share until settlement is reached. Request accepted. Report to be given next month.

BAILEY DAM - PROGRESS PAYMENT

Bitner reviewed that an October partial payment of \$19,453.82 is due Slepicka Brothers, the contractor on the Bailey Dam, York County. Original bid contract was \$58,431.58. Revisions due to contract modifications amounts to an additional \$1,746.50, which includes costs incurred for the cutoff trench excavation requirement, additional length of PVC pipe, and a PVC elbow. Previous payment was \$21,787.43. This project is 40% complete including this partial payment. Completion date has been revised to December 1, 1979. Total revised contract to date is \$60,178.08. Ehlers made the motion (Motion #8) to grant the progress payment of \$19,453.82 to Slepicka Brothers for work completed on the Bailey Dam, York County. Seconded by Regier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

FRIESEN WATERSHED PROJECT - PROGRESS PAYMENT

Bitner reviewed that an October partial payment of \$23,116.56 is due Biba Engineering, contractor on the Friesen Watershed Project, Hamilton County. Original bid contract was \$223,451.70. Revisions due to contract modifications amounts to an increase of \$3,946.36, which includes costs incurred for dike diversions, increase in acres seeded adjustment on concrete, furnished fencing materials, additional feet of fence, and an increase in yards of emergency spillway excavation. Previous payments were \$201,075.70. This project is 99% complete including this partial payment. Completion date has been revised to December 1, 1979. Total revised. contract to date is \$227,398.06. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #9) to grant the progress payment of \$23,116.56 to Biba Engineering for work completed on the Friesen Watershed Project, Hamilton County. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion called.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kasier, Obermier, Regier,

Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

AGREEMENT WITH NPPD - FRIESEN WATERSHED PROJECT

Obermier reviewed that an agreement with NPPD is necessary to protect the District and NPPD easement rights as they effect each other. It is recommended that the Board approve the agreement between NPPD and the District pertaining to mutual ingress and egress rights with respect to the lands involved in the Friesen Watershed Project. Regier made the motion (Motion #10) that the District grant approval on the agreement with NPPD and the District pertaining to mutual ingress and egress rights with respect to the lands involved in the Friesen Watershed Project. Seconded by Anderson. The NPPD will be asked to give approval of the agreement. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier,
Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

SCHOOL CREEK SITE #3 - HDR PROGRESS PAYMENT

Obermier reviewed that the Henningson, Durham and Richardson invoice #361 for \$3,184.88 was presented to the Committee. This invoice represents completion of all the Phase I final design and the soils engineering portion of Phase II. It is recommended that payment be approved. Anderson made the motion (Motion #11) that the District grant payment to HDR in the amount of \$3,184.88 per invoice #361. Seconded by Regier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier,
Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

POLK COUNTY DRAINAGE DITCH CLEANING - PAYMENT

Obermier reviewed that Polk County Highway Department sent an invoice for \$800 for earthwork to improve operation and maintenance of an existing drainage~channel located in the NW ¼ and NE ¼ of Section 9, Township 14 North, Range 1 West, in Polk County. This invoice is in accordance with our agreement dated August 7, 1979. It is recommended that payment be approved. Anderson made the motion (Motion #12) that the District grant payment to Polk County in the amount of \$800.00 for the ditch maintenance per agreement as stated. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier,
Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

SOWERS/WILSON DAM - EXTEND COMPLETION DATE

Obermier reviewed the recommendation that the District grant the Sowers/Wilson Dam, L.B. 450 Application, completion date be extended to February 6, 1980. Bitner reported that the construction work is done, but there has been some complications between the landowners and their contractor. More time is needed to obtain final approval. The completion date has passed. Extension will allow time to process the required paperwork for Commission final approval. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #13) that the District grant the Sowers/Wilson Dam, L.B. 450 Application, completion date be extended to February 6, 1980. Seconded by Hegeholz. This project is located in Clay County. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier,
Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

CENTRAL BUTLER PROJECT - SPECIAL COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE

Turnbull reviewed that the other three sponsors have appointed a staff member and a Board member as representatives on the special-steering committee for the Central Butler Project. Turnbull was appointed staff representative in September, 1979. A Board member is needed to be appointed to this special steering committee. Anderson made the motion (Motion #14) that Morris White be appointed the Board member to represent the District on the Central Butler Project special steering committee. Seconded by Hegeholz. Some discussion was held on the funding and present status of the Project. Turnbull reported that a meeting is scheduled for the special steering committee on November 20th in David City. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

PROGRAMS/LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE AND WATER COMMITTEE JOINT REPORT

White gave a report on the joint committee meeting of the Programs/Legislative Committee and the Water Committee held October 30, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

The joint meeting was called to formulate the District's position on proposed water legislation. The proposals were dealt with by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Water Resources Committee on November 1, 1979, and the Nebraska Legislature's Public Works Committee on November 13, 1979; both meetings prior to the November 15th Board of Directors Meeting.

CORRECTIVE LEGISLATION - GROUNDWATER

White reviewed that problems and suggested solutions to the Groundwater Management Act were discussed by the Committees. The changes or additions included the definition clarification of "beginning well construction" and adding the definitions for "late permits for wells". White made the motion (Motion A15) that the District actively support the changes or additions to the Groundwater Management Act as reviewed. Seconded by Hegeholz. Discussion was held on the meetings of the Association and the Public Works Committee. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

TRANSFER OF WATER TO OTHER TRACTS OF LAND

White reported that the Committees discussed the concerns and situations that exist where a tract of land is irrigated but it not taxed as irrigated lands. Committee to review further.

WATER BILL PROPOSAL

White reviewed that the Committees discussed in detail the Legislature's ad hoc committee's proposed omnibus water bill. A draft copy of the bill was reviewed considerably by the Committees. Several motions were made to formulate the District's position and to direct the staff and directors on testimony in the near future. The Board discussed the testimony of the District given at the Public Works Committee meeting, November 13th. White made the motion (Motion #16) that the Board to continue to support the testimony as the District's position on the Legislature's ad hoc committee's proposed water bill as stated and reviewed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

EVALUATION OF WATER DECLINES

Turnbull reported that the staff has a progress report for the Directors as to the computer program of evaluating the water declines and how they relate to our control area regulations. Directors conveyed to schedule the report in December.

HABITAT PROGRAM

Turnbull reviewed that the Association has adopted a resolution to request the Game and Parks Commission to fund the Habitat Program 100% for contract payments. Staff has discussed the resolution with Ben Schole of the Game and Parks Commission. It is recommended that the District go on record, by submitting a 'Letter to the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, supporting the Wildlife Habitat Program funding as it currently exists. That is: 75% Game and Parks Commission funds; 25% NRD funds for habitat contract annual payments. The Game and Parks Commission will be discussing the Association's resolution on December 20th, our next Board meeting date. Discussion was held on the effects of the wildlife habitat contract payments on the District's budget now and in the future. Ehlers made the motion (Motion #17) that the District go on record supporting the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program funding as it currently exists. 75% Game and Parks Commission, 25% NRD funds for habitat program contract payments. Seconded by Anderson. Kaiser suggested that the District should include a maximum amount under the Habitat Program. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Obermier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Regier

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White gave a report on the Water Committee meeting held November 5, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

White reviewed that the Committee discussed the addition of a paragraph to all permits for the construction of wells, to make the permittee aware that he should contact the NRD prior to construction of his well to check on any changes in the control area rules and regulations. In order to do this, the Department of Water Resources Memorandum of Understanding needed to be amended. White made the motion (Motion 418) that a revised Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water Resources be approved as reviewed. Seconded by Regier. Question called.

Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

FLOW METER RULES AND REGULATIONS

The proposed flow meter rules and regulations were considered at the public hearing held prior to the Board meeting. Adoption of the flow meter specifications has been delayed for further consideration by the Water Committee.

GMDA CONFERENCE

Attendance to the Groundwater Management Districts Association Annual Conference, December 9-11, 1979, at Colorado Springs, Colorado, was discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

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Max A. Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG 13LUE NRD
October 18, 1979

A regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:10 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Max Ronne, Secretary	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Stan Staab, Information Department: Manager
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Ken Feather, Operations Department Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Dave Clabaugh, Water Department Assistant
Bob Ehlers, Director	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaisons D.C., Aurora.
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	John Ortmann, York News-Times, York
Melvin Kuska, Director	
Jim McLean, Director	
Norman Obermier, Director	
Lowell Peters, Director	
Leonard Schlueter, Director	ABSENT
Roy Stuhr, Director	Kenneth Regier, Director
Morris White, Director	

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this public meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published October 9, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Roy Stuhr arriving later in the meeting.

It was reported that the Public Hearing on proposed flow meter specifications, proposed changes to Rule 3-(2)(d) and Rule 4, scheduled to be held prior to the Board of Directors meeting tonight, Thursday, October 18, 1979, has been postponed until next month, due to the paper not publishing the proper requested public hearing notices. The required public notifications will be republished and the Public Hearing will be held November 15, 1979.

FORMAL HEARING - DISTRICT vs. SPRINGER

Turnbull reviewed that the District filed a complaint against Mark Springer of Milford, Nebraska, in August for constructing an irrigation well without obtaining a permit. A hearing was originally scheduled in latter September, but Springer's attorney requested a continuance for the purpose of pursuing legislation to resolve the matter. The District's Hearing Examiner, Jay Bitner, granted a thirty day continuance of the hearing. Hearing date to be October 25, 1979. At the same time Springer's attorney requested a continuance on this case, he also requested that the Board consider delaying the hearing until next spring for the purpose of allowing the State Legislature to develop legislation regarding late permits for wells, where violations were committed unknowingly or could not be helped for some reason. A recommendation was made that the District postpone the hearing I.-or Mr. Springer's irrigation well until March, 1980. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) that the Board of Directors postpone the formal hearing concerning Mark Springer's irrigation well until March, 1980. The exact date to be set by the Chairman. The purpose for the postponement being to give the State Legislature sufficient time to consider remedial legislation regarding "illegal wells" defined under the Nebraska Groundwater Management Act. Seconded by Hegeholz. Comments were made that legislation in 1980 would be after-the-fact ruling on prior violations. Other comments were stated, that legislation would be worded to include "retroactive". The Directors discussed the status of the violation and the

duties of the District regarding enforcement of the regulations. A comment was made that the law does not have a penalty or punishment to rectify violations, such as fines for speeding. Suggestions were made to resolve this case before the next irrigation season starts. The well-drillers' responsibilities were also discussed. A statement was made questioning the number of acres being irrigated without a well on it. In the case with Mr. Springer, if the Board takes no action, he still would have legally an unprotected well. Further discussion was held on future expected legislation. Stuhr amended motion #1 to make the motion (Motion #2) to change the date from March, 1980, to postpone the formal hearing indefinitely. Seconded by Ronne. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Kuska, Schneider, White, Moore
ABSENT: Regier

Further discussion was held on the development of acres for irrigation without a well on it. The Water Committee to discuss further. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Burke, Kuska
ABSENT: Regier

MINUTES

White made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the minutes of the September 20, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen, Stuhr
ABSENT: Regier

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET REPORT

Turnbull reviewed the financial statement and budget report as of September 30, 1979. Ronne made the motion (Motion #4) to approve the Financial Statement and Budget Report as of September 30, 1979, as presented and make payment of tile accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

FY 1979 AUDIT

Turnbull reviewed the Fiscal Year 1979 Audit for the District as of June 30, 1979. Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to approve and adopt the Fiscal Year 1979 Audit for the District as of June 30, 1979, as previously distributed and presented at this time. Seconded by Burke. A question was raised on certification of the audit. Kasier made a motion (motion #6) to table motion #5, in order to have a chance to review the contents of the FY 1979 Audit presented. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion to table failed.

AYE: Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
ABSTAIN: McLean
ABSENT: Regier

Question called on the original motion. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: Hansen, Obermier, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Ehlers, Kaiser
ABSENT: Regier

SCS REPORT Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora, distributed the Quarterly Progress Report for the District. He reported that Jerry Williams, D.C. at York County will be transferring to Hawaii next week. He introduced Larry Farris, new D.C. at Clay County.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz gave a report on the Programs Committee meeting held October 4, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

WILDLIFE HABITAT - NEW CONTRACTS

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #7) that the District accept the new cooperators into the Wildlife Habitat Program as reviewed, total of 135.5 acres, \$2,190.00. Seconded by Anderson. It was reviewed that an annual inspection is made of each wildlife habitat area under contract with the District. Total budget for new contracts was reviewed. Questions were raised on cooperators controlling weeds on their wildlife habitat areas. Programs Committee to further discuss this matter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

1980 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Hegeholz reviewed the recommendations for the 1980 Tree Planting Program next spring. The cost of the trees to the NRD from Clarke-McNary is \$15.45/100 trees plus \$2.50 for postage, or \$17.95/100 trees. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #8) to charge 19¢/tree, 20¢/tree planted, and 6¢/tree sprayed, or a total of \$.45/tree for the 1980 Tree Planting Program. Seconded by Obermier. Discussion was held on the costs for last year's program and the proposed costs for the coming season. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: Regier

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter gave a report on the Education Committee meeting held October 4, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

AUDIO-VISUAL EQUIPMENT

Schlueter reviewed that 208 and RCA grant funds will soon be available to us through NACD for the purpose of obtaining a Video-Tape Recorder and TV replay set for educational purposes in promoting Nebraska's 208 Plan. The Committee discussed and considered the whole concept of the 208 Program and decided to table any action until more explanation of the funding methods are examined. A representative from NARD will be asked to explain the proposal.

AREA LAND JUDGING CONTEST

The Area Land Judging Contest was held October 11, 1979, at Geneva. The NRD was coordinator for the contest with 325 FFA and 4-H students from thirteen schools in the ten county area participating.

FALL DIRECTORS' TOUR

The staff will proceed with plans to organize a Directors' tour for this fall. The tour will consist of completed projects, potential sites and other conservation points around the District. Tour scheduled for late November or early December.

CONSERVATION FARM AWARDS

Some problems have occurred with regard to locating proper events to present the farms awards in each county. The Committee suggests that Directors in each area assist in obtaining appropriate events for presentation of the Conservation Farm Awards. The Directors will be informed of the names of the winners in order to help secure events for presentation.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The District staff has attempted and was recently rejected in an effort to secure a Third Class Non-Profit Bulk mailing permit from the U.S. Postal Service to mail the District newsletter and Water Department's irrigation acreage certification information letter. The Non-Profit rate is \$.031 vs. the standard bulk permit of \$.084. The cost to print the newsletter is \$.0693 per copy. The newsletter will consist of approximately 6,500 pieces (all rural patrons plus selected associates, etc.). It will be mailed quarterly. An application fee of \$30 and a permit fee of \$40 are also required. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #9) that the District utilize the Bulk rate of \$.084 per unit to mail the newsletter and irrigated acres certification information letter. Pay the initial application fee of \$30 and the permit fee of \$40 (paid annually) to the U.S. Postal Service as required. Seconded by Hegeholz.

Discussion was held on the denial of the Third Class Non-Profit Bulk mailing permit. State governmental organizations are not eligible for non-profit mailing rates. Therefore, the standard bulk mailing permit will need to be utilized to mail our District bulk mailings. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke gave a report on the Projects Committee meeting held October 15, 1971), and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke reviewed the land treatment cost-share assistance applications for tentative approval. Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to grant tentative approval on four land treatment applications for a total of \$8,455.86 as reviewed. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke reviewed the land treatment cost-share assistance applications for final approval. Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to grant final approval on two land treatment applications for a total of \$3,012.46 as reviewed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

L.B. 450 - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke reviewed the L.B. 450 cost-share applications for Donald Bohuslausky, Butler County, a water impoundment dam, \$4,170.24, and Ediger Farms, Hamilton County, a water impoundment dam, \$5,276.59. Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to grant tentative approval on the L.B. 450 applications of Donald Bohuslausky, Butler County, and Ediger Farms, Hamilton County, for a total request of \$9,446.83 as reviewed. Seconded by White. These are both land treatment practices. A summary of the Land Treatment Budget Status was reviewed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

FINAL PAYMENT - BENSON BROTHERS DAM

Burke reviewed that the Benson Brothers Dam, Clay County, has been completed. A final payment of \$1,362.84 is to be paid to Ehlers Construction, contractor, for completion of the Benson Brothers Dam. Original bid contract was \$15,400.93. Revisions due to some contract modifications amounted to a decrease of \$84.84, includes costs incurred for an overrun of seeding and an under run of fencing. Previous payments were \$13,953.25. Total contract revised is \$15,316.09. Burke made the motion (Motion #13) that final payment of \$1,362.84 be made to Ehlers Construction for work completed on the Benson Brothers Dam, Clay County. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schleuter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

PARTIAL PAYMENT - FRIESEN WATERSHED PROJECT

Burke reviewed that a September partial payment of \$56,674.70 is due Biba Engineering, contractor on the Friesen Watershed Project, Hamilton County. Original bid contract was \$223,451.70. Revisions due to a contract modification amounted to an additional \$480.00, includes costs incurred for dike diversions. Previous payments were \$144,401.00. This project is 90% complete including this partial payment. Completion date is October 22, 1979. Total revised contract to (late is \$223,931.70. Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to grant the progress payment of \$56,674.70 to Biba Engineering for work completed on the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project, Hamilton County. Seconded by Kuska. Question called., Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, white, Moore

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ehlers
ABSENT: Regier

PARTIAL PAYMENT - BAILEY DAM

Burke reviewed that a September partial payment of \$21,787.43 is due Slepicka Brothers, contractors on the Bailey Dam, York County. Original bid contract was \$58,431.58. Revisions due to some contract modifications amounted to an additional \$1,674.50, includes costs incurred for the cutoff trench excavation requirement. No previous payments. This partial payment represents 21% of the work completed. Completion date is November 1, 1979. Total contract to date is \$60,106.08. Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to grant the progress payment of \$21,787.43 to Slepicka Brothers for work completed on the Bailey Dam, York County. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Regier

A question was raised on the contract modifications incurred at the various projects sites. The District Engineer reviews and approves all contract modifications.

Discussion was held on stream channel alterations and a change along Beaver Creek. Different permits are required for various stream and river channel alterations. The District does not have regulations to enforce involving stream channel changes. Public hearings are required to be held prior to any changes made. County zoning regulations were also discussed briefly.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Turnbull reported that the Executive Committee met just prior to the Board meeting (tonight), October 18, 1979.

DIRECTORS' PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

Turnbull reviewed the Directors' Per Diem and Expenses for the third quarter of 1979 as submitted. Per Diem - \$2,475.00 and Expenses - \$2,428.65. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #16) to approve payment of the Director's Per Diem and Expenses for July through September, 1979, as submitted. A total payment of \$4,903.65. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Stuhr
ABSENT: Regier

1979 IRRIGATION SCHEDULING PROGRAM

Turnbull reviewed a bill submitted by the Blue River Association of GWCD's for the 1979 Irrigation Scheduling Program, for a total of \$4,453.65 as per agreement. Anderson made the motion (Motion #17) to approve payment of the bill submitted by the Blue River Association of GWCD's for the 1979 Irrigation Scheduling Program, a total due of \$4,453.65 as per agreement. Seconded by White. A total of 185 cooperators were in the 1979 Program. Costs were divided half and half by the Blue River Association of GWCD's and the Upper Big Blue NRD. Total program expenses were \$16,307.30, for a cost of \$88.15 per cooperator. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ehlers
ABSENT: Regier

The 1979 Observation well Program has just began. Readings are being conducted by the Blue River Association of GWCD's office.

The publication "Groundwater Levels in Nebraska, 1978" was distributed to all the Directors for their information.

An article was read from the Omaha World-Herald concerning proposed revisions to the Groundwater Management Act. A public hearing is scheduled in Grand Island on November 13, 1979, to hear testimony on the proposed bill designed to influence ground and surface water supplies and to expand authorities for the State. Other articles involving water were distributed to the Board of Directors.

NARD REPORT

A summary of the NARD Resolutions acted upon at the NARD Conference held in North Platte, September 25, 1979, were distributed. Each Resolution shows the votes cast by the Districts as well as the Upper Big Blue NRD representative's votes.

The three Districts with Control Areas met with Mike Jess, Lee Orton and Jim Cook and discussed some of the technical problems we're all having with the Groundwater Management Act and its enforcement. Also discussed the various District's Control Area Rules and Regulations.

The Board of Directors received copies of the District's adopted Long Range Implementation Plan and the Master Plan for the Upper Big Blue NRD for their information.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
September 20, 1979

A regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska, following the Public Meeting on the proposed flow meter specifications for the District.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj. 'Dept.
Max Ronne, Secretary	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Stan Staab, Information Department Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Ken Feather, Operations Department Manager
Bob Ehlers, Director	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Jerry Williams, D.C., York
Melvin Kuska, Director	John Ortman, York News-Times, York
Norman Obermier, Director	Sandra Hannemann, CTC, Seward
Kenneth Regier, Director	Barb Stahr, CTC, Seward
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Susan Rosenau, CTC, Seward
Roy Stuhr, Director	
Morris White, Director	

ABSENT

Ray Burke, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Lowell Peters, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this public meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published September 7, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present. 14-Present. 3-Absent

MINUTES

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the August 23, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET REPORT

Turnbull reviewed the financial statement and budget report as of August 31, 1979. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Financial Statement and Budget Report as of August 31, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by White. A discussion was held on the account receivable of Northstar Distributing, California, having a debit of \$5.90 due the District for returning supplies mis-sent to us. Schlueter amended motion #2 to make the motion (Motion #3) to right off the account receivable with Northstar Distributing, California, for the amount of \$5.90. Seconded by Ronne. Staff is directed to work out the correct, procedure to close this account with our District accountant. Question called on the

amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier,
Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier,
Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora, reported that Larry Farris, D.C., Clay County, was not present to make his report at this time.

Griffin also reported that each county in the District will be holding ACP Development Group meetings in the next two weeks. The purpose of the meetings are to determine the rates of cost sharing for each practice and determine the changes in practice requirements for each county. Directors and staff are encouraged to attend to assist in developing any recommended additions, deletions or changes to the current ACP programs within each county.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kaiser gave a report on the Executive Committee meeting held September 11, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

REVISIONS TO HEARING PROCEDURES (RULE 4)

Kaiser reported that the committee reviewed the District's Formal Hearing rules and reviewed recommendations for changes in those rules. The changes were suggested in order to clear up some of the procedure involved and to clarify the responsibilities of the Board Chairman and the Hearing Examiner. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #4) that the changes to the Formal Hearing rules be adopted for the purposes of the Public Hearing and subsequent adoption by the Board. Further, that such hearing be held on October 18, 1979, prior to the Board meeting in conjunction with the hearing on the Control Area Meter Specifications. Seconded by Hansen. Turnbull reviewed the changes to the Formal Hearing rules being presented for adoption. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier,
Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

APPROVAL OF PAYMENT - SOIL SURVEY HIGH FLIGHT PHOTOS

Kaiser reviewed that recently bills have been received from the SCS for soil survey aerial photography. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #5) that payment be made to the SCS for high flight photos in Saline County for \$232.06 and for photos in Fillmore County for \$3,098.17, a total request of \$3,330.23. Seconded by Anderson. These billings are per-agreement of 1976. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier,
Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIM - J. KRAUS

Kaiser reviewed that the District has been billed \$90 by the State Division of Employment for unemployment benefits paid to James P. Kraus, a former employee, in January, 1979. Turnbull reviewed the responsibilities of the District concerning the unemployment benefits insurance and the information pertaining to Mr. Kraus's claim. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #6) to make payment of \$90 to the State of Nebraska, Division of Employment, unemployment

insurance, for unemployment benefits to James P. Kraus a former employee. Seconded by Ronne. Discussion was held on the unemployment insurance program. A question was raised on the District's experience rating with the State of Nebraska, Division of Employment. Staff directed to report. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

Kaiser reported that the Executive Committee also discussed the concerns about the lengthy Board meetings we have been having. No recommendation at this time.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz gave a report on the Programs Legislative Committee meeting held September 11, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

WILDLIFE HABITAT PAYMENTS

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #7) to approve annual payments to cooperators under the wildlife habitat program as reviewed for a total of 122.5 acres for \$1,838.75. Seconded by Ehlers. Questions were raised on inspection of some areas for hill climbers and large sunflower patches. Committee directed to look into the matters discussed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

REVIEW OF 208 PLAN AND LONG RANGE PLAN

At the September 11th Programs Committee meeting, the Committee reviewed and discussed the 208 Plan and the Long Range Plan. No action was taken. It was recommended that a meeting be held September 18, 1979, and invite all the other committees to be present to review the 208 Plan and Long Range Plan.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz gave a report on the Special Programs Committee meeting held September 18, 1979, and reviewed the committee's report on the 208 Plan and Long Range Plan.

SECTION 208 WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Hegeholz reviewed three proposals to be accepted as responsibilities for this District for the 208 Plan. 1. Ag Runoff 2. Leaching of Chemicals into the Groundwater 3. Roadside Erosion. Further, that these three proposals be accepted with the clear understanding that any necessary district funding is and will be quite restricted due to the current 7% annual budget increase lid. The District funds are currently committed to existing NRD programs without much room for addition or expansion of new programs, such as 208. Outside (state and federal grants) funding would of course allow the initiation and acceleration of this District's 208 activities. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #8) that this District accept the responsibilities for the 208 Plan as reviewed, including 1. Ag Runoff - accept responsibilities as management agency as local NRD funds permit. Expected annual NRD administrative costs \$3,000 or more. Annual Program Costs - Existing land treatment program as funds permit. 2. Leaching of Chemicals into Groundwater - accept responsibilities for enforcement as local NRD funds permit and conditions warrant, provided the public desires a groundwater quality control area to be established. Expected annual NRD administrative: Costs \$10,000. 3. Roadside Erosion - accept-responsibilities only if outside grants and funds become available for equipment purchases. Expected annual NRD costs: Administrative \$2,000 and Equipment \$5-\$10,000. Further, that these three proposals be accepted with the clear understanding that any necessary District funding

is and will be quite restricted due to the current 7% annual budget increase lid. The District funds are currently committed to existing NRD programs without much room for addition or expansion of new programs, such as 208. Outside (state and federal grants) funding would of course allow the initiation and acceleration of this District's 208 activities. Seconded by Anderson. Much discussion was held on the funding expected by the District. Comments were made to accept the responsibilities for the 208 Plan only upon outside funding. Stuhr amended motion #8 to make the motion (motion #9) to accept the responsibilities for the 208 Plan as reviewed striking the dollar amounts stated in each proposal. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Obermier, Stuhr
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

Hegeholz reviewed eight proposals to be rejected as responsibilities for this District for the 208 Plan. 1. Improper Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants 2. Stream break Erosion 3. Irrigation Return Flows 4. Construction Site Runoff 5. Urban Runoff 6. Residual Waste Disposal 7. Feedlots and 8. Septic Tanks. Hegeholz made the motion (motion #10) that this District reject the responsibilities for the 208 Plan as reviewed, including 1. Improper Operation of Wastewater Treatment Plants - not within NRD authority or need. 2. Streambank Erosion - The District does not have the ability to fund this program as proposed. 3. Irrigation Return Flow - not within NRD authority. 4. Construction Site Runoff - not within NRD needs or authority. 5. Urban Runoff - not within NRD authority. 6. Residual Waste Disposal - best coordinating agency is the Council of Governments. 7. Feedlots - the District has no current program for cost-share on feedlot problems. 8. Septic Tanks - not with NRD authority. Seconded by Ehlers. Discussion was held on the responsibilities not within the NRD's authority. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

UTICA AND DWIGHT PARKS

The Committee discussed the Village of Utica and Village of Dwight Parks. The funding and the cost-share agreements were reviewed for each park. The Board discussed the funding and cost-share agreements for the parks and recreation program for the District's parks.

LONG RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN

Turnbull reviewed that the Committee has recommended to adopt the Long Range Implementation Plan as presented. Turnbull reviewed the contents of the Long Range Plan. Section 1 - Introduction. Section 2 - Annual Report. Section 3 - District's Programs Booklet. Section 4 - Description of FY 80 Budget, in terms of the funds, by departments, man-hour requirements, current construction status, and land rights needs, and an update of the Wildlife Habitat contracts. Section 5 - Long Range Plan from fiscal year 1980 to 1985. The plan describes that the Lid Bill is a major limiting factor for future goals that have set. The plan shows projected costs of budgets and projects revenues through fiscal year 1985. The plan also includes a listing of the structures in-planning and the land rights projection through fiscal year 1985. This Plan

is required to be filed with NNRC, SOPP and Game and Parks Commission by the first of October 1979. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #11) to adopt the Long Range Implementation Plan from fiscal year 1980 to 1985 as presented. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Turnbull gave a report on the Projects Committee meeting held September 13, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

FINAL PAYMENT - RANSOM STRUCTURE

Turnbull reviewed that the Ransom Structure, Polk County, has been completed. A final payment of \$3,241.60 is to be paid to Slepicka Brothers, contractors, for completion of the Ransom Structure. original bid contract was \$22,349.80. Revisions due to contract modifications, including costs incurred for removal of a bridge and dike diversions, amounted to an additional \$2,918.75. Total contract is \$25,268.63. Hansen made the motion (Motion #12) that final payment of \$3,241.60 be made to Slepicka Brothers for work completed on the Ransom Structure, Polk County. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

PARTIAL PAYMENT - FRIESEN WATERSHED

Turnbull reviewed that an August partial payment of \$51,819.90 is due Biba Engineering, contractors on the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project, Hamilton County. original bid contract was \$223,451.70. Revisions due to contract modifications, including costs incurred for dike diversion, amounted to an additional \$480.00. This partial payment represents 60% of the work completed. Completion date, has been extending in to October. Hegeholz made the motion (motion #13) to grant the progress payment of \$51,819.90 to Biba Engineering for work completed on the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project, Hamilton County. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

PARTIAL PAYMENT - BENSON BROTHERS STRUCTURE

Turnbull reviewed that an August partial payment of \$13,953.25 is due Ehlers Construction, contractors on the Benson Brothers Structure, Clay County. The original bid contract is \$15,400.93. This partial payment represents 90% of the work completed. Fencing and seeding remain to be done on this structure. Ronne made the motion (Motion #14) to grant the progress payment of \$13,953.25 to Ehlers Construction for work completed on the Benson Brothers Structure, Clay County. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

CENTRAL BUTLER - RESOLUTION CONCERNING LOAN

Turnbull reviewed that the District has been notified that the City of David City has made other arrangements for funding the storm sewer phase of the Central Butler Water Management Project. The loan for the storm sewers is no longer necessary. The Resources Development Fund grant includes 75% of all the project costs except the storm sewer phase. That portion calls for a grant and loan combination. Clarification from each of the sponsors concerning the funding arrangements was requested and due to the Commission by September 13th

Notification was made to the Commission September 10th that the Upper Big Blue NRD does not intend to utilize the loan portion of the NRD Funding for the Central Butler Water Management Project. White made the motion (Motion #15) that the Board support the statement made to the Commission, on September 10th, that since other arrangements have been made for funding the storm sewer phase of the Central Butler Project, that the District does not intend to utilize the loan portion of the NRD Funding for the Project. Seconded by Anderson. The City of David City is dissolving the NRD's and the Commission of any relationship to loan on the storm sewer phase of the project. The Central Butler Project is to be discussed at the Commission's October meeting. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #16) that General Manager, John Turnbull, represent the District on the special committee of the four sponsors for the Central Butler Water Management Project. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Turnbull reviewed the land treatment cost-share assistance applications fox, tentative approval. Ronne made the motion (Motion #17) to grant tentative approval on four land treatment applications for a total of \$5,012.17 as reviewed. Seconded. by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Turnbull reviewed the land treatment cost-share assistance applications for final approval. Anderson made the motion (Motion #18) to grant final approval on five land treatment applications for a total of \$6,093.68 as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

L.B. 450 - TENTATIVE APPROVAL

Turnbull reviewed a L.B. 450 cost-share application for Jake Schaldecer, Fillmore County, for cut fill terraces, a waterway and an erosion control dam. Total request for L.B. 450 funds are \$6,388.17. Kuska made the motion (motion #19) to grant tentative approval to the L.B. 450 Application of Jake Schaldecer, Fillmore County. Seconded by Kaiser. Discussion was held on the cost-share application and the land treatment being applied. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

LEE CAIN COST-SHARE REQUEST

Turnbull reviewed that Lee Cain, Seward County, attended the Projects Committee meeting and discussed that he would like to construct a re-use pit

and two detention dams on his 40 acre tract of land where previous terraces existed. The Committee discussed the conservation practices, there eligibility and costs. The Committee recommends that a land treatment cost-share application be developed suitable to the needs based on SCS and NRD criteria. This cost-share request is an exception to standard policy. Ehlers made the motion (Motion #20) that a land treatment application be developed for Lee Cain of Seward County, suitable to his needs based on SCS and NRD criteria, and that this cost-share application would be an exception to the standard policy. Seconded by Stuhr. The Board discussed the conservation practice and plan recommended for Lee Cain. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White gave a report on the Water Committee meeting held September 13, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

RATH-HULTINE AGREEMENT

White reported that the Rath-Hultine Agreement to utilize irrigation runoff which was tabled in July and sent to the Clay County GWCD had been approved by the GWCD. The Committee took action to approve the Rath-Hultine Agreement subject to approval by the County to allow the use of the road ditch to run the water from one farm to the other. No Board action required.

FLOW METER SPECIFICATIONS

White reported that a Public Meeting was held just prior to this September Board Meeting on the proposed flow meter specifications for the Upper Big Blue NRD. The Board reviewed changes and additions to the specifications at that public meeting. White made a motion (Motion #21) to accept and adopt the flow meter specifications as reviewed as corrected. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

CERTIFICATION FORM

White reported that the Committee reviewed the second draft of the form to be used for certifying irrigated acres and recommended a few minor changes which the staff will incorporate. The certification will begin after the fall harvest season.

SUGGESTED CHANGES IN THE NEBRASKA GROUNDWATER STATUTES

White reported that the Committee reviewed the suggested changes to the Nebraska Groundwater Statutes and concurred with all of the suggestions. The Committee discussed the alternatives under No. 4 of the suggestions and preferred Alternate No. 1 over No. 2. White made the motion (Motion #22) that the Board authorize the staff to coordinate effort; with the other NRD's having Control Areas, the Department of Water Resources and the NARD to pursue legislation which would make the reviewed suggested changes in to the law. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

WEATHER MODIFICATION DATA

White reported that staff has received several booklets and reports concerning various weather modification projects. The Directors are encouraged to read and review this material.

PERCHED WATER TABLE AREA

White reported that staff has been contacted by Leslie Stevenson of Fairmont concerning problems he and his neighbors are having with the perched water table in the area in Fillmore County. The Committee has directed staff to look into the matter and determine the extent of the problem area.

Brief discussions were held on the Rath-Hultine irrigation runoff agreement, the process to be used in certifying irrigated acres, and the perched water table area in Fillmore County.

FALL TOUR

Staff asked the Board if they would be interested in having a fall tour of the District, visiting the recently constructed structures. Interest was shown of having a tour, but preferably after harvest.

APPOINT HEARING EXAMINER

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #23) to appoint R. Jay Bitner as Hearing Examiner for the Public Hearing to be conducted Wednesday, September 26, 1979, to determine if an irrigation well owned by Mark Springer of Milford, Nebraska, is in violation of permit requirements of the Nebraska Groundwater Management Act. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier,
Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, McLean, Peters

Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

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Max A. Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
August 23, 1979

A regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:42 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska, following the FY 1980 Budget Hearing.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Eng., Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Max Ronne, Secretary	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Stan Staab, Public Information Dept. Mgr.
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Ken Feather, Operations Dept. Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Dave Clabaugh, Water Dept. Assistant
Bob Ehlers, Director	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Jerry Williams, York Co. D.C., York
Jim McLean, Director	Jim Miller, Butler Co. SCS, David City
Norman Obermier, Director	Jim Emmerich, Butler Co. SCS, David City
Lowell Peters, Director	John Ortmann, York News-Times. York
Kenneth Regier, Director	Clark Moore, Arroyo Grande, California
Leonard Schlueter, Director	
Roy Stuhr, Director	<u>ABSENT</u>
Morris White, Director	Melvin Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this public meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published August 14, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. members present. Roll call was taken of the 16-Present. 1-Absent.

MINUTES

White made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the July 19, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

White made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the August 9, 1979, special Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the financial statement and accounts payable as of July 31, 1979. Ehlers made the motion (motion #3) to approve the Financial Statement as of July 31, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Burke. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider gave a report on the Budget Committee meeting held August 13, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

FY 1980 BUDGET

Schneider reported that the Budget Committee reviewed the FY 1980 consolidated budget for the General Fund, Sinking Fund, Restricted Fund and Control Area Fund. He also reported that a Public Hearing was held prior to the Board meeting to review the proposed budget for FY 1980. Schneider made a motion (Motion #4) that the FY 1980 Budget of the General Fund, Sinking Fund, Restricted Fund and Control Area Fund be adopted as presented. Further, that \$355,552.05 be transferred from the Sinking Fund to the General Fund. Seconded by Anderson. Burke amended motion #4 to make the motion (Motion #5) that \$37,000 be transferred from Line Item 19, Account 441, Project Construction Costs, to Line Item 38, Account 470, Land Treatment. Also, that construction costs of the Dorchester Channel and the Vrbka Dam be delayed until FY 1981. Seconded by McLean. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Questions were raised concerning the budgeted amount for Directors' Per Diem not being a sufficient amount. Ehlers amended motion #4 to make the motion (Motion #6) that under the Control Area Budget that \$2,700 be transferred from Line Item 41, Necessary Cash Reserve, to Line Item 3, Account 409, Directors' Per Diem. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called on the second amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Kuska

Question called on the original motion #4. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Schneider made the motion (Motion #7) to list as deferred expenditures in the FY 1980 Sinking Fund: Davis Creek, \$34,065.22; School Creek Dam #3, \$124,341.09; and the Central Butler, \$63,575.00. Further, that all other deferred expenditures in FY 1979 Budget be deleted. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Schneider reported that as of 4:00 p.m. today, August 23, 1979, final valuations were still not available from Adams, Fillmore and Polk Counties. Such final valuations are necessary from all counties in order to compute the necessary FY 1980 mill levies. Schneider made the motion (Motion #8) that the Secretary of the Board set the FY 1980 mill levies based on final valuations

upon receipt of all final valuations from the counties within this District. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ronne
ABSENT: Kuska

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kaiser gave a report on the Executive Committee meeting held August 9, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE

Kaiser reported that the committee reviewed two quotes for errors and omissions insurance. Kaiser made the motion (motion #9) to accept the Errors and Omission Insurance policy quote from International Surplus Lines as stated for an annual premium of \$1,632. Seconded by Schneider. The insurance policy is for \$1,000,000, \$5,000 Deductible and An annual premium of \$1,632. Previous coverage and the other quote was from Forum Insurance; a \$1,000,000 policy, \$1,000 Deductible and an annual premium of \$2,781.

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

NARD ANNUAL MINI-CONFERENCE

The NARD Annual Mini-Conference is going to be held-September 24-25, 1979, at North Platte. Kaiser reported that the District must designate a voting delegate and alternate to cast the five votes for our District at the business sessions of the Association's conference at North Platte. Kaiser made a motion (Motion #10) that Larry Moore be elected as voting delegate to the NARD Annual Mini-Conference September 24th-25th. Seconded by Burke. Question called. motion carried.

AYE; Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Kuska

Schneider made the motion (Motion #11) that Morris White be elected as alternate to cast the five votes for our District at the business sessions of the Association's annual conference September 24th-25th. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Kuska

MOTION FOR REHEARING - DOVENBARGER, LYTTLE VS. LEIF

Kaiser reported that a motion for rehearing has been filed by Frank Taylor, attorney, for a rehearing in the Dovenbarger, Lytle vs. Leif well spacing case. The Committee recommends that the motion be denied and the order to deny the Motion for Rehearing be adopted. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #12) that the Motion for Rehearing filed by Frank Taylor, attorney, for a rehearing in the Dovenbarger, Lytle vs. Leif well spacing case be denied, and that the Board adopt the Order denying the Motion for Rehearing considered by this

Board August 23, 1979. Seconded by Ehlers. Turnbull reported to the Board some of the reasons stated by Frank Taylor requesting I the Board to make a motion for rehearing in this well spacing case. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean,
Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Obermier
ABSENT: Kuska

COMMITTEE RESPONSIBILITIES

Kaiser reported that the Executive Committee reviewed the responsibilities of the Board Committees. The committee recommended some reassignments to the existing committees and suggested new committee responsibilities in order to coordinate with each staff department manager. The main adjustments affected the Programs & Legislative Committee and the Personnel & Equipment Committee. Figure #1 and Figure #2 of the committees' responsibilities were reviewed and discussed thoroughly by the Board. Kaiser made a motion (Motion 413) to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to reassign the committees' responsibilities as reviewed and stated in Figure #2, with Directors the provision to trade if so desire. Seconded by McLean. Question called. motion failed.

AYE: Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Schlueter, Schneider, White,
Moore
NAY: Ehlers, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Burke, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne
ABSENT: Kuska

OSCEOLA FIELD OFFICE - SCS LEASE AGREEMENT

Kaiser reported that the Osceola Field Office-SCS Lease Agreement is up for renewal October 1st. It was recommended by the Committee that the Board authorize the District to enter into a lease from October 1, 1979, through September 30, 1984, with the Soil Conservation Service at a rate of \$70 per month (\$840 per year). This lease renewal is for a four year period and is the same as the previous four year period. Suggestions were made to raise the rent by 7% and also to include an escalation clause in the lease agreement. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #14) to enter into a lease agreement with tile SCS for the Osceola Field Office with a raise in rent to \$75 per month. Motion seconded by Burke. Stuhr amended motion #14 to make the motion (motion #15) that the lease agreement also include a yearly negotiable escalation clause. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier,
Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: McLean
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Kuska

Questions were raised on the condition of the field office building. A suggestion was made that with increasing the rent, justification of improvements or reasons should be stated in the lease. Questions were also raised on the procedure of including an escalation clause to the lease agreement with the SCS. Questions were asked of the possible future maintenance, upkeep or remodeling to expect to this office. Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne,
Schlueter, Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Burke, McLean, Schneider, Moore
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, White
ABSENT: Kuska

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., reported that a GAO team, General Auditing

Organization of the Federal Government, visited his Aurora office Wednesday, August 22nd, to discuss the RCA Program. They had questions concerning the results of the District's previous public meeting of requesting public response to conservation problems and issues.

Jerry Williams, York County D.C., gave a presentation and briefly discussed some ideas and desires he has formulated and wishes to carry out at the York County SCS Office. His three main concerns deal with soil conservation, water conservation and environmental aspects.

Jim Emmerich and Jim Miller, Soil Scientists, presented to the Board an advanced soil survey report of Butler County. Final publication is expected in fall. of 1980.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter gave a report on the Education Committee meeting held August 14, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

NEBRASKA WILDLIFE CONSERVATION AWARD

Dwight Jaeger, Harvard, has been nominated wildlife conservationist of the year. Mr. Jaeger has been an enthusiastic cooperater in the habitat program for several years and originated the idea of border plantings.

NRD-EXTENSION OUTDOOR EDUCATION WORKSHOP

A joint NRD-Extension Service outdoor workshop was planned at the Rotary Camp near McCool Junction August 20-21, 1979. Area teachers were to be instructed by State and County Extension staff, as well as NRD staff, in various educational outdoor activities. The workshop was cancelled due to lack of very few participants.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

The staff presented to the committee several alternatives of promoting the District through the media. The committee unanimously supported the concept of a District newsletter. It was recommended that the District publish a newsletter bi-monthly or quarterly contracting York Printing Company for the actual work. Estimated cost quote is \$415.85 per issue (6.93 cents-per copy) plus \$180 (.030 per copy non-profit) for mailing. 6,000 copies will be sent out initially and a mailing list will be accumulated. It was further recommended that the first issue of the newsletter be sent out by October 1, 1979. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #16) that the District publish a newsletter bi-monthly or quarterly contracting York Printing Company to do the printing. Estimated cost quote is \$415.85 per issue at an initial mailing of 6,000 copies, plus \$180 for the actual, mailing. Further, that the first issue of the newsletter be sent out by October 1, 1979. Seconded by Ronne. Discussion was held on the mailing of the newsletter. The initial 6,000 copies will be mailed to rural box holders and subsequently to others by request. Discussion was held on whether to publish the newsletter bi-monthly or quarterly. The committee felt that the minimum mailing would be quarterly and other mailings prompted by special issues or more activities in the future. Kaiser amended motion #16 to the make the motion (motion #17) that the District publish the newsletter quarterly. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NAY: Anderson, Burke, McLean, Schneider, Moore

ABSENT: Kuska

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, Schneider, White, Moore

ABSENT: Kuska

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

The Committee discussed terminating the NRD annual awards banquet. It was felt that in this era of "financial belt tightening", that the awards banquet could be eliminated. It was suggested that the award photos might be given out to the winner at local social affairs. The winner would receive his recognition in his own area among his friends and neighbors. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #18) the NRD annual awards banquet be eliminated and various other social affairs and dinners be utilized to distribute the award farm photographs. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

LAND JUDGING CONTEST

The District has been asked to help sponsor a portion of the state-wide land judging contest, a minimal expense to the NRD, which will be held in Fillmore County, October 11, 1979. Extension and SCS personnel will also be involved.

RESOURCES CONSERVATION ACT (RCA)

All Districts in the State will be called upon to assist in public review of the final RCA plan. A brief portion of the October Board meeting will be devoted to appraisal of the RCA draft.

WEATHER MODIFICATION

Further research by the staff and local news media revealed many people were not aware of the weather modification process. Copies of a recent news article and transcript were examined by the Committee. It was felt that the NRD should keep an open mind on this project.

RECREATION IN THE DISTRICT

The Committee discussed that the District should go on record to support the development of recreation in this NRD. It is felt that there is a lack of land and water area for recreational purposes. Less than 20 acres of public owned land are open for public access in our District, and this can and should be increased.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke gave a report on the Projects Committee meeting held August 22, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke reviewed the land treatment cost-share assistance applications for tentative approval. Burke made the motion (Motion #19) to grant tentative approval on seven land treatment applications for a total of \$8,778.38 as reviewed. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke reviewed the land treatment cost-share assistance applications for final approval. Burke made the motion (Motion #20) to grant final approval on three land treatment applications for a total of \$5,933.41 as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson., Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

WATER CONSERVATION FUND (L.B. 450) - FINAL APPROVAL

Burke made the motion (Motion #21) to grant final approval for payment to Mary Lou Sowers and Ralph Wilson, Clay County, under the L.B. 450 Program, payment for construction of a water impoundment dam, application to be submitted to the Natural Resources Commission. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

WATER CONSERVATION FUND (L.B. 450) - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke reported that the committee recommends that the Board tentatively approve the land treatment applications for Raymond Vanis, Butler County, and Jennie Sundberg, Polk County, for L.B. 450 funding. Burke made a motion (Motion #22) to grant tentative approval on two land treatment applications of Raymond Vanis, Butler County, and Jennie Sundberg, Polk County, as reviewed for L.B. 450 funds subject to funding availability at the Natural Resources Commission. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

SCHOOL CREEK SITE #3 - ENGINEERING SERVICES

Burke made the motion (motion #23) to grant payment to Henningson, Durham and Richardson for engineering services for School Creek Site #3 in the amount of \$474.23 as per their invoice #32419. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #24) to grant payment to Henningson, Durham and Richardson for engineering services for School Creek Site #3 in the amount of \$4,581.50 for authorized expenditures as per their invoice #102. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

RANSOM DAM - PARTIAL PAYMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #25) to grant partial payment of \$22,027.03 to Slepicka Brothers for work completed in July on the Ransom Dam, Polk County. Seconded by Obermier. Work completed in July was 90% of the total project. The fencing and seeding have been completed during August for September payment. Seeding was conducted by a hydro-seeder. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

FRIESEN WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PARTIAL PAYMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #26) to grant partial payment of \$74,459.10 to Biba Engineering for work completed in July on the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project, Hamilton County. Seconded by Peters. Work completed in

July was 41% of the total project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr,
White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

BAILEY DAM - ENGINEERING SERVICES

Burke made the motion (motion #27) to grant payment to Hoskins, Western and Sonderegger in the amount of \$12,153.80 for design engineering services on the Bailey Dam, York County, in accordance with our Agreement. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, McLean, Obermier,
Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Moore

ABSENT: Kuska

BAILEY DAM - BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION

Burke reported that bids for construction of the Bailey Dam, York County, 'were opened on August 20, 1979. He reviewed the bid totals as submitted. Burke made the motion (Motion #28) to award contract for construction of the Bailey Dam, York County, to Slepicka Brothers on the basis of their low bid of \$58,431.58. Seconded by Anderson. It was stated that Roger Bailey has agreed to pay 25% of the costs for construction of the project, a contract has been signed to that effect. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr,
White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made a motion (Motion #29) to convene the meeting into Executive Session to discuss crop damage agreements for leaseholders involved in the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Seconded by McLean. Burke withdrew his motion to enter into executive session, and discuss this as the last agenda item this evening. Second concurred.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White reported on the Water Committee meeting held on August 16, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

DWIGHT RECORDER WELL

White reviewed that at the February 15, 1979, Board meeting the Board approved to participate 5050 with Lower Platte South NRD for the replacement of the Dwight recorder well. Estimated cost of the well was \$4,000. The well has, been completed and is located in the N1/4 of Section 17, T13N, R4E, in Butler County in the Lower Platte South NRD within a mile of our District boundary. The Lower Platte South NRD has paid White McGowan for the drilling at a total cost of \$3,750 and has submitted a request to us for our share of \$1,875. White made a motion (Motion #30) to approve payment of \$1,875 to the Lower Platte South NRD as payment of the District's-hare of construction of the Dwight Recorder Well. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters,
Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hegeholz

ABSENT: Kuska

FLOW METER SPECIFICATIONS

White reported that the Committee reviewed the proposed flow meter specifications as they were amended by Committee in July and recommends a few

additional amendments. The Committee recommends that the District hold a public hearing prior to the September Board meeting on the proposed meter specifications and that they be considered for adoption and submission to the Department of Water Resources at the September Board meeting. White made a motion (Motion #31) that the District hold a public hearing prior to the September Board of Directors Meeting on the proposed meter specifications and that they be considered for adoption and submission to the Department of Water Resources at the September Board Meeting. Seconded by Kaiser.

DeBuhr reviewed some of the committee's changes and explained the revisions recommended to the meter specifications. He reviewed the technical specifications that shall be used for selection of flow meters. All manufacturers of flow meters selling meters in this area can meet the specifications as desired by the District. DeBuhr reported that when the Groundwater Control Area rules and regulations were adopted by the District and approved by the Department of Water Resources, there is a statutory requirement that all those rules and regulations be published in the newspaper, inadvertently this portion of the regulations was not published and therefore they are not officially adopted and not legally enforced. They now have to be readopted by the District, resubmitted to the Department of Water Resources for approval, and then published in the newspaper. This review can take place at a public hearing which could be scheduled just prior to the September's Board Meeting and adoption of the meter specifications can be approved during the regular business session. DeBuhr reviewed the requirements of the District under the meter specifications. Discussion was held on the District's requirement No. 2---The District shall assume responsibility for repair, service and testing necessary for proper operation and maintenance of meters, all at the expense of the Customer by providing repair and necessary maintenance. Suggestions were made to furnish the customers with a list of approved meter repairmen within the District. Discussion was also held on the District's requirement No. 3--The District shall provide standby meters for temporary replacement during repair of inoperative meters and shall replace all inoperative meters within a reasonable period. Discussion was continued on the District's requirement No. 2, referring back to the original requirement including provide repair and necessary maintenance through contractual arrangements with a certified repair facility or on an independent basis. Ehlers amended motion #31 to make the motion (Motion #32) to delete No. 2 and No. 3 under the District's requirements for the meter specifications. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr
NAY: Burke, Kaiser, Schneider, White, Moore
ABSTAIN: McLean, Obermier
ABSENT: Kuska

Ehlers amended motion #31 to make the motion (Motion #33) to furnish to Customers a list of approved meter repairmen within the District, for the irrigator to obtain proper service, repairs and maintenance on his flow meters. Question called on the second amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: Moore
ABSTAIN: McLean, Obermier
ABSENT: Kuska

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: Moore
ABSENT: Kuska

The Committee reviewed a draft form for certifying irrigated acreage and wells and suggested that some changes be made. DeBuhr will work on changing the form to incorporate those suggestions.

REPORT ON MEETING WITH DWR AND OTHER NRD'S WITH CONTROL AREAS

White reported that a meeting was held August 14, 1979, with the Department of Water Resources and the other NRD's with Control Areas. The meeting was for the purpose of discussing problems each NRD is having with illegal wells and to discuss what alternatives might be available to solve these problems. Other discussion was held involving wells constructed without permits and changing the requirements for replacement wells. All in all the meeting was very worthwhile. The same group intends to meet at the Mini-Conference in North Platte in September to bring together their ideas for legislation and submit it for NARD action in November. DeBuhr reviewed that he could find no provisions in the law or NRD regulations that indicate that discrepancies in location and gallons per minute make a well illegal. Further review will be made.

WELLS DRILLED WITHOUT PERMITS

White reviewed that a well was drilled between November 14th and December 4th 1978, by Henderson Irrigation Company for Lee Jost of Henderson. Mr. Jost failed to obtain permit prior to construction of the well. He also reviewed that a well was drilled between December 21st and December 29th, 1978, by Volzke Corporation for Mark Springer of Milford. Mr. Springer failed to obtain a permit prior to construction of the well. The Committee recommends that the NRD file a formal complaint against Mr. Jost and Mr. Springer for constructing a well without a permit. White made a motion (Motion #34) that the District file a formal complaint alleging Lee Jost of Henderson has constructed and/or is withdrawing water from an illegal well in the SW1/4 of Section 9, T10N, R4W, in York County. Also, that the District file a formal complaint alleging Mark Springer of Milford has constructed and/or is withdrawing water from an illegal well in the SE1/4 of Section 35, T9N, R3W, in Seward County. Seconded by Schneider. Discussion was held on the circumstances involved in each case being reported. Questions were raised on the responsibilities of the well driller. Clarification was made that filing this formal complaint is not making a final determination on each case, but only authorizing the staff to investigate the facts and the problems involved at each site. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Regier, Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska

IRRIGATION RUNOFF

White reported that the District's Runoff Inspector in Polk and Butler Counties has been contacting individuals with runoff violations and has thus far received good cooperation in solving these problems.

AMENDMENT TO RULE 3-(2)(d)

The Committee reviewed recommended changes to Rule 3-(2)(d) to the District's Rules and Regulations. The rule does not provide the complainant the opportunity to request a formal hearing before the Board. White made a motion (Motion #35) that the District hold a public hearing prior to the September Board Meeting to change Rule 3-(2)(d) to allow procedure for a complainant to request a formal adjudicatory hearing and consider said change for adopting at the September Board Meeting. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ehlers, McLean, Schlueter, Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska

WEATHER MODIFICATION

White reported that a report was received at the office from the Weather Modification Advisory Board of the U.S. Department of Commerce and is attempting to get more information from other sources about weather modification. The Committee reviewed comments from an individual John Ortmann, York News-Times, and Stan Staab interviewed about weather modification.

WEATHER RECORDING STATIONS

The Committee discussed the possibility of setting up weather recording stations in the District to collect crop water use data to be used by irrigators. The Committee felt that the Extension Service was providing this type of data in many areas and we should look into cooperating with them in this type of program.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz gave a report on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held August 14, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT PROGRAM COST SHARE POLICY

Hegeholz reported that the committee reviewed the Land Treatment Program. Considering the previous cost-sharing information and the status of current budget limitations, it is recommended that the District's Land Treatment Program be modified to provide for a maximum cumulative cost-share per producer per year of \$2,000. Further, that this modification become effective upon approval by motion of the Board. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #36) that the District's Land Treatment Program-Cost share policy be modified to provide for a maximum cumulative cost-share per producer per year of \$2,000, effective upon approval. Seconded by Anderson. much discussion was held on the limiting the cooperator to a cost-share limit of \$2,000 for land treatment practices. The \$2,000 limit was arrived at by averaging past approved practices. Suggestions were made to make this limit to apply to \$2,000 per practice per cooperator per year. Suggestions were made to coordinate with the ACP cost-share program. Comments were made that some larger structures which are more expensive would be lost because of the limit. A suggestion was made to increase the limit to \$4,000. A comment was made that establishing a limit is a little premature at this time. White amended motion #36 to make the motion (Motion #37) to increase the maximum to \$3,500 per cooperator per year. Seconded by Hansen. Question called on the amendment. Amendment failed.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: Burke, Ehlers, McLean, Obermier, Regier, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Moore

ABSENT: Kuska

Question called on the original motion. Motion failed.

AYE: Ehlers, Hansen, Obermier, Regier, Stuhr

NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore

ABSTAIN: Ronne

ABSENT: Kuska

TREES ON WILDLIFE HABITAT LANDS

Hegeholz made a motion (Motion #38) to approve payment to the cooperators that had trees planted on their wildlife habitat areas as reviewed for a total of 12,704 trees for \$2,717.97. Seconded by Obermier. The payment will be refunded entirely (100%) by the Game and Parks Commission. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Schneider

ABSENT: Kuska

WILDLIFE HABITAT PAYMENTS

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #39) to approve annual payments to cooperators under the wildlife habitat program as reviewed for a total of 300.4 acres for \$4,071.00. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Kuska

SEWARD PARK PHASE I

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #40) to approve payment to the City of Seward for the Seward Park Phase I in the amount of \$5,056.75 as per agreement. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Kuska

GOVERNOR THONE'S TREE PROGRAM

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #41) that the District go on record as supporting and commending Governor Thone's effort to preserve and encourage the planting of trees. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

MCCOOL JUNCTION PARK

Hegeholz reviewed that according to the agreement with the Village of McCool Jct., we agreed to cost-share a sum of \$5,937.50, on April 20, 1977. one interim payment of \$2,968.75, which was not to exceed 50% of the above total was made in August of 1977. A final billing for the remaining 50% is due. The project is completed to Engineer's Specifications. Hegeholz made a motion (Motion #42) to approve payment of the remaining 50% as agreed for the McCool Junction park in the amount of \$2,968.75. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

PARKS AND RECREATION PROGRAM

Hegeholz reported that the committee reviewed the Parks and Recreation Program cost-share policy. The committee reviewed various changes to the current program for parks and recreational areas within the District. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #43) that the change current cost-share policy on parks and recreational programs. That the District cost-share with cities and towns located within the District boundaries, when the Land and Water Conservation Fund, the State Game and Parks Commission and the cities or towns share in the funding on a 50% Land and Water Conservation, 25% State Game and Parks and 25% cities or towns basis. That the District cost-share on a basis of 25% of the cities or towns 25%, not to exceed \$25,000 per city or town on a one time, one payment basis. Further, that an application for funding be submitted to the District at the same time the application for funding is submitted to the State Game and Parks Commission and the Land and Water Conservation Fund. That final payment be made to the city or town by the District after final payment is made by the Land and Water Conservation Fund and the State Game and Parks

Commission. In addition, that the District adopt the policy of not paying for previous work done or previous land purchases that have taken place for these recreational areas. The policy should be to just become involved in the additional earthwork, facilities and land to be added at the time the request is made to the District. Also, that the District administer payment on these projects as they were previously handled as recommended by the Game and Parks Commission. Seconded by Obermier. Questions were raised on the one time, one payment basis for this cost-share policy, and also that the amount not exceed \$25,000 per city or town. Basically, the District will only cost-share on parks and recreational areas when the request meets the criteria of the Game and Parks Commission. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Burke, Hansen, Regier, Ronne

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #44) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 12:40 a.m. to discuss crop damage agreements for leaseholders involved in the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Burke made the motion (Motion #45) to reconvene the meeting into Regular Session at 12:55 a.m. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Burke made the motion (Motion #46) to approve the Agreements for Crop Damage and Construction with Lloyd H. Schroeder, Hastings, and Glen R. Berg, Hastings, as reviewed and offer these agreements as new leases for the year 1980. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schleuter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
August 9, 1979

A Special Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj Dept Mgr
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Ken Feather, Operations Department Manager
Max Ronne, Secretary	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora
Bruce Anderson, Director	Jerry Williams, D.C., York
Bob Ehlers, Director	John Ortmann, York News-Times
Wayne Hansen, Director	
Norman Obermier, Director	
Lowell Peters, Director	
Roy Stuhr, Director	
Morris White, Director	

ABSENT

Gerald Hegeholz, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Kenneth Regier, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this special meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published July 31, 1979, in the York News Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present with Ronne and Stuhr arriving later in the meeting.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke gave a report on the Special Projects Committee meeting held July 26, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke reviewed the land treatment application for Rex-Weber Sons for a sediment retention, erosion water control structure. ACP expected cost-share is \$1,876.00. Burke made the motion (motion #1) to grant tentative approval for the land treatment application for Rex Weber, York County, for a water control dam, for \$1,705.40. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters,
Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholtz, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

Burke reviewed the land treatment application for Floyd Tonnages for a water impoundment structure. ACP cost-share is \$3,500.00. Burke made the motion (Motion #2) to grant tentative approval for the land treatment application for Floyd Tonnages York County, for a water impoundment dam, for \$2,113.70. Motion seconded by Peters. Burke explained the tardiness of the application and a short discussion was held on the late processing of this cost-share request. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters,
Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholtz, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., reported that Bob Foster has been appointed as the Area Conservationist at the Grand Island Area V office replacing retiring Jim Foster. Bob Foster starting at the Area V Office August 27th.

Griffin also reported that the table top display board provided by the SCS is available for use by the NRD for educational presentations.

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke reported that the Committee reviewed the status of the land rights acquisitions and the monies necessary to make the required deposits in full with the Adams County Court. These required deposits must be made to the Adams County Court by August 17, 1979, or the District will lose the land rights involved in the Hastings NW Project for a two year period. The Committee recommends that the District acquire the necessary land rights and construct the Hastings NW Flood Control Project as soon as possible as per the administrative agreement dated June 28, 1977, and the amendment dated February 28, 1978, between the City of Hastings, Adams County, the Little Blue NRD and the Upper Big Blue NRD. Also, that the deposit of funds with the Adams County Court makes the final and irreversible commitment to hold the land rights and to construct the flood retarding structure. Burke made the motion (motion #3) that the District acquire the necessary land rights and construct the Hastings NW Flood Control Project as soon as possible. That the deposit of funds will be contingent upon the receipt of remuneration from the cooperating agencies. Further, that the deposit of funds with the Adams County Court makes the final and irreversible commitment to hold the land rights. Seconded by Anderson. The cooperating agencies have designated the Upper Big Blue NRD to be the lead agency to commit the land rights for the Hastings NW Project in order to construct the dam as soon as possible. The agencies have reported that they will submit their agreed monies to make the required deposits with the Adams County Court when requested for acquisition of land rights for the Hastings NW Project. NNRC has approved funding of the Hastings NW Project through L.B. 71 funds for the two title acquisitions in the amount of \$469,930, and approved funding one-half of the easement of the Marie Grothen property in the amount of \$45,923. NNRC reported that the L.B. 71 funds will not be available for about thirty days due to documenting easements, obtaining title opinions on the lands and processing the Payment Document. Interim financing is needed in order to make the required deposit in full with the Adams County Court within sixty days after the date of the Award (August 17th). Construction is recommended to be delayed until next spring due to the lateness of the this construction season and being reluctant to have the structure layover the winter. One of the land rights acquisitions has been appealed to the District Court. Suggestions were made to let the bid contract for the Hastings NW Dam this fall for spring, 1980, construction. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters,
Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholtz, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter

Burke further reviewed that the Committee recommends that the staff be authorized to collect the necessary land rights monies from the sponsors and L.B. 71 funds from the NNRC, and make the required deposits in full with the Adams County Court to acquire the land rights for the Hastings NW Flood Control Project as follows-- property T8N RIOW, Adams County) Title Acquisition: Bashian, 160 acres, NE1/4 34, \$328,000; First Baptist Church, 74.7 acres, N1/2/S1/2 34, \$141,930. Easements: Starr Seed Farms, 4.4 acres, SE1/4 27, \$32,450; Neil Grothen, 3.4 acres, SW1/4 35, \$7,900; and Marie Grothen, 14.4 acres, NA 34, \$91,845; a total deposit of \$602,125. Further, that final payment be authorized for the easement on the NA of Section 35 to Grace Children's Home, Clyta B. Daugherty, Beulah Potter and Iris Nunley in the amount of \$3,088.76.

Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to authorize the District staff to collect the Land Rights monies from the sponsors and L.B. 71 funds from the NNRC, and make the required deposits in full with the Adams County Court to acquire the land rights for the Hastings NW Flood Control Project as reviewed. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholtz, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter

Turnbull reviewed a construction and crop damage agreement made with Glen Daugherty operator of the Grace Children's Home property, NW1/4 Section 34-8-10, Adams County. 0.9 acres are involved in this area. \$200 has been agreed to be paid for damages during construction of the Hastings NW Dam. Also, that 150 bushels per acre at the market price be paid for the loss of any crop destroyed due to construction of this dam. This agreement is to be used as a qualifying land right for one of the title acquisitions for L.B. 71 funds. A total request for damages of approximately \$550\$600. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #5) that the construction and crop damage agreement with Glen Daugherty, operator of the Grace Children's Home property, NW1/4 Section 34-8-10, be approved as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholtz, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter

Turnbull reported that the two land titles for the Hastings NW Project will be held by the Upper Big Blue NRD. The two land titles will be funded entirely by the State. The District is required to resell the two land titles within a ten year period. The land sale proceeds will be paid back to the L.B. 71 fund. NNRC has requested that the District rent the land acquired on a cash basis on an annual lease. Any costs of operating the land itself, such as conservation measures or fencing, those expenses will be paid by the rental fee and the balance returned to the Commission annually. The District is in charge of negotiating the lease with the tenant.

Turnbull also reported that the two current renters involved on the two land title acquisitions were not included in the Adams County Court Award. The District will negotiate agreements with the two renters, and they will be used as two land rights that are needed for the Marie Grothen's easement for L.B. '71 funds.

Turnbull reviewed that due to the State funds of \$469,930 for title acquisition will not be available for about thirty days and the Court deposit date is August 17th, interim financing is needed until receipt of the L.B. 71 funds. In order to qualify for interim financing, the Bank has requested that the District adopt a Resolution stating the need for such financing and that the State submit a letter stating that the Upper Big Blue NRD is authorized to draw the L.B. 71 funds when they become available. Turnbull read the

resolution to be adopted, numbered #1-79, involving that the District arrange interim financing for the amount of \$469,930. at an interest rate of 7% per annum, that such note be paid off upon receipt of the L.B. 71 funds, and that the amount of interest incurred be charged to the project sponsors as previously agreed.' Burke made the motion (Motion #6) that the District adopt the Resolution #1-79 as reviewed. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters,
Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholtz, Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Schlueter

A short discussion was held on the rental income to be received from the acquired land titles and the sale proceeds to be collected by the State, State funded 100%.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS RANSOM DAM

The Ransom Road Structure, Polk County, is near completion. Seeding is yet to be completed. Friday, August 10th, at 1:00 p.m., a demonstration is going to be held of seeding the Ransom Dam with a hydro-seeder. Directors are welcome to view this seeding process.

BERGEN-FRIESEN STRUCTURES

The Bergen and Friesen Road Structures, Hamilton County, are underway and -the construction progressing a little behind schedule.

BENSON BROTHERS DAM

The Benson Brothers Road Structures, Clay County, will have construction beginning the week of August 12th

IRRIGATION AND CROPS TOUR

M. White reported on the Twilight Irrigation and Crops Tour held in Butler and Polk Counties, Tuesday, July 31st. The tour visited the Marcel Matousek Farm, the Curtis Burgess Farm and the Eugene Gabel Farm. Rod DeBuhr gave a talk about water regulations at the Matousek Farm stop. Questions were raised on the NRD's participation and support. Stuhr made a motion (Motion #7) to fund the Extension Service's Irrigation and Crops Tour \$200. Seconded by White. Stuhr amended his motion #7 to suggest that the District reimburse the Extension Service a percentage of the total costs to sponsor the Irrigation Tour. Discussion on the matter of funding continued. Motion was withdrawn. Second concurred.

IRRIGATION WATER RUNOFF

A discussion was held on various irrigation water runoff occurring across -the District.

Meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

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Max A. Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
July 19, 1979

A regular Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj Dept Mgr
Max Ronne, Secretary	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Ken Feather, Operations Department Manager
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Stan Staab, Education Department Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Bob Ehlers, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaisons D.C., Aurora
Wayne Hansen, Director	Maurice Medaris, Dist. Technician, Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Bill Watmore, Fillmore Co. GWCD, Geneva
Melvin Kuska, Director	Clyde Ehlers, Farmin' Inc., Waco
Jim McLean, Director	Rich Jordison, Mid-NE Aviation, Utica
Norman Obermier, Director	Delbert Keith., Mid-NE Aviation, Utica
Leonard Schlueter, Director	John Ortmann, York News-Times, York
Roy Stuhr, Director	
Morris White, Director	

ABSENT

Lowell Peters, Director
Kenneth Regier, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this public meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published July 10, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present with Anderson and Hegeholz arriving later in the meeting.

MINUTES

Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the July 5, 1979, special Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Stuhr
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Peters, Regier

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET REPORT

Turnbull reviewed the 1979 fiscal year end Budget Report and financial statement as of June 30, 1979. A question was made of the large amount of cash in the Bank. White made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of June 30, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Peters, Regier

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Kaiser gave a report on the Executive Committee meeting held July 19, 1979, prior to the Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS' PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

The Executive Committee reviewed the Per Diem and Expenses submitted by the Directors for the 2nd quarter of 1979.

NACD DUES

The Executive Committee also reviewed the statement received showing the NACD 1980 Dues due of \$275.00, and the requested contribution to the Endowment Fund of \$590.00.

PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hansen gave a report on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held July 11, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

MASTER PLAN

Hansen reported that the Programs. Committee reviewed a draft of the District's Master Plan. Turnbull reviewed that parts of the Master Plan document were mailed to the entire Board of Directors for their information. He reviewed that Chapter 1 lists the purposes of the District which are the twelve responsibilities listed under State NRD law. Chapter 2 is the most important and key part of the Master Plan which gives the objectives of the District. They are presented in sub-sections relating to the twelve basic programs stated in Chapter 1. The objectives are as follows: (1) Erosion prevention and control, (2a) Prevention of damages from flood water, (2b) Prevention of damages from sediment, (3) Flood prevention and control, (4) Soil Conservation, (5) Water supply for any beneficial uses, (6a) Development, management, utilization and. conservation of groundwater, (6b) Development, management, utilization and conservation of surface water, (7) Pollution control, (8) Solid waste disposal and sanitary drainage, (9) Drainage improvement and channel rectification, (10) Development and management of fish and wildlife habitat, (11) Development and management of recreational and park facilities, and (12) Forestry and Range Management. Chapter 3 is existing situation inventory of land, geology, soils, water, stream flows, population and related items. Chapter 4 is the District's planning efforts. Included are the Appendices which include the Control Area Rules and Regulations, the L.B. 783, the statute requiring a master plan, Runoff Regulations, and the Executive Summary of the screening model. This master Plan is to be updated once every ten years at a minimum. Hansen made the motion (motion #3) that the District Master Plan be approved and adopted as presented and reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. A question was raised on the missing programs for Wind Erosion and Minimum Tillage. Discussion was also held on the Wildlife Habitat Program. The Master Plan is an update of the District's Six Year Plan. The Master Plan is also expected to be updated annually. Following the Master Plan, will be the developing of a Five Year Long Range Plan which involves more detail and planning. The Master Plan is required to be submitted to the State Natural Resources Commission by August 1, 1979, and the Five Year Long Range Plan is due October 1, 1979. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier,

Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Peters, Regier

1979 ANNUAL REPORT

Hansen reported that the 1979 Annual Report was reviewed by the Programs Committee. Once completed, it will be distributed to the Board and other interested parties.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White gave a report on the Water Committee meeting held July 12, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

RATH-HULTINE AGREEMENT TO UTILIZE GROUNDWATER IRRIGATION RUNOFF

It was recommended that any action on this request for approval of the Rath-Hultine Agreement to utilize irrigation runoff be tabled by the Committee at this time and that the information on this request be sent to the Clay County GWCD for their consideration asking that the GWCD report back to the District their findings on this matter.

PROPOSED RULES AND REGULATIONS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES

The Committee proposed regulations to be submitted to the Department of Water Resources concerning amendments to permit application. DeBuhr reviewed the draft of the Rules and Regulations governing matters coming before the Department of Water Resources. The purpose of these proposed amendments is because a number of wells applying for a permit have had problems in filing that permit. Violations have been filed in the reporting of the gallons per minute, the legal location or location of the proposed well, the approximate depth of the well, and beginning of construction of a well. DeBuhr reported that the Director at the Department of Water Resources has the authority to adopt such rules and regulations as are necessary setting forth procedures for permit applications, Chapter 84, Article 9, Section 46-670 R.R.S. Cum Supp. DeBuhr reviewed that Rule 1 through 3 of these proposed procedures for permit application is basically the same as what the Statutes~.state when applying for a well permit except for the last sentence of Rule 3 which is "Construction is considered to begin when the well drilling equipment actually begins drilling operations. (The start of the permanent well). These rules conform with the step-by-step guidelines for permit applications. Turnbull reviewed the problems experienced in reporting an actual well location as to the proposed well location in the 40 acre tracts. Rule 4 and 5 involve the procedure to amend a permit application for approval. White made the motion (motion #4) to propose the rules and regulations to the Department of Water Resources as reviewed concerning procedures for permit applications and amendments to permits for construction of water wells in a groundwater control area. Seconded by Hansen. Questions were held on the procedures to follow involving replacement wells and properly recorded well locations. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Obermier, Ronne
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

LEGISLATION REGARDING WELLS WITHOUT PERMITS

The Committee reviewed the status of wells without permits and DeBuhr requested guidance on what methods of bringing these wells into compliance with the law to pursue.

FLOW METER SPECIFICATIONS

The Committee has reviewed some proposed flow meter specifications and made several changes. The staff will incorporate these changes in the specifications and present them to the Committee at their next meeting.

WEATHER MODIFICATION

The Committee discussed the weather modification project to be conducted in York and Seward Counties and after considerable discussion the Committee recommended that the District take a neutral stand on this project with no funding. White made the motion (Motion #5) that the District take a neutral stand on the weather modification project being conducted in York and Seward Counties with no funding. Seconded by Hansen.. Questions were asked if this action would drop any further consideration or interest in the weather modification program. Statements were made that the District should maintain a continued interest, because it could have a vital importance in maintaining our groundwater. Each Committee has addressed the weather modification program at their last meeting and the Water Committee was nominated to present a recommendation to the Board. The Education Committee by general consensus, favored the weather modification on a research basis only. If full Board approval is given in the future, this Committee favored a dollar limit regarding funding. Stuhr amended motion #5 to make the motion (Motion #6) that the District take continued interest and continue research of the weather modification program. Seconded by Anderson. Statements were made that the District keep an active continued interest in the weather modification program. Clyde Ehlers, Farmin' Inc., encouraged the Board to consider funding of the weather modification program. He reported that this last Saturday night, July 14th, large areas over the two County project were suppressed for hail. This was an excellent demonstration on the performance of the weather modification project. Discussion was held to consider the taxpayers of the District and delay any funding of the weather modification-project until the residents of the District are convinced the project works and will be effective to our water supply in the future. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

COMPLAINT FILED BY THE DISTRICT OF RUNOFF AND WELL VIOLATIONS

DeBuhr reviewed the rules and regulations concerning runoff and illegal wells, Rule 3(2)(b), which states that any person or the Board on its own motion may file a signed written complaint against a groundwater user alleging a violation of the rules and regulations or that such groundwater user is constructing or operating an illegal well. Clarification needs to be determined for persons able to file a complaint, does this include a staff member or Board member as being eligible. Questions were made of the definition of illegal and improper runoff. Anderson made the motion (Motion #7) that the Board interpret Section 3-(2)(b) of the District's Rules and Regulations to mean that the manager, staff and Board members may sign complaints of runoff and illegal wells. Seconded by Kaiser. Discussion was continued on the runoff rules and regulations and well violations. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: Ehlers, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

LEIF VS. LYTLE ORDER

The Committee reviewed the Dovenbarger, Lytle vs. Leif Order concerning the well spacing hearing. The order drafted by Steve Seglin, legal counsel, is to be considered by the Board of Directors. A copy of the order incorporating the Committee's changes was distributed for review. The concluding paragraph's was

discussed in detail as to the specific wording to use. Stuhr made the motion (Motion 48) to delete in the Lytle vs. Leif order in the concluding paragraph No. 1 it since it is not in violation of the spacing requirements as set forth in the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District's Control Area Regulation, Rule 2, B(2). It was seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson, Obermier

Moore reviewed that the Lytle vs. Leif order's concluding paragraph should read, 1. "Mr. Leif's irrigation well is not an illegal well. 2. The complaint of Mr. Dovenbarger and Mr. Lytle is dismissed." White made the motion (motion #9) that the Board of Directors adopt the attorney's order on the well spacing hearing of Dovenbarger, Lytle vs. Leif as submitted and amended. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson, Obermier

Moore stated that the order will be signed as adopted and sent to each party involved by registered mail.

NARD REPORT

White reported that the Nebraska Association of Re-sources Districts has made a motion to recommend to the Legislature to increase the mill levy for control areas to use up to 1/4 mill and up to \$25 per well to support the control area. Discussion followed concerning the levy and the charge per well. This recommendation will be discussed at the NARD's September Board Meeting in North Platte.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter gave a report on the Education Committee meeting held July 11, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

TREPTOW EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Schlueter reviewed that Craig Treptow from Aurora contacted Charles Eckerson regarding establishment of a nature study-Wildlife Improvement Project on the Eckerson property. As he is working toward an Eagle Scout rank, and his scout troop is also involved in helping establish a wildlife area, it was felt this was a worthy project for NRD public relations. The Committee recommends that the project be funded not to exceed \$150. Those funds will be used for trees, shrubs, small grain plots, film and scrapbook material for the project. Schlueter made a motion (Motion #10) that the Wildlife Project of Craig Treptow be funded not to exceed \$150. Seconded by Ronne. This project area is located in Hamilton County, one and half miles south of the Aurora 1-80 interchange and three miles west, along Beaver Creek. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Peters, Regier

FILM

A 30 minute taped presentation regarding the RCA program and resources conservation was viewed at the Board meeting.

WEATHER MODIFICATION

Hegeholz resumed discussion on the weather modification project and requested the Board to reconsider involvement and funding of this program. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #11) to rescind the previous motion #5 and that the District fund \$5,000 to Farmin' for the weather modification project. Seconded

by Anderson. Hegeholz withdrew motion, second concurred. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #12) to rescind Motion #5. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore
NAY: Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Burke, Hansen, White
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke gave a report on the Projects Committee meeting held July 16, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT - HELEN ALEXANDER, TERRACES

Burke reviewed that after considerable discussion by the Committee, the Committee felt that sufficient information is not available to take action at this time. The Committee recommended that no further action be taken on the Helen Alexander land treatment application until a detailed site inspection and report has been presented to the Projects Committee. Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., reviewed that the site inspection has taken place of the terrace work proposed and he reported on the status of the project. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #13) that no further action be taken on the Helen Alexander, Butler County, land treatment application for terraces until a site inspection and report has been presented to the Projects Committee. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr,
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Anderson, White, Moore
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

LAND TREATMENT - NORMAN LEACH, DETENTION TERRACES

A report was made that a special Projects Committee meeting was called and was held just prior to this Board meeting to discuss the Norman Leach, Polk County, land treatment application for detention terraces. A site inspection has taken place and a report was made on the status of the project. Burke made the motion (Motion #14) that the Norman Leach land treatment application be approved for construction and that construction be completed no later than November 1, 1979. Further, that the rate of cost-share be amended such that the total of the NRD and ASCS payment not exceed 80% of actual construction cost. Approval of this application be contingent upon agreement by the SCS to provide the District with a detailed analysis of the effectiveness of this practice based on field measurements of changes in rates of erosion and rates of runoff. Also, that this practice be implemented in accordance with the design standard outlined by the Projects Committee on April 14, 1977; is 25 year frequency, 24 hour duration storm. Seconded by Anderson. The present design is for a ten year frequency storm. The present release time is 48 hours. This is acceptable. The purpose of redesigning the terraces from a ten year to a 25 year frequency storm, is to keep in line with the Davis Creek project approved previously. Total estimated cost was discussed. ASCS cost-share payment will only be \$1,527.00, because this is the last application approved for ACP funds and this is the amount remaining. Estimated cost is expected to increase, 25% due to the increase in flood year frequency. This project area would be one of the pilot projects in the Davis Creek Watershed Project. Stuhr amended motion #14 to make the motion (Motion #15) to cost-share on the Norman Leach's land treatment application for detention terraces at an NRD share not to exceed \$6,000. Seconded by Hansen. The Davis Creek Project rate of cost-sharing is 80% on a 25 year level of protection. Question called on the amendment. Motion failed.

AYE: None
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

Stuhr amended motion #14 to make the motion (Motion #1 1/4 to cost-share on the Norman Leach's land treatment application for detention terraces at an NRD share not to exceed \$7,500. Seconded by Kuska. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Obermier
ABSTAIN: Anderson
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, Moore
NAY: Obermier
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #17) to grant tentative approval on two land treatment applications, John Vandenberg, Butler County, terraces, \$765.00, and Ernest Bongers, Butler County, Waterway, Terraces, \$1,698.00. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr., White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (motion #18) to grant final approval on the land treatment application of Birdelle Laverick, Polk County, terraces, \$2,607.93, and grant final approval on a L.B. 450 Program application of William A. Gannon, Butler County, an Erosion Control Dam, \$3,407.39. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

WEST SHELBY DRAINAGE DITCH - AGREEMENT WITH POLK COUNTY

The Committee reviewed a counter proposal from Polk County concerning 3,400 feet of proposed ditch cleaning northwest of Shelby. The District's original offer was to cost-share with the County at the rate of \$25 per hour not to exceed \$600. The County's counter proposal requests \$50 per hour and not to exceed \$1,200; this is close to the commercial rate for machine and operator. The Committee feels that we should remain on a cost-share basis and offer a flat fee cost-share to the County of \$800. Burke made the motion (motion #19) that the District offer Polk County \$800 as cost-share toward the cost of cleaning the existing drainage ditch located upon the north edge of the NW1/4 and a portion of the NE1/4 of Section 9, T14N, RIW, Polk County, and that the work be completed no later than November 1, 1979. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

BENSON BROTHERS DAM - REVIEW BIDS

Bids were received for construction of the Benson Brothers Dam, Clay County. Bid totals were reviewed. Burke made the motion (Motion #20) to award the contract of construction of the Benson Brothers Dam, Clay County, to Ehlers Construction Co. in the amount of \$15,400.93. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schleuter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

FRIESEN WATERSHED IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - PROGRESS PAYMENT

The Committee recommends that a July partial payment amount of \$18,122.00 be paid to Biba Engineering, contractors on the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project. Burke made the motion (Motion #21) that a progress payment of \$18,122.00 be made to Biba Engineering for work completed on the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project as reviewed Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Anderson gave a report on the Personnel and Equipment Committee Report held July 17, 1979, and a review-was made of the Committee report.

EQUIPMENT - COPIER

Turnbull reviewed costs of various copiers with the Committee. Three different machines have been tried in the past three months. The Sharp SF 810 has performed the best. Anderson made the motion (Motion #22) that the NRD purchase a Sharp SF 810 copier with 20 bins for a cost of \$8,500 plus shipping and installation. Seconded by Ronne. A short discussion was held on the costs, supplies and maintenance contract of the Sharp copier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kasier, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: Stuhr
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

PERSONNEL - MERIT INCREASES

Turnbull reported that the Committee reviewed personnel evaluations. He also reviewed with the Committee the procedure used last year for adjusting the employee's wages. The manager suggested that the same procedure be followed this year. That is, that merit increases be considered at the beginning of the fiscal year (July 1) and that a standard of living adjustment be considered at mid-year (January 1). The consensus of the Committee, was that the procedure should be followed for FY80. NRD positions that correspond reasonably with state job descriptions also fall within the state's pay ranges. He further reviewed with the Committee his recommendation for merit increases for the staff. Those did not include any adjustment for inflation. The average merit increase as per the Manager's recommendation is 3.33% of the gross salary. The average dollar increase in annual gross salary is \$348. Those individuals on the existing salary schedule should be moved up one step on the scale. The Committee recommends that merit raises be granted to the staff retroactive to July 1, 1979, as per the list of employees as distributed. A short discussion was held on the process of the staff evaluations and performance review reports. Anderson made the motion (Motion #23) to grant merit raises to the Upper Big Blue NRD employees as presented and reviewed and to be retroactive to July 1, 1979. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Kaiser
ABSENT: Peters, Regier

As previously discussed, the standard of living adjustment will be considered

for January 1, 1980. No final determination will be made until December of 1979.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider gave a report on the Budget Committee meeting held July 18, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

YEAR END STATEMENT - FY79

Schneider reported that the committee reviewed in detail the year end statement for FY79.

FY 80 BUDGET

The committee reviewed the FY 80 budget. The Budget Hearing will be held August 23, 1979, in conjunction with the regular Board meeting. The adopted Budget for FY80 is to be submitted to the State by August 25, 1979. The entire Board of Directors will have the opportunity to review the proposed FY 80 budget prior to the August 23rd meeting.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS WATER DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

DeBuhr reported that he and the manager interviewed applicants and offered the position to Dave Clabaugh, Lincoln. He has accepted the position of Water Department Assistant and will begin mid-August.

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Turnbull reported that the NRD office has received Notice of Appeal on the Neil and Marie Grothen tract of land, easement award of \$91,000. Also have a Notice of Appeal from Mr. and Mrs. Glen Berg, renters on the Gary Bashian tract of land, for compensation of damages, has a lease that runs until July 1, 1980.

BUTLER COUNTY IRRIGATION TOUR

Moore reported that Delmar Lange, Butler County Extension Agent, has coordinated a Butler County Irrigation Tour to be held July 31st, to see sites showing pumping plant efficiency.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

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Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
July 5, 1979

A Special Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Max Ronne, Secretary	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Ken Feather, Operations Department Manager
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Stan Staab, Education Department Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Bob Ehlers, Director	Joan Lovelace, Assistant Secretary
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Carl Throckmorton, Little Blue NRD, Hastings
Jim McLean, Director	Jerry Lytle, Benedict
Norman Obermier, Director	Bernard Hottovy, Assoc. Engineers Inc,
Lincoln	
Lowell Peters, Director	Arnold Hottovy, Assoc. Engineers Inc.,
Lincoln	
Kenneth Regier, Director	Jim Lovelace, Mid-Nebraska Aviation, Utica
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Rich Jordison, Mid-Nebraska Aviation, Utica
Roy Stuhr, Director	Delbert Keith, Mid-Nebraska Aviation, York
Morris White, Director	Clint Buller, Farmin' Inc., Utica
	Boyd Stuhr, Farmin' Inc., Bradshaw
	Clyde Ehlers, Farmin' Inc., Waco
	Arlin Naber, Farmin' Inc., Waco
	Grant Mullally, Farmin' Inc., Utica
	Lewis Badger Halsey, Fairmont

ABSENT

Mel Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this special meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published June 26, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present with Peters and Regier arriving later in the meeting.

WEATHER MODIFICATION PRESENTATION

Delbert Keith, Mid-Nebraska Aviation of Utica, presented the project of a weather modification project for York and Seward County. Rich Jordison, meteorologist, Mid-Nebraska Aviation of Utica, discussed the weather modification program, its history, past analysis, economics, and its technical process. Clyde Ehlers of Waco introduced FARMIN', INC., Farmers Atmospheric Resources Management in Nebraska, a non-profit corporation which is currently attempting to raise funds for the weather modification project in the two county area. Mr. Ehlers handed out a brochure explaining the Farmin's purpose and the weather modification process. He reported that participation and support has been very favorable, and requested that the NRD become involved in the weather modification program. This would be the pioneer project in Nebraska. Discussion was held on the research of the program and the expected results. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #1) to discuss further the weather modification program at the next Committee meetings and the next Board meeting. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

White made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the June 21, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz gave a report on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held June 14, 1979, and reviewed the various Park recommendations delayed from the regular Board meeting held June 21, 1979.

DWIGHT PARK

Hegeholz reported that the preliminary plans with the Associated Engineers, Inc., Hottovy Division were reviewed for the Dwight Park. It was recommended that the District cost-share in a one lump sum payment, not to exceed 25% of Dwight's actual cost or \$3,975, whichever is least. This payment would be made upon the completion of the project. Discussion was also held on the land already purchased by the city of Dwight for a sum of \$15,000 for park development which included land, lighting, fence and grading of present facilities. NRD share would be \$3,750.00. Hegeholz made the motion (motion #3) to cost-share on the Dwight Park in an amount not to exceed \$7,725, which includes both the land and park development. Seconded by Hansen. Bernard and Arnold Hottovy made a presentation of the proposed project plan for the Dwight Park. This park is 50% federally funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund, 25% funded by the State Game and Parks Commission, and 25% to be funded by local cost-share. Total cost of the project is \$63,600. Final plans and specifications have not been completed pending approval of financial assistance for the proposed project. The schedule for construction is the spring of 1980, final design and bid letting to be this winter. Questions were raised on the need for supplementary funds if actual construction costs are above estimated requests. The NRD has been requested to cost-share 25% of the City's actual cost of \$15,900 for the park project. (\$3,975). An additional \$3,750 is being requested which is 25% of the land already purchased by the City of Dwight for the park development. The NRD's total cost-share request is \$7,725.00. Anderson explained that the Land and Water Conservation Fund is from revenue on parks, not tax money, and also from monies from off shore drilling. The Federal and State did not participate in the purchase of the land for the Dwight Park. Questions were raised on the requests for cost-share after the land has been purchased and some improvements to the park area have taken place. Questions were raised on what areas the NRD's share would be expended. No concessions have been as to what specifics the funds will be expended upon. Questions were also raised as to the submittal of an application for the park's funding. Continued discussion was held on the actual cost of the land purchased for the Dwight Park. Ronne amended motion #3 to make the motion (Motion #4) that the District cost-share on 25% of the actual cost of the land purchased for the Dwight Park, with the City of Dwight submitting a statement verifying payment. Seconded by McLean.. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Moore

NAY: Anderson

ABSTAIN: Stuhr, White

ABSENT: Kuska

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, Whiter Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

UTICA PARK

Hegeholz reported that the preliminary plans with the Associated Engineers, Inc., Hottovy Division, were reviewed for the Utica Park. It is recommended that the District cost-share in a one lump sum payment, not to exceed 25% of Utica's actual cost or \$4,775, whichever is least. This payment would be made upon completion of the project. A discussion was also held on the land already purchased by the city of Utica for a sum of \$5,000 for park development. NRD share would be \$1,250 1/4 00, which is 25% of local cost. \$5,000 was the actual cost of the land purchased for the Utica park. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #5) to cost-share on the Utica Park in an amount not to exceed \$6,025, which includes both the land and park development. Seconded by Hansen. Bernard and Arnold Hottovy made a presentation of the proposed project plan for the Utica Park. Total cost of this project is \$76,400. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Obermier
ABSENT: Kuska

SEWARD PARK PHASE I AND II

Bernard and Arnold Hottovy made a presentation on the present Phase I of the Seward Park and the proposed project plan for Phase II. The project site is located in northeast Seward. Phase I was approved by the State in 1976, which was the original purchase of the land. Phase II is the park. developments to the land purchased under Phase I, with planned construction for 1981. There are also proposed phases III and IV to the Seward park. Application was made to the District for funding of Phase I in 1976. Local cost of Phase I was \$20,227. It is recommended that the District cost-share with the City of Seward in the amount of \$5,056.75, which is the purchase of the land in Phase I and 25% of the local cost. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion that the District cost-share \$5,056.75 on Phase I of the Seward Park project, which is 25% of the purchase of the land. Seconded by Anderson. Questions were raised of the amounts to be budgeted for FY80. Budget for Park development is proposed at \$18,800 for FY80, which includes the approved requests at this Board meeting. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Hegeholz reported that the preliminary plans with the Associated Engineers, Inc., Hottovy Division, were reviewed for the Seward Park Phase II. It was recommended that the District cost-share in a one lump sum payment, not to exceed 25% of Seward's actual cost or \$37,500, whichever is least. This payment would be made upon completion of the project. Expected completion of the Phase II park project is FY81, therefore, the District will budget for this phase of the park project in the FY81 budget. The City of Seward is requesting the Board to give tentative approval of this phase of the park project with participation of funding in FY81. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #7) to give tentative cost-share approval for funding of the City of Seward Park Phase II project in the amount not to exceed \$37,500. Seconded by White. Total cost of the Phase II project is \$300,000. Kaiser amended motion #7 to make the motion (motion #8) that the District cost-share Phase-II, if this figure falls in line of the budget for FY81 and not to exceed the 25% of local cost which is \$37,500. Seconded by McLean. This project is 50% federally funded and 50% locally funded. No State funds are involved in this Phase II, due to the State can not approve funding in advance to projects to be constructed in the future. Discussion on the amendment concluded that the District will fund the Seward Park Phase II only if we budget the money in FY81. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean,

Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter,
NAY: Schneider, Stuhr, Moore
ABSTAIN: Peters, Regier, White
ABSENT: Kuska

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, McLean, Obermier, Ronne,
Schlueter, White
NAY: Burke, Kaiser, Schneider, Stuhr, Moore
ABSTAIN: Peters, .Regier
ABSENT: Kuska

1979 TREE PROGRAM REPORT

A summary of the 1979 Clarke-McNary Tree Planting Program Report is attached to the minutes for your information.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

A report on the Projects Committee meeting held June 19, 1979, was made, and various items delayed from the regular Board meeting June 21, 1979, were discussed.

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Turnbull distributed a summary report of the status of the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project. He reviewed the feasibility of the structure, which included the Court, Awards from the Adams County Court involving land rights. The total estimated construction costs are \$482,500, the total estimated land rights costs are \$620,200, making a total entire project cost of \$1.1 million. A rate of return analysis has been completed which compares the project benefits to the costs over a 50 year period. The rate of return is 7;2%, which indicates the entire project (the dam and the channel) is feasible.

Turnbull continued to review the project by noting that the summary includes the funding arrangements for the four sponsoring agencies, Adams County, the City of Hastings, the Little Blue NRD and the Upper Big Blue NRD, by showing the amount or percent of local costs to be shared. L.B. 71 funds have been requested for land rights and were authorized by the Natural Resources Commission to the amount of \$196,120 for title acquisition and \$13,000 for an easement. No outside funds have been obtained for project construction.

The report also includes the land rights negotiations showing the Adams County Court awards of June, 1979, as compared to the NRD's appraisals of May, 1978. The original acres requested to be negotiated and were appraised was 341.2 at a value of \$279,040. Due to the land rights negotiations being unsuccessful, condemnation proceedings were required to be filed in the Adams County Court. Some of the petitions were modified before the court award. Those omitted were the tracts involved in the temporary flood pool. The Court Award appraisals only include those tracts that apply to the dam site area, the construction area and the permanent pool area. Turnbull reviewed the Court Award appraised values for each tract, for a total of 259.6 acres at a total value of \$605,213.76.

Turnbull further reviewed the construction costs for the dam only, not including the channel work, which comes to a total cost of \$192,500.~ Adams County has agreed to pay a flat amount of \$6,000. The City of Hastings has agreed to a flat amount of \$18,000, plus 45% of the balance which is \$75,825. The Little Blue NRD paying 40% of the balance is \$67,400, and the Upper Big Blue NRD the remaining 15% of the balance which is \$25,275.

Turnbull reviewed the land rights portion of the allocation of funds of the total Court Award value of \$605,200. Four cases are cited in the report of ways to distribute the costs. L.B. 71 funds were applied for and approved on two title acquisitions and one easement. The Commission requires that for each

tract that they fund, that the local agencies fund the land rights acquisitions on three tracts. Turnbull reviewed the four cases to decide from in order to qualify for State funds. He recommended that the Commission be requested to fund the County Court Awards on the two title tracts only (Case #3). L.B. 71 funds request to be \$469,930. Adams County will pay a flat amount of \$30,000. The City of Hastings will pay 45% of the balance which is \$47,371.50. The Little Blue NRD would pay 40% of the balance which is \$42,108. The Upper Big Blue would pay the balance of 15% which is \$15,790.50. Also, in negotiating with the Commission on additional funding, it is recommended that the Commission consider funding the Marie Grothen acquisition rather than Starr Seed Farms'. These easements would only be funded 50% of the court awards.

Turnbull reviewed the total local costs to be allocated considering land rights and construction costs. The total construction costs of \$192,500 were added to the Land Rights Case #3. Adams' County total cost would be \$36,000. The City of Hastings would be \$141,196.50. The Little Blue NRD would be \$109,508, and the Upper Big Blue NRD's costs would be \$41,065.50. For a total local cost of the project of \$327,770. Actual estimated total costs of the project is \$797,700.

Court award was made on the June 19th. Turnbull reviewed the notices for appeal process and requirements. Sixty days from the court award, June 19th, deposits must be filed to acquire the land rights. The deposit being the total amount of the court award. The Commission will be requested to reconsider funding on this project on July 26th. In early August, all four sponsors will meet to make the final land rights decision concerning the Hastings NW Project.

Turnbull recommended that the Board request the Commission to reconsider funding through L.B. 71 for the Adams County court awards for the Hastings NW Project. Burke made the motion (Motion #9) that the District request the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission to consider funding through L.B. 71 for the Adams County court awards for the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project as follows: \$328,000, 100% Title, NE1/4 34-8-10W, Bashian Tract; \$141,930, 100% Title, N1/S1/2 34-8-10W, First Baptist Church Tract, a total of \$469,930. Further, that the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission be requested to consider funding easement acquisition for the Marie Grothen property, NW1/4 34-8-10W, for a State cost of \$45,922.50 (50% of court award) in lieu of the Starr Seed Farms easement (court award of \$32,450, State share \$16,225). The total L.B. 71 funding request being \$515,852.50. Seconded by Ronne. Finalization of required easements to be eligible for State funds is progressing. Questions were held on the petitions withdrawn involving the temporary flood pool. Nebraska State Eminent Domain law does not allow for future damages in court settlements. Any future crop damages may be claimed by landowners having crops in the area covered by the temporary flood pool. The Court Appraisals were made by three representatives for the Adams County Court. This court award is not negotiated settlements between the parties. The District should expect appeals from some of the parties involved. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Obermier

ABSENT: Kuska

CENTRAL BUTLER PROJECT

Burke reviewed that representatives from David City met with the Projects Committee concerning the Central Butler Project. They proposed to the Committee that a request for a 60% grant and a 40% loan on the storm sewers be presented to the Commission, in addition to the grant and loan combinations already proposed. Also, that the local share be split equally among the four sponsors. The District's share of the local cost would be \$75,805 on-the basis

of the David City proposal and on the basis of cost estimates in the engineer's report. Omitted from the local cost was \$42,589 which will be the interest. on the \$114,660, the loan principal. This interest would also have to be divided equally among the sponsors (25%). This makes the storm sewers grant \$171,990, and makes the loan principal \$114,660. The total cost to be divided equally four ways (25%) was \$303,200 and is now revised to be \$345,798. This then also revises the District's share of the local cost (25%) to be \$86,450. Burke made the motion (Motion #10) that the District cost-share on the total local cost, \$345,798, to be divided equally four ways (25%), the Upper Big Blue NRD's share to be \$86,450. Further, that the David City proposal be approved contingent to the following conditions: 1. That the NRC provide a grant of 60% on the 75% loan portion of the storm sewers costs, previously approved by the NRC, in addition to the grant amounts already approved by the NRC for dams and ditches, and 2. That David City provide the Upper Big Blue NRD with a guarantee that no indebtedness will be cast upon the Upper Big Blue NRD due to lack of payment for any portion of David City's share of cost for the project, and. 3. That all future work on the project be implemented by a board made up of staff and or board members, in equal numbers, from each of the four sponsoring agencies. Seconded by White. Discussion was held on that the project is not feasible unless the drainage system and the storm sewers are included in the project application requesting Resources Development Funds. For the District to be involved in the Central Butler Project economically, it was urged that the District cost-share the 25% of the local costs, which also does include the storm sewers in David City. It was also stated that the estimated costs for the two structures located inside the Upper Big Blue NRD, the Struebing Dam and Miller Dam, is \$275,000, which is not economically feasible for the District to pay alone. Therefore, it was further advised that the District should cooperate in the total Central Butler Project for a cost of \$86,450. much discussion was held on the feasibility and economic benefits of the total Central Butler Water Management Project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Peters, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schneider

ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Regier ABSENT: Kuska

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke reviewed that the land treatment cost-share applications submitted for final approval at the June 21, 1979, Board meeting were delayed action due to missing information. Information has been reported, reviewed and the applications are ready for final approval. Burke made the motion (motion #11) to grant final approval for payment the cost-share land treatment applications as reviewed for a total of \$3,887.14. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVAL

Burke reviewed that the land treatment cost-share application submitted for tentative approval of Helen Alexander, Butler County, at the June 21, 1979,

Board meeting was delayed action due to the request for additional information concerning the terrace system to be installed. Burke made the motion (motion #12) to grant tentative approval for the land treatment application of Helen Alexander, Butler County, terraces, \$11,000. Seconded by Peters. Reports were made that Butler County is out of ACP funds at this time. Questions were raised on the details of this terrace system. Motion was withdrawn. Stuhr made the motion (motion #13) to have the land treatment cost-share application of Helen Alexander, Butler County, for terraces at \$11,000, be referred back to

Committee for further information and reconsideration. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: Burke, Moore
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, McLean
ABSENT: Kuska

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., stated that he will request and suggest to the other District Conservationists, when submitting cost-share land treatment applications to include detailed information with the application.

KORANDA DAM

Burke reviewed that action involving the Koranda Dam design, Seward County, was delayed at the June 21, 1979, Board meeting pending discussion with Mr. Koranda. Hegeholz reported that conversation with Mr. Koranda is that he has decided not to have the dam built. Burke made the motion (Motion #14) that the Koranda Dam, Seward County, be suspended. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reviewed that the Education Committee report of their meeting held June 5, 1979, was delayed at the June 21, 1979, Board meeting until July 5th.

Schlueter gave a report on the Education Committee meeting held June 5, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Schlueter reviewed that the Education Committee recommends that the Board adopt a policy for Outdoor Classroom funding by establishing a 24 month period from tentative approval to final payment approval. Any funds appropriated to an outdoor classroom but not expended within 24 months will be terminated. Extensions may be requested for special circumstances 1/4 Schlueter made the motion (motion #15) that the District adopt the policy for outdoor Classroom funding to have a 24 month period from tentative approval to final payment approval. Any funds appropriated to an outdoor classroom but not expended within 24 months will be terminated. Extensions may be requested for special circumstances. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Kuska

TRI-COUNTY IRRIGATION TOUR

A Tri-County Irrigation Tour has been scheduled for August 6, 7, and 8, 1979. Directors that have expressed interest in attending have been provided information and details as to the itinerary involved in the tour.

BOARD DECISION ON HEARING OF WELL SPACING COMPLAINT, JUNE 21, 1979

Moore reviewed that at the June 21, 1979, Board meeting, a motion was made to table motion #5 and to call a Special meeting July 5th to review the transcript and the attorney's briefs relative to the hearing involving the well spacing complaint. Anderson made the motion (Motion #16) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 11:05 p.m. to discuss the testimony from the hearing of the irrigation well spacing complaint held June 21, 1979, and review the attorney's briefs as submitted. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White,
Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska

All in attendance were asked to leave the Board meeting room except for the Board members and legal counsel, Mr. Seglin.

Ronne made the motion (Motion #17) to reconvene the Special Board meeting into Regular Session at 12:10 a.m. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr,
White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Stuhr withdrew his motion #5 of the June 21, 1979, Board meeting. Second concurred. Kaiser made the motion (motion #18)~ that Mr. Francis Leif's well is not an illegal well since he commenced construction prior to March 1, 1979, for the following reasons: 1. He entered into a contract to construct the well on or about November 29, 1978. 2. He obtained a permit to construct the well from the Department of Water Resources on or about December 4, 1978, which included a notice stating the well spacing to be 600 feet from another landowner's well. 3. A test well was drilled on the property in question on or about December 12, 1978. 4. That Mr. Leif testified that he desired the well to be completed as soon as possible after he signed the contract, however, the weather and the well driller's schedule prevented the completion of the well until on or about April 23, 1979. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Regier, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: Obermier
ABSTAIN: Burke, McLean, Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska

The Chairman directed Mr. Seglin. legal counsel to prepare proper order for presentation to the board at our July 19, 1979, Board meeting.

Questions were raised of other situations possibly under the same circumstances. Any situations are to be investigated thoroughly and initial facts to be reviewed by the Water Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 a.m.

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
June 21, 1979

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:05 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Max Ronne, Secretary	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Ken Feather, Operations Department Manager
Raymond Burke, Dir.-at-Large	Stan Staab, Education Department Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Linda Sjuts, Administrative Secretary
Bob Ehlers, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora
Wayne Hansen, Director	Jerome Williams, D.C., York
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Steve Seglin, attorney, Lincoln
Jim McLean, Director	Francis Leif, Benedict
Norman Obermier, Director	Anna Leif, Benedict
Lowell Peters, Director	Rex Wolstenholm, attorney, York
Kenneth Regier, Director	Edward Dovenbarger, Fremont
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Jerry Lytle, Benedict
Roy Stuhr, Director	Frank Taylor, attorney, Omaha
Morris White, Director	Robert Cohen, Omaha
	Marsha Galligos, court reporter, Council Bluffs
<u>ABSENT</u>	John Ortmann, York News-Times, York
Melvin Kuska, Director	Don Wahl, Bradshaw
	Lewis Badger Halsey, Fairmont
	Al Hotovy, Lincoln
	Craig Pope, Blue River Assoc. Of GWCDs, York

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published June 12, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present with Hegeholz arriving later in the meeting.

Chairman Moore announced that the Board of Directors will also conduct a Formal Adjudicatory Hearing to hear the complaint of an irrigation well spacing violation.

APPOINT HEARING EXAMINER

Ronne made the motion (Motion #1) that Robert Jay Bitner be appointed Hearing Examiner for the formal hearing scheduled for 7:00 p.m., June 21, 1979. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Kuska

White made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the May 17, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the minutes of the May 24, 1979, special Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Kuska

RECESS

Chairman Moore recessed the Board of Directors meeting at 7:15 p.m. to hear the complaint of an irrigation well spacing violation, York County, Nebraska.

The Board of Directors conducted a Formal Adjudicatory Hearing, June 21, 1979, at 7:15 p.m., to determine if an irrigation well owned by Francis J. Leif of Benedict, Nebraska, is in violation of spacing requirements of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District's Control Area Rules and Regulations. The complaintants were Edward Doverbarger of Fremont, Nebraska, and Jerry Lytle of Benedict, Nebraska.

RECONVENE

Chairman Moore reconvened the Board of Directors meeting at 10:25 p.m.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BUDGET REPORT

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report and the accounts to be paid as of May 31, 1979, as distributed. Turnbull reported that \$43,535.38 in the account #439, Professional Services should be recorded in the account #438, Special Projects. Turnbull reviewed the Schedule of Investments and changes made since May 31, 1979. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #4) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of May 31, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

BOARD DECISION ON HEARING

A discussion was held on a Board's decision concerning the formal hearing previously conducted involving a possible irrigation well spacing violation. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #5) that the irrigation well location belonging to Francis Leif be found in violation and that Mr. Leif be offered the following alternatives: (1) that the before mentioned well be left dormant for a period of two irrigation seasons; or (2) that the before mentioned well be subject to the immediate implementation of all Groundwater Rules and Regulations on the mandatory basis as previously set forth by this Board and that this well be operated in full accordance with these rules and regulations for a period of two irrigation seasons; or (3) that Mr. Leif abandon this well, or (4) move it to a location in keeping with the required current well spacing of 1,000 feet; in addition, that Mr. Leif be required to advise this Board within ten days of which alternative he elects to use, and if on the eleventh day Mr. Leif has not exercised an alternative, the Board proceed with the necessary legal measures to assure the District that this well never be put in service. Obermier seconded the motion for the purpose of discussion. Discussion was held on the conditions of the above mentioned alternatives. Turnbull advised the Board to not take any action on this hearing, because the Board should review the transcript of the hearing and also wait for the attorneys briefs relative to the hearing.

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #6) to table motion #5 until July 5, 1979, when a Special Board Meeting will be called to review the hearing transcript and the attorney's briefs relative to the hearing. Seconded by

Anderson. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Obermier, Ronne
ABSENT: Kuska

The point was made that Mr. Leif could continue construction and also use this well for irrigation until a cease and desist order is made preventing any such operation of the well in question.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White gave a report on the Water Committee meeting held June 7, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PROPOSED EXCLUSION FROM THE CONTROL AREA

White made the motion (Motion #7) that the District deny the request that the District ask for a hearing to exclude the area from the Groundwater Control Area for these reasons: (1) thirteen sections in the 30 square mile area in question in Fillmore and Clay Counties has irrigated land totaling approximately 1,600 acres; (2) the Control Area tax is less than 1/4 of 1% of the total property tax load in the area; and (3) the aquifer in the area is also the domestic water supply and is interconnected with the main aquifer of the region. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

WATER DEPARTMENT FY80 BUDGET

White reported that the Water Committee has reviewed the Water Department (Control Area) Budget for FY80. The Committee tentatively approved the budget and forwarded it to the Budget Committee for review.

AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

White made the motion (Motion #8) that the District purchase aerial photos of the District at a cost of approximately \$1,200. Seconded by Kaiser. The aerial photos are needed to assist in the certification of irrigated acres and other duties of the Water Department. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ehlers, McLean
ABSENT: Kuska

SPRING STATIC WATER LEVEL MEASUREMENTS

White reported that the spring static water levels throughout the area is lip and it varied in the areas reported a year ago.

FLOW METER SPECIFICATIONS

White reported that the flow meter specifications are going to be reviewed and updated.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON LATE PERMITS

White made the motion (Motion #9) that due to the Attorney General's opinion to allow issuance of late permits is illegal, that the Board authorize the staff and the Water Committee to draft alternative legislation to find a solution to this provision. Such draft legislation to be subject to Committee and Board approval. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr,

White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported that the Education Committee meeting report of June 5, 1979, will be delayed until the Special Board of Directors meeting July 5, 1979.

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Anderson gave the report on the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held June 12, 1979, and reviewed briefly the committee report as distributed.

PERSONNEL

Anderson stated that the current personnel system is being reviewed by the Committee.

EQUIPMENT

Anderson reported that the Committee reviewed anticipated FY80 equipment needs and items being considered by the Departments.

PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz gave a report on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held June 14, 1979, and reviewed briefly the committee report as distributed. PARKS The recommendations on the Dwight Park, the Utica Park, the Seward Park Phase II and Seward Park Phase I will be delayed until the Special Board of Directors meeting July 5, 1979.

WILDLIFE HABITAT

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #10) to grant annual payment to the Wildlife Habitat contracts as reviewed for a total of \$3,967.50. Also, to approve and accept the new contract applications into the Wildlife Habitat Program as submitted and reviewed for a total of \$6,347.50. Seconded by Hansen. (Detailed lists attached to the Minutes file.) Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke gave a report on the Projects Committee meeting held June 19, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

CENTRAL BUTLER PROJECT

Discussion and any action to be delayed until the Special Board of Directors meeting July 5, 1979.

RANSOM DAM BIDS Burke made the motion (Motion #11) that Slepicka Brothers be awarded the contract for furnishing labor and materials to construct the Mervin Ransom Dam, Polk County, low bid of \$22,349.88. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to grant tentative approval for the land treatment applications as reviewed for a total of \$18,803.14. Seconded by Anderson. Discussion was held on the H. Alexander cost-share application, Butler County. Stuhr amended motion #12 to make a motion (Motion #13) to delete the H. Alexander, Butler County, cost-share application for tentative

approval until the July 5, 1979, Board meeting, in order to obtain further information. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Burke
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, McLean
ABSENT: Kuska

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to grant final approval for payment the cost-share land treatment applications as reviewed for a total of \$3,890.95. Seconded by Schneider. Statements were made that the land treatment applications coming to the Board for final approval need to include estimated costs, the NRD's share, the landowner's share, and if, any ACP, ASCS's share, for each application of which these do not include. McLean made the motion (Motion #15) to table motion #14 until July 5, 1979, the Special Board of Directors meeting, due to missing information. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

KORANDA DAM DESIGN

Burke made the motion (motion #16) that Western Laboratories be retained to provide the required soils drilling, testing, and analysis for the Dennis Koranda design, Seward County, at a cost not to exceed \$1,906.30. Seconded by Ehlers. Discussion was held on the cooperation of Mr. Koranda and the testing needed to estimate costs for construction of the dam. Burke withdrew his motion #16, second concurred. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #17) to proceed with the engineering costs when Koranda agrees to have dam built, reporting back, to the Board by July 5, 1979. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ehlers, Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska

BULGRIN/WEISS DAMS - FINAL PAYMENT FOR FENCING

Burke made the motion (Motion #18) to grant final payment to Hill's Sand 1/4 Gravel in the amount of \$2,547.60 for fencing on the Bulgrin and Weiss Dams, York County. Due to one of the landowners at the Bulgrin Dam constructing his own fence, the surplus materials will be used in the Friesen Watershed Project, the remaining balance of \$130.44, making a total payment to Hill's Sand 1/4 Gravel of \$2,678.04. Seconded by Hegeholz. Bulgrin was reimbursed \$279.00 for construction of the fence at the Bulgrin Dam site. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

DORCHESTER WATERSHED - ANNUAL OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Burke made the motion (motion #19) to approve payment of \$735.00 to Slepicka Brothers for the May work pertaining to annual Operation and Maintenance on the Dorchester Watershed. Seconded by Stuhr. Turnbull reviewed the work completed for the monthly progress payment for May. Discussion was held on the costs for the operation and maintenance, and the actual work completed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider gave the report on the Executive Committee meeting held June 19, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

DIRECTORS' EXPENSE POLICY

Schneider reviewed the Committees' recommendations to the Board of revisions to the Directors' Expense Policy. The Directors expense policy to coincide with the Personnel Policy Statement for staff employees. The Committee also recommended that the District's rate for mileage be increased to .23 per mile. Schneider made the motion. (Motion #20) that the recommended changes be made to the Directors' Expense Policy as reviewed, and also that the District's rate for mileage be changed from .20 to .23 per mile, effective July 1, 1979. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried. (Policy attached to Minutes)

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: McLean
ABSENT: Kuska

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider gave the report on the Budget Committee meeting held June 20, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

CHECK SIGNING

Schneider reported that at the March 15, 1979, Board Meeting a motion was passed authorizing John Turnbull to sign checks of the immediate nature with an office co-signer, this is felt to inconvenient at times. Therefore, the Committee recommends to authorize the Manager to sign checks without an officer co-signer if the Secretary and Treasurer are not available. Schneider made the motion (Motion #21) that the phrase "with an office co-signer" be deleted from the check signing policy stated on March 15, 1979. Seconded by Burke. Bonding for the Manager will need to be acquired before any checks can be signed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kaiser
ABSENT: Kuska,

CALL SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Moore explained that at the recess, during the Formal Hearing, it was conveyed that the earliest date to expect the Hearing transcript, the attorney's briefs and make the notice of a public meeting, was in two weeks (Thursday, July 5th). Anderson made the motion (motion #22) to reconvene the Board of Directors in a Special Meeting to be held Thursday, July 5, 1979, to make a decision on the Formal Hearing and conduct other business delayed from this meeting (June 21st). Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Meeting adjourned 11:45 p.m.

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
May 17, 1979

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the York Community Center, 211 East 7th Street, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Max Ronne, Secretary	Stan Staab, Education Department Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
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Norman Obermier, Director	Jerry Williams, D.C., SCS, York
Lowell Peters, Director	Paul Smith, D.C., SCS, David City
Kenneth Regier, Director	Ervin Lechner, NNRC, Beatrice
Roy Stuhr, Director	John Ortmann, York News-Times, York
Morris White, Director	

ABSENT

Bruce Anderson, Director
Bob Ehlers, Director
Wayne Hansen, Director
Gerald Hegeholz, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published May 8, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Burke, McLean, Regier, Ronne, Schneider arriving later in the meeting.

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., reported that Jim Foster, Area Conservationist, is going to be taking disability retirement. The application will take a few months before approved, until then we will have an acting area conservationist as our representative. Board should send a letter of appreciation to Mr. Foster.

Griffin introduced Jerry Williams, the new District Conservationist for York County. He also stated that a new District Conservationist will be starting in Clay County this summer.

208 PROGRAM REPORT

Paul Smith, D.C. at David City, gave a summary of the 208 program. Reviewed a written report of 208 workshops held last year. Commented that water quality problems are considered and viewed differently across the State. The State Work Plan for the 208 Program is drafted and at the printer to be distributed soon. The State Policy Advisory Committee will meet mid summer and also a summer 20B workshop will be scheduled soon. Public participation and public input is the most important and most essential key to the success of the 208 program. There will not be a cost sharing program, but a special project approach.

NNRC REPORT

Ervin Lechner, NNRC, Commission representative for the Big Blue Basin\$ gave a few comments on the 208 program. Results from the 208 workshops, the U.S. Government is taking a strong look at the State of Nebraska's programs and consensus on water planning. Commented on the vague definition of water use, the proper location of information and the current status available.

L.B. 595 has been given back to the Governor, which deals with the State Water Advisory Committee. Governor asking for prospects to sit on this Committee.

P.L. 566 projects are going to be cut back in funding this next coming year due to low participation. Need applicants to construct soil conservation practices.

The Commission is going to be looking at new criteria for eligibility for State funds. We'll need public input expressed and used to implement soil and water conservation practices. Estimated expected state funds is \$750,000. Each District is to be allocated \$20,600 for the coming year.

Lechner concluded that the Natural Resources Districts are going to be responsible for 90% of future conservation programs. They have accepted that responsibility that they wanted, and the responsibility is there to take. The NRD's have powers and authorities in the State, and they will need to meet the challenges set forth.

MINUTES

White made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the April 19, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

BUDGET REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report and the accounts to be paid as of April 30, 1979, as distributed. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of April 30, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Regier. A short discussion was held on the NARD Washington D.C. Trip expenses and the District's office building utilities. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Turnbull reported on the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held May 3, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

VEHICLE BIDS

Turnbull reported that bids were received on April 24, 1979, for purchase 'Of a 1979 full sized station wagon. It was recommended that Moses-Ford of York be awarded the bid. White made the motion (Motion #3) to award the bid for a 1979 full-sized station wagon to Moses Ford of York based on their low bid of \$6,624.92. Seconded by Burke. Station wagon to be used for District business. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

LONG RANGE PLANNING-PERSONNEL BUDGET

The staff reviewed with the Committee the past actual expenditures of the District and explained the current trends and needs. It is this District's staff's opinion that the District will have to take on more and more of the technical workload, if technical services are to be continued and the construction schedule is to be maintained. office space for future needs was also discussed with the Committee.

FIELD OFFICE TECHNICIAN

Recently the field technician in the Polk County SCS office has resigned. The Committee feels that no change in policy should be made, therefore, the committee recommended that the staff fill the Polk County NRD technician opening. Turnbull reported that the Polk County SCS felt that they did not need a full-time technician at their office. He also reported that eventually the staff would like to have all the field technicians in the NRD's headquarters office. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #4) to direct the staff to fill an 'NRD field technician opening and utilize the technician where needed within the District. Seconded by Ronne. This technician would be involved in drafting, surveying and engineering, and also working with SCS personnel. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider gave the report on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held May 8, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

MELVIN TROESTER WILDLIFE CONTRACT

Schneider reviewed that as of April 9, 1979, the Game and Parks Commission purchased the wetland area in the NW1/4 1-9-6, Hamilton County. Forty acres of this land is enrolled in the Wildlife Habitat Program sponsored by the Game and Parks Commission and the Upper Big Blue NRD, formerly under previous ownership of Melvin Troester of Hampton, Nebraska. Mr. Troester wishes to make settlement on that portion of land (40 acres) that is involved in the Habitat Program. The annual payment was \$700. (40 acres @ \$15/acre plus \$2.50/acre for public access). 171 days are involved in this contract for this year, making a request for settlement of \$328.32. This contract was signed October 20, 1977, and one annual payment of \$700 was made in September, 1978. Schneider made the motion (Motion #5) to make payment to Melvin Troester for the portion of the Wildlife Habitat contract with the Game and Parks Commission and the Upper Big Blue NRD as reviewed in the amount of \$328.32. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

SOIL SURVEYS

Schneider made the motion (Motion #6) that the District enter into the annual agreements for soil surveys in Fillmore and Hamilton Counties for FY80 as recommended. Seconded by White. (Fillmore County-\$9,000, 50%)(Hamilton County\$4,800, 60%). A short discussion was held on actual costs compared to projected costs for the counties soil surveys. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

NEBRASKA WILDLIFE SOCIETY RESOLUTION

Feather reported to the Committee on a letter and resolution submitted by -the Nebraska Chapter of the Wildlife Society. The resolution urges the support of groundwater pumping for wildlife. The Committee discussed the resolution and reaffirmed the District's current policy in the Control Area Regulations,

which places no restrictions on such pumping but does require annual pumping reports.

EUGENE GLOCK WINDBREAK RENOVATION

Feather reported to the Committee on a letter from the District Forester concerning Eugene Glock's windbreak renovation. It was recommended that the 14RD not proceed with the renovation because it sits on the Department of Roads' property. The staff will search for a new demonstration windbreak renovation project for Butler County.

FY80 WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Schneider made the motion (Motion #7) that the District budget \$20,000 for new wildlife habitat contracts for FY80. The Game and Parks Commission will assume 75% and the NRD will assume 25% of the cost. The sign-up periods will be as follows with the contract going into effect the first of the following month: July 1st-October 1st; October 1st-February 1st; February, 1st June 1st; March and April for Oats & Sweet Clover Contracts. Seconded by White. Questions and discussion was held on that the Budget Committee should review this budget request before the Board approves this recommendation of \$20,000 for FY80 contracts. Schneider withdrew his motion. Seconded concurred.

PROGRAMS BOOKLET

Turnbull reviewed the Programs Booklet in detail with both the Programs and Education Committees. Several minor changes were suggested. Schneider made the motion (Motion #8) that the Programs and Cost-Share Practices Booklet for FY80 be adopted as presented including the procedures, policies and practices stated therein. Further, that these procedures, policies remain in effect without changes through June 30, 1980, and that this booklet be the basis for the FY80 budget. Also, that the Committee's suggested changes be included in the booklet. Seconded by Stuhr. Discussion was held on the suggested changes and programs that should be reviewed thoroughly. Criteria and feasibility studies are to be made on future projects and practices. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Kaiser reported on the Education Committee meeting held May 8, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

ARBORETUM TREE DISTRIBUTION

The Outdoor Classrooms in the District were presented tree stock from the Arboretum. Each school received 2-3 trees and shrubs of exotic nature. Approximately 8-10 more trees have been distributed to other schools expressing an interest in developing outdoor classrooms. We will be getting a few more trees this fall from the Arboretum to distribute.

RANGE YOUTH CAMP

The camp will be held at the Nebraska State 4-H Camp at Halsey, June 11-15, 1979. The NRD will be sponsoring one applicant to the Range Youth Camp this summer.

FIELD TOURS

Location and time of future field tours such as visiting established areas promoting conservation practices was discussed by the Committee. It was suggested that perhaps a coordinated effort with the County Extension Service would be logical, since many of our interests are the same. The staff is directed to pursue field tours of the District.

NEWSPAPER RESEARCH MATERIAL

Committee discussion centered upon staff research concerning area newspaper ad cost and circulation. The development of a mailing list was also considered. Various methods of using the news media were mentioned with the staff directed

to compile a non-paid news column to be sent to area newspapers. The Directors discussed development of our own mailing lists for circulation of news items and various ways of publishing, information about the District.

PROGRAMS AND COST-SHARE PRACTICES BOOKLET FY80

The Education and Programs Committees met in a joint session, and examined the final draft and discussed distribution of the Programs Booklet. With the Board's acceptance to adopt the booklet for FY80 as presented, the Education Committee recommends having the booklet printed. Kaiser made the motion (motion #9) that 1,100 copies of the of the FY80 Programs and Cost-Share Practices Booklet be printed at a cost not to exceed \$700. Seconded by McLean. Distribution would be that a number of copies would be in SCS, ASCS and Extension Offices in each County of the District, at the NRD office, and available to personal requests. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM-YORK PUBLIC SCHOOL

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #10) to approve the outdoor classroom application for the York Public School. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

COUNTY FAIR PARTICIPATION

Kaiser reviewed the schedule for the county fairs to be held this summer. Kaiser made the motion (Motion #11) that the District sponsor a fair booth at District County Fairs and make necessary deposits as soon as possible. Seconded by Schneider. The deposits for rental of space at the various county fairs averages about \$30 this year. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider reported on the Budget Committee meeting held May 15, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

DISTRICT CREDIT CARDS

Turnbull reviewed that the Committee discussed the possible need for a credit card for use by staff and Directors for expenses for District business. The Committee recommends to the Board that a Visa Credit Card be applied for through a Board Resolution for District business use, and that a credit limit of \$2,000 be requested. Further, that each Director and necessary staff be issued a District card, and that the Director's cards be kept in the District office in a secure file when not in use. Each Director is responsible for the loss of his card. The General Manager is in charge of the staff cards. Turnbull continued by reviewing the Resolution for Governmental Subdivisions to obtain Visa or Master Charge Accommodations. Schneider made the motion (Motion #12) to adopt the resolution to have the District apply for a Visa Credit Card for business use, and a credit limit of \$2,000 be requested, as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Monthly statements and receipts will be used to account for expenditures made by the staff and Directors. A request for a billing date is to be made to coordinate with the monthly Board meeting dates and final approval of monthly expenditures, as well as to eliminate interest charges. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schneider, Stuhr

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Ronne, White, Moore
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

PURCHASE ORDER SYSTEM

Schneider explained that Turnbull has instituted a purchase order system as recommended in order to control the District expenditures that are less than \$500. Any expenditure greater than \$25 needs documented approval either by Board motion or by purchase order. Expenditures for District programs to contractors or cooperators need Committee and Board approval. No bills will be paid prior to final approval by the Board (monthly financial statements). Schneider reviewed the purchase order/requisition system and the budget accounts that normally would have items or service costing more than \$25. The purchase order system has been in effect and used at the office since March.

PERSONNEL EXPENSES

Schneider reviewed the Committees recommendations to the Board of revisions to the Personnel Policy Statement. Schneider made the motion (motion #13) that the revisions reviewed be adopted into the Personnel Policy Statement and be effective June 1, 1979. Seconded by Burke. (Revisions to Personnel Policy attached to Minutes.) Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

Similar discussion was held in Committee on the Directors' expenses with no action taken by the Board at this time.

NARD REPORT

Turnbull reported that an NACD staff man will be visiting our District office on Tuesday, May 22nd, as well as two other District offices in the State. The purpose of his visit is to study how the NRD's are organized and how we train our employees.

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White gave a report on the Water Committee meeting held May 10, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM CONTROL AREA

White reported that Michael O'Brian, Fillmore County Commissioner, explained to the Committee that the portion of the county which he represents as a Commissioner has almost no irrigation development because no water is available in the area. Because of this he feels, as do several others in the area, that it should be excluded from the Groundwater Control Area and the 1/4 mill tax not be assessed. The Committee members pointed out that this area of very little irrigation extends into Clay County in both the Upper Big Blue NRD and the Little Blue NRD. They also pointed out that the determination to change the boundary would be up to the Department of Water Resources, but that the NRD Board would have to request a hearing before it would be considered. The Committee recommends to take a neutral position at this time and directed the staff to research the area to determine how much land is being irrigated; what the Little Blue NRD's feelings are about the adjacent area in their control area; and consult Mike Jess of the Department of Water Resources about the procedures to be followed for the hearing. needed to make such a boundary change. DeBuhr reported that the area in question is an approximate 50 square miles.

STATUS OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS SITUATION

DeBuhr brought the Committee up to date on what has transpired concerning wells which have been drilled without permits. There are approximately nine wells affected by this, of wells drilled without permits. He also reported that at the present time we are waiting for an Attorney General's opinion on whether or not a late permit can be issued by the Department of Water Resources. The Committee also reviewed some draft amendments to the law which may resolve this situation. It was felt that these drafts were not

satisfactory and the staff was directed to look at some other alternatives.

CERTIFICATION OF IRRIGATED ACRES

DeBuhr reviewed with the Committee the estimated time requirements for certifying the irrigated acres in the Control Area by the deadline of January 1, 1981. The requirements for preparation for certification would be 85 man-days, certification of irrigated acres 560 man-days. Other Water Department duties 210 man-days, for a total of 855 man-days. This would require two full time persons plus part-time help during peak periods of certification.

WATER DEPARTMENT ASSISTANT

White made the motion (Motion #14) that the Water Department Manager be authorized to advertise and take applications for a position of a Water Department Assistant to assist in administration of the control area, and that the General Manager and Water Department Manager be authorized to fill this position within the suggested salary range of \$8,000 to \$11,000, with an approximate employment date of July 1, 1979, with qualifications as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Questions were raised on the immediate need of a water department assistant. Turnbull reviewed that on or before January 1, 1981, the number of irrigated acres owned by or under -the control of any groundwater user within the Control Area must be confirmed by him on forms provided by the District. Therefore, with the duties and requirements to be met in that time, additional man-power is apparent. There is 1.2 million acres to be certified and 9,500 wells to be recorded.

A long discussion was held on the need for the information of the certification of acres and the workload ahead. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Regier, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: Obermier, Peters, Ronne Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

RUNOFF SURVEILLANCE PROGRAM

White reviewed that the Committee discussed the runoff surveillance program. DeBuhr told the Committee that he had spoken with Craig Pope, Blue River GWCD, about runoff inspectors and that Fillmore, Hamilton and York Counties have hired inspectors in past years. In Seward County, the GWCD Directors have done the inspection. White also told the Board that a legal opinion on runoff surveillance was obtained as the Board requested at the April meeting; and in reviewing it the opinion clearly states that the District has the authority to hire runoff inspectors, take action to stop runoff on the basis that it is an improper and/or insufficient use of groundwater and file such complaints on its own motion. DeBuhr presented to the Committee his proposal for sharing the cost of runoff inspection and surveillance with the GWCD's in order to encourage more efficient use of groundwater and provide an equitable cost-sharing arrangement to each GWCD. The Committee accepted this recommendation with some minor changes.

YORK AND HAMILTON COUNTY GWCD'S

White made the motion (Motion #15) that the NRD share the cost of runoff inspection and surveillance, and the District pay two-thirds of the total cost of a runoff inspector's wages, mileage and other expenses for the 1979 irrigation season, not to exceed \$1,200 for each York and Hamilton Counties. Seconded by Kaiser. DeBuhr reviewed the responsibilities of the runoff inspector; primarily, to drive the country roads watching and locating runoff and discuss the runoff problem with the irrigator. A long discussion was held on the procedures and the methods of handling the irrigation runoff. A statement was made that the Groundwater Districts are going to be hiring the runoff inspectors to perform the duties of surveillance of runoff as in the past, they have only requested that the Upper Big Blue NRD share in the cost of the runoff surveillance program for 1979. The Groundwater Runoff Rules and Regulations have been in effect since the fall of 1975. The voluntary procedure to control the irrigators' own runoff was discussed, with the conclusion that the irrigators intending to respond to the law have reasonably

done so. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: Obermier, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

FILLMORE COUNTY GWCD

White made the motion (Motion #16) that the NRD share the cost of runoff inspection and surveillance, and the District pay one-half of the cost of a runoff inspector's wages, mileage and other expenses for the 1979 irrigation season not to exceed \$1,200. Seconded by Kaiser. The Little Blue NRD is paying one-fourth of the total cost, because one-fourth of the County is in that District. A discussion was held on the definition of improper groundwater irrigation runoff. Further discussion was held on the inspector's stipulations and conditions of runoff violations. Concerns were made of the violence to be possibly expected involving runoff violations. Statements were made that the runoff inspector in each County is to definitely use good sound judgment on all possible situations of irrigation runoff. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: Obermier, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

SEWARD COUNTY GWCD

White made the motion (Motion #17) that the NRD share the cost of runoff inspection and surveillance, and the District pay two-thirds of the total cost of a runoff inspector's wages, mileage, and other expenses for the 1979 irrigation season, not to exceed \$1,300 with the condition that the inspector also be responsible for inspection in that portion of Saline County in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Regier. An additional \$100 for Saline County. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: Obermier, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

The following stipulations applies to the York, Hamilton, Fillmore and Seward Counties' runoff inspectors:

1. The inspector be directly responsible to the GWCD he works for, but would also respond to complaints filed with the NRD upon request.
2. The inspectors work a minimum of sixteen hours per week during the irrigation season and also be available as necessary to respond to runoff complaints entered by the GWCD, NRD or member of the general public.
3. The inspector keep a record of the number of contacts made with irrigators and note how the runoff problem was resolved. This information should be made available to the NRD at the end of the irrigation season. The name of the runoff violators would not be necessary unless a solution to the runoff violation is not found without formal action.
4. The GWCD provide a statement showing the total cost of the inspector broken down by hours worked, wages paid, mileage, and other expenses.

POLK AND BUTLER COUNTY

White made the motion (Motion #18) that the District hire an individual to perform the duties of runoff inspection and surveillance for the portions of Polk and Butler Counties in the Upper Big Blue NRD and that this inspector work 16-24 hours per week during the irrigation season and in addition be available to respond to complaints by the NRD, staff or members of the general public, estimated cost not to exceed \$2,000. The above stated and reviewed stipulations to be also responsibilities of the inspector for Polk and Butler Counties, only that the inspector to be directly responsible to the NRD since they are not a Groundwater District. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore

NAY: Obermier, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Peters, Schlueter

AERIAL SURVEILLANCE

White made the motion (Motion #18) that the Board authorize the staff to at-range aerial flights to observe runoff during the irrigation season. Estimated cost to be \$300. Seconded by Kaiser. A discussion was held on the actual need to have aerial surveillance of irrigation runoff. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, Regier, White, Moore
NAY: McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Obermier
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

POSSIBLE SPACING VIOLATION

Turnbull and DeBuhr reported to the Committee that the District received a complaint of violation on the District's well spacing requirements and reviewed the procedures that have followed. The Committee took no action.

INFORMATION MEETINGS

DeBuhr reviewed the schedule for the information meetings to be held on the Water Control Area Rules and Regulations. (Schedule attached to the minutes.)

CHECK VALVE REPORT

DeBuhr reviewed with the Committee a preliminary check valve report that was conducted by several NRD's including the Upper Big Blue NRD.

FLOW METER SPECIFICATIONS

DeBuhr also reviewed with the Committee the flow meter specifications and indicated that he may be proposing some changes to them in the near future.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

White made the motion (Motion #20) to convene the regular Board of Directors meeting into Executive Session at 11:05 p.m. to discuss the recent complaint on well spacing. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

Schneider made the motion (motion #21) to reconvene the Board of Directors meeting into regular session at 11:41 p.m. Seconded by white. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

WELL SPACING COMPLAINT

White made the motion (Motion #22) that the District offer the following process to the complainant, which in this case is Jerry Lytle of Benedict, Nebraska, who filed on May 3, 1979, a well spacing complaint against Francis Leif of Benedict, Nebraska. The complainant (Jerry Lytle) be given seven (7) days from receipt of notification to: (a) accept the findings of the compliance officer, or (b) reject the findings of the compliance officer and request that a formal adjudicatory hearing be scheduled and conducted in accordance with Rule 4 of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District's Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke
ABSENT: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter

Meeting adjourned 11:45 p.m.

/lm

Max Ronne, Secretary

AGENDA

GROUNDWATER INFORMATION MEETINGS

7:30 p.m.

1. Introduction and Welcome - Director
2. Review of Rules and Regulations - Rodney DeBuhr
3. Irrigation Scheduling - Craig Pope (George Woolsey at Harvard)
4. Question and Answer Period

Director in Charge of Introduction and Welcome

May 23	Polk Meeting	-	Roger Kaiser
May 31	Geneva Meeting	-	Melvin Kuska
June 11	Aurora Meeting	-	Roger Kaiser
June 6	Utica Meeting	-	Wayne Hansen
June 13	Harvard Meeting	-	Kenneth Regier
June 14	Rising City Meeting	-	Morris White
June 18	York Meeting	-	Robert Schneider

If you have a conflict with the meeting you are to chair please let me know.

ROD

Action:

That the Personnel Policy be revised with an effective date of June 1, 1979.

9. Payroll and Expenses

A. Payroll

1. Same as 9 (a)
2. Same as 9 (b)

B. Expenses

To pay mileage and necessary expenses incurred by employee in connection with official business.

1. Any expense greater than \$25 must be substantiated by a receipt, (except mileage).

2. Expenses will be paid on a monthly basis, and only after an expense voucher and supporting receipts are submitted for approval.

3. Allowable Expenses

A. Travel

1. Mileage - \$.20 per mile in personal vehicles when a district vehicle is not reasonable available. Mileage begins and ends at the Upper Big Blue NRD office.
2. Parking Fees - while on District business
3. Plane, train, taxi and other transportation fares.

B. Lodging - Hotel and Motel charges (Receipt required).

C. Meals

1. Overnight trips - all meals associated with travel to and from the overnight stay, as well as meal expenses incurred during the stay.
2. Business meals - Those meals that are of a business nature with a District client or where the District is a client. (Receipt required)
3. Meeting meals - Those meal expenses incurred in connection with official meetings and conferences.
4. Other meals - Meal expenses for other types of meals are not acceptable, Example: Meals for employees while in the field or away from the office, unless the criteria above is met.

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
May 24, 1979

The Special Board of Directors Meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer, Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Linda McBride, Administrative Secretary
Bob Ehlers, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora
Wayne Hansen, Director	Jerome Williams York County D.C., York
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Paul Kamling, Hamilton Co. Comm., Aurora
Melvin Kuska, Director	Ted Regier, Hamilton Co. Commissioner, Aurora
Jim McLean, Director	John Ortmann, York News-Times, York
Norman Obermier, Director	
Lowell Peters, Director	
Kenneth Regier, Director	
Leonard Schlueter, Director	

ABSENT

Bruce Anderson, Director
Max Ronne, Secretary
Robert Schneider, Treasurer
Roy Stuhr, Director
Morris White, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this special meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published May 15, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present. 12 - Present. 5 - Absent.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held May 21, 1979, and reviewed the Committee report as distributed.

REVIEW BIDS - FRIESEN WATERSHED

Burke reviewed the bids received for the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project, Hamilton County. Bids were based on the total project to be done of four phases of work, including the Bergen Dam, Friesen Dam, Ott Crossing, and the NPPD Maintenance Pad. A summary of bids submitted is as follows:

	<u>Hooker Bros.</u>	<u>Biba Engr.</u>	<u>Engr's. Estimate</u>
Bergen Dam (Phase A)	\$ 61,076.70	\$ 54,036.30	\$ 53,000.00
Friesen Dam (Phase B)	\$ 167,394.40	\$ 159,481.20	\$ 162,000.00
Ott Crossing (Phase C)	\$ 6,535.40	\$ 6,767.20	\$ 6,000.00
NPPD Maintenance Pad (Phase D)	\$ 2,904.70	\$ 3,167.00	\$ 4,000.00
Totals	\$ 237,911.20	\$ 223,451.70	\$ 225,000.00

One additional cost will be for relocation of two power lines during construction. Estimated cost by REA is \$3,000.

REVIEW BIDS - FRIESEN WATERSHED

Bitner reviewed that before the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project went out for bids, the staff established cost-share agreements with Hamilton County. The Bergen Dam which was to be built last year, its cost-share agreement had all ready been made with Hamilton County. The County agreeing to contribute 40% of the cost of construction or \$3,000 plus 30% of the construction balance, whichever is least. The Friesen Structure cost-share agreement was initially requested on the same basis as the Bergen Dam. Hamilton County

reported that they needed a cut-off limit on the Friesen Dam in order not to exceed their budget for the next fiscal year. The original cost estimate for the Friesen Dam was \$162,000, which would make Hamilton County's cost-share estimate to be \$51,000. Their budget limit is \$41,500 for the Friesen Dam's construction costs. A cost-share agreement was drawn to state that Hamilton County would be allowed to pay their share of the cost of construction for the Friesen Dam as funds become available between July 1, 1979, and June 30, 1980, not to exceed \$41,500 without authorization by the County Commissioners. In calculating Hamilton County's share from the bids received, cost-share for the Friesen Dam would be \$50,844.36 (\$3,000 + 30% of the construction cost balance), which exceeds their budget limit. The NRD's share would be \$111,636.84 for the Friesen Dam. (See below)

<u>COST-SHARE BREAKDOWN</u>	<u>Hamilton County</u>	<u>NRD</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Bergen Dam (Phase A)	\$ 18,310.89	\$ 35,725.41	\$ 54,036.30
Friesen Dam (Phase B)	\$ 50,844.36	\$ 111,636.84	\$ 162,481.20
Ott Crossing (Phase C)	---	\$ 6,767.20	\$ 6,767.20
NPPD Maintenance Pad(Phase D)	---	\$ 3,167.00	\$ 3,167.00
Totals	\$ 69,155.25	\$ 157,296.45	\$ 226,451.70

Bitner further reviewed the Phases of the Friesen Watershed Improvement Project. The Bergen Dam is the upstream road dam, the Friesen Dam is the downstream road dam, the Ott Crossing is providing access for one of the landowners who has a road that goes into his field that the permanent pool will cover (Friesen Dam), and the NPPD Maintenance Pad is also an access road built out to a 345 kV transmission line that NPPD has across the permanent pool (Friesen Dam). The Ott Crossing and NPPD Maintenance Pad have been eliminated from the Hamilton County's cost-share due to negotiations for easements involved in this project.

Ted Regier, Hamilton County Commissioner, discussed the situation the County is in due to their Budget limitations. Also, that the Ott Crossing and the NPPD Maintenance Pad costs need to be eliminated from their cost-share agreements due to the construction taking place off the County roads. This would be a break in County policy, if monies would be expended off the County road.

Ted Regier further discussed that the County had budgeted \$15,000 for the Bergen Dam. The estimated construction cost-share will be \$18,311.89. The County budgeted \$41,500 for the Friesen Dam, the estimated, construction cost-share is \$50,844.36, but the County can only agree to a cost-share limit of \$45,000. Adding to this Project, a County road between the two structures will have to be raised and the concrete culvert extended or guard rails put up to protect the road during flooding stages. The County has agreed to take care of this road and any costs necessary to improve it.

REVIEW BIDS - FRIESEN WATERSHED

Kuska made the motion (Motion #1) that the District accept the conditions of Hamilton County for their cost-share agreement for the Friesen Dam for a total of \$45,000 because the County will stand the costs and work on the county road between the Bergen Dam and Friesen Dam. Seconded by Ehlers. This makes the Hamilton County's cost-share for the total Friesen Watershed Improvement Project at \$63,310.89, and the District's cost-share total increase to \$163,140.81. The County's cost-share agreement on the Bergen Dam does not have a limit set, as in the Friesen Dam. The County has agreed on the Bergen Dam to cost-share 40% or \$3,000 plus 30% of the construction costs balance, whichever is least. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Moore
 NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #2) to accept and award-the contract for construction of the Friesen Watershed, Improvement Project, Hamilton County, to Biba Engineering, Geneva, NE, for the low bid of \$223,451.70. Seconded by Burke. The price per cubic yard of dirt on the Bergen Dam is 80~, and on the Friesen Dam is 77~. There is a total of 180,000 cubic yards on the total Friesen Watershed Project. Tentative completion date for the project is August 31, 1979. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the additional estimated cost for relocation of two power lines during construction of \$3,000 to be paid to REA. Seconded by Peters. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Burke reviewed the construction schedule. Bids for the Ransom Structure, Polk County, are out and the bid opening is scheduled for June 18th with award of contract at the June 21st Board meeting. The Benson Brothers Dam, Clay County, will be advertised June 14th and award of contract will be at the July Board meeting. The Bailey and Koranda structures are scheduled for August.

LAND TREATMENT - FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to grant final approval on two land treatment applications for Sarah M. Garbart, Polk County, terraces and diversion, \$1,392.41; and Charles Roback, Clay County, a re-use pit, \$1,033.66; for a total cost-share assistance of \$2,426.07. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

LAND TREATMENT - TENTATIVE APPROVAL

Burke made the motion (motion #5) to grant tentative approval to a modified land treatment application for a water impoundment reservoir for David Wessels, York County, for \$2,234.79. Seconded by Schlueter. The modification included an increase in the length of the pipe. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

PROJECTS DEPARTMENT BUDGET

Bitner reported that the Committee reviewed a summary of the money spent in the Projects Department for FY79. He also reported that the Committee reviewed the projections for the upcoming year. There will be an annual report prepared and presented to the Projects Committee with the Budget Report broken down into fixed operating expenditures, variable operating expenses and project expenditures.

COMPUTER PLANNING

Burke reported that the staff is working on an estimate of the cost and feasibility of a computer system to be used for accounting, storing Water Department records plus programing for projects. The Personnel and Equipment Committee is also evaluating the system.

DORCHESTER WATERSHED INSPECTION

The Dorchester Watershed has been inspected. Maintenance of the watershed will be done this year.

TURKEY CREEK DAM

A Geneva Boy Scout Leader contacted the staff and requested that the staff design and obtain a permit for a small storage dam for the troop to build on their camp site. This site is located on Turkey Creek on the SW ½ of Section 20, T7N, R2W. It was felt that the District should also construct the dam since the District would still be liable for it. The staff was instructed to investigate the cost figures and report back to the Committee.

RCWP REVIEW

The Rural Clean Water Program proposal was reviewed by the Committee. The general feeling of the Committee was to not get involved with any projects under this program at this time.

LUEBBE DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Bill Luebbe, Utica, NE, contacted the staff about investigating and finding a solution for a drainage problem on his property caused by dikes which have been placed on wetlands across the road from him. The Committee instructed the staff that the District should not get involved in draining such wetlands, but could conduct a study stating what the damages are and how the area drains.

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Committee discussed a recent funding proposal submitted by the City Engineer for David City. A meeting is scheduled for May 29th at the Lower Platte North NRD office to discuss the proposed funding for the projects.

The Board reviewed an allocation of costs summary submitted by the City Engineer of David City. If the Project is approved by the NRC Advisory Board, 60% of the David City's storm sewer is a grant and 40% would be loan, with the NRD's guaranteeing the loan. The City and Lower Platte North NRD propose that the local costs be divided four equal ways (25% each).

Turnbull reviewed the estimated costs for the project, including the Struebing Dam of \$243,000 (UBBNRD), the Plasek Dam of \$19,000 (LPNNRD), the Miller Dam of \$10,700 (UBBNRD), various drainage ditches totaling \$99,260 (County), and the David City's storm sewers totaling \$382,200.(City), making a total project. cost of \$754,160. (Please note that the estimated costs of the above mentioned projects are at least two years old. These were the estimated costs when the project was submitted for application for Resources Development Funds.)

Turnbull continued to review that in the original agreement for this project., there was an engineering agreement made and an application sent to the State. The four agencies involved are the Upper Big Blue NRD, Lower Platte North NED, the city of David City, and Butler County. In the original agreement for the engineering services, the City was to pay 3% of the costs, the County would pay 17%, and each District would pay 40%. This above distribution of costs was assumed to be the final allocation of cost-share between the four agencies. Burke reported that at the time this was first started this was primarily a drainage project for the city of David City with several check dams coming down from David City. The Struebing Dam was not in the original project plan. The Struebing Dam came into the plan when the study was expanded to develop a structure to store the drainage water from the city. With no master agreement, the sponsors need to agree on the local cost allocation for the total project. The State Advisory Board for the Development Fund was given an application with the total cost estimate of \$754,160. The sponsors requested a complete grant. Maximum grant that can be authorized is 75% of the estimated costs, leaving the remaining 25% to be divided among the local agencies. The Advisory Board has recommended to the Commission that there, be a grant made on a portion of the project and a loan on the other portion. The fund does not allow in the form of a grant any monies used for storm sewers. Making a grant amount of \$278,970, loan of \$2136,650 and local share costs of \$188,540. In

the Advisory Board's recommendation, the local sponsors will have to cost-share on the combined amount of the loan and the 25% local share costs of \$475,190. The City has reported that they are unable to finance a loan of this amount. Therefore, they are requesting that the sponsors review the local cost allocation breakdown to be shared by each sponsoring agency.

Turnbull reviewed the allocation cost proposal for the local agencies. The first cost-share system explained was local costs allocated by percentages which is the same as the engineering services agreement. (City-3%, County-17%, UBBNRD-40%, LPNNRD40%). The Upper Big Blue NRD's share under this allocation is \$190,076.

The second system was explained involving that each sponsor be allocated the local costs by location. The Upper Big Blue NRD would cost-share only on the Struebing and Miller Dams, the other sponsors pick up the rest making a local cost to the Upper Big Blue NRD of \$63,425.

The third proposal explained is to divide the local costs by four equal ways. In this allocation process, the City's cost are lowered considerably and the Lower Platte North NRD is in favor to this system due to each sponsor equally sharing the costs of the total project. The cost-share amount of \$118,797.

A discussion was held on the various proposed local cost allocation systems as reviewed above. Reports from the Commission, is that the funding for the total project is not feasible unless the drainage system and storm sewers are included in the application. Therefore, if the sponsors do not accept the loan on the city's storm sewers, the remaining project is not feasible and the funding would not be granted. If the Upper Big Blue NRD would continue to develop the projects in their area, the Struebing and Miller-Dams, the costs would total \$253,700.

A discussion was held on the conditions to consider for local allocation of the local costs, and the feasibility of the total project compared to our involvement. Questions were raised on spending our District's monies outside of the boundary, namely on a drainage system and city sewers. The general consensus of the Board is to allocate the costs by location, due to the various improvements outside our District causing the Upper Big Blue NRD to develop a structure to accommodate the additional water from those improvements. This allocation by location does not limit the other sponsors in dividing the remaining local costs, it is only that the Upper Big Blue NRD would cost-share \$63,425.

The Miller Dam is recommended to be built regardless of the outcome of the total project of the Central Butler Water Management Project. An estimated cost of \$10,700.

A discussion was held on the exclusion of the storm sewers from the Advisory Board's recommendation for Resources Development funding.

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #6) that the District participate in the Central Butler Water Management Project by sharing in the local costs by paying Local Costs Allocated by Location which includes the Struebing Dam at \$60,750 and the Miller Dam at \$10,700, a total of \$63,425. Assume the local costs and responsibility of those structures in the Upper Big Blue NRD and not agree to local costs divided equally four ways. Seconded by Regier. (Detailed Allocation Cost Proposal attached.) Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Moore

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #7) that the District stand their own engineering costs for the structures in our location, for final design, for the Struebing and Miller Dams, if and when the project develops. Seconded by

Peters. Bitner gave an estimate of the additional engineering costs to be \$30,000 for final design. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

Ehlers made the motion (Motion #8) that the District not underwrite the loan for the storm sewer portion of the Central Butler Water Management Project. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

Comments were made that approving the Local Costs by Location method is cost-sharing specifically on projects in our area and not inter-relating our local funds outside of the District.

After the allocation of costs proposal has been accepted, a Master Agreement should be drawn up stating the specifics and details in continuing the project.

Meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m.

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Max Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
April 19, 1979

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:35 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, Dist. Engineer Proj. Dept. Mgr.
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Ken Feather, Programs Dept. Manager
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Stan Staab, Information Dept. Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department Manager
Bob Ehlers, Director	Linda McBride, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Frank Hejna, Jr., District Tech., York
Norman Obermier, Director	Paul Smith, Butler Co. SCS, David City
Lowell Peters, Director	Bob Pollock, SCS Soil Scientist, David City
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Craig Pope, Blue River Assn. of GWCD's, York
Roy Stuhr, Director	Keith Niemann, York Co. Extension, York
Morris White, Director	John Ortmann, York News-Times, York

ABSENT

Melvin Kuska, Director
Jim McLean, Director

ABSENT

Kenneth Regier, Director
Max Ronne, Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published April 10, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Hegeholz and Kaiser arriving later in the meeting.

MINUTES

White made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the March 15, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

BUDGET REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report and the accounts to be paid as of March 31, 1979, as distributed. He also reported that the Larson overdue account (LES Farms) has been heard by the Bankruptcy Court and the District has been awarded full settlement on our claim of \$482.20. He further reviewed the Schedule of Investments, updated changes and changes made since the first of April. Burke made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of March 31, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by White. Comments were made that the NRD should obtain a sales tax exemption certificate. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

Turnbull introduced and welcomed the guests in attendance at the Board meeting.

LIAISON D.C.

Turnbull read a letter from the State SCS office reporting that Ray A.

Griffin, District Conservationist at the Aurora Field Office, will now be the designated Soil Conservation Service Representative (Liaison District Conservationist) to the Upper Big Blue NRD. Griffin answered with a few remarks.

SOIL SURVEY REPORT

Bob Pollock, SCS, gave a consolidated report on the progress of soil surveys in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Polk, Seward, Adams and York Counties' soil surveys are complete and published. Butler and Clay Counties soil surveys mapping is complete and at printers. Fillmore, Saline and Hamilton Counties' soil surveys mapping is in progress. Fillmore County is 25% complete, Hamilton County is 30% complete and Saline County has just begun, about 3%. Questions were asked about the funding breakdown for each County. The cost-sharing of the NRD's and the Counties speeds up the completion of a published soil survey document for each particular County. (Summary sheet of Soil Survey Agreements for FY79 included with the minutes.)

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, Liaison D.C., gave the SCS 2nd Quarter Progress Report of activities and practices being conducted in the Counties in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Butler County's report included first and second quarter.

Griffin continued to report that the USDA Soil Conservation Service funds have been limited and cut back. Provisions have been made in engineering services concerning overtime and copies of the project plans.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Moore reported on the Executive Committee meeting held April 10, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

DIRECTORS' FIRST QUARTER PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

Anderson made the motion (motion #3) that the Directors' First Quarter Per Diem and Expenses be paid as submitted by the Directors. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz reported on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held April 10, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

CTCC ARBORETUM, HASTINGS

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #4) that the District pay the Central Technical Community College the \$250 annual payment for the, -FY79 Arboretum Program as per agreement. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kasier, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

The District will receive approximately 30 species of trees this spring to be used in the outdoor classrooms.

OATS AND SWEET CLOVER WILDLIFE CONTRACTS

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #5) that the District approve two Oats and Sweet Clover Wildlife Contracts as submitted and reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried. (Details on file.)

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Moore

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

PROGRAMS BOOKLET

Final typing of the Programs Booklet has begun and is available for review by the Board members.

SOIL SURVEYS

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #6) to approve payment of the bills submitted for soil surveys according to the Agreements for FY 79 for a total of \$15,015.00. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Turnbull briefed the Committee on a number of bills before the Legislature.

SALINE COUNTY SOIL SURVEY AMENDMENT NO. 3

Turnbull reviewed the Saline County Soil Survey Amendment No. 3 to the Master Cooperative Agreement with funds for FY80 from Saline County-50%; Lower Big Blue NRD-45%; and Upper Big Blue NRD-5%. Anderson made the motion (Motion. #7) to approve the Amendment No. 3 for the Saline County Soil Survey Agreement for FY80 at our share of 5% for FY80 (\$650). Seconded by Hansen. The soil survey is expected to be complete by June 30, 1982. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

DISTRICT TREE SALES

Turnbull gave a report on the 1979 Trees Sales of a total of 47,287. Contracts are to plant 29,467 trees by the District tree Planting crew. Tree Planting began April 9th, and in seven actual planting days, 8,300 trees have been planted to date or 28%.

FILM

A film was viewed entitled "Ecology-The Grasslands". The film is from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported on the Education Committee meeting held April 10, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Schlueter made a motion (Motion #8) that the Upper Big Blue NRD publish two issues of a District Newsletter to be distributed across the Upper Big Blue NRD. Approximately 201500 copies would be distributed for each of the first two issues. Further, that Service Press, Henderson, Nebraska, be authorized to print the two issues and a bulk rate mailing permit be obtained from the U.S. Post Office. In addition, Specialized Computer Services of Lincoln, Nebraska, be hired to handle all addressing for the two issues. The third and subsequent issues will be on a free subscription basis through return mail cards. Finally, that the two issues' total cost is not to exceed \$10,168. Seconded by Peters. A long discussion followed as to the research and extent of distribution of the newsletter for the District. Comments were made as to costs would not need to be as high if another route would be explored such as ads in newspapers circulated throughout the District. A report was given giving contrasting information as to mailing costs, distribution procedures, and subscription card rate of return. A suggestion was made to have the Education Committee review the decision of publishing a District Newsletter exploring other avenues of distribution at less costs. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Ehlers, Schlueter
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters, Schneider,
Stuhr, White

ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

Stuhr made the motion (Motion 49) to send the decision of publication of a District Newsletter back to the Education Committee for further examination in handling printing and costs. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

The Committee examined several pages of proposed content the staff has compiled for material to be in the proposed District Newsletter.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

The Committee discussed distribution of 30 trees that will soon be received from the Arboretum. Several schools that maintain Outdoor Classrooms have expressed an interest in these trees and it was felt the classrooms would make good homes for the trees.

NRD BROCHURES

It was brought to the attention of the Board that the NRD brochures and maps of the District were sent to 136 professional people and places of business in the Upper Big Blue NRD to induce public relations. Directors commented that they have seen the brochures at various places on display as hoped.

1979 TEACHERS INSTITUTE (May 28-June 8)

Cover letters and brochures describing the teacher workshop to be sponsored jointly with the Little Blue NRD, Lower Big Blue NRD and Upper Big Blue NRD have been, sent out with the Upper Big Blue NRD sending out 116 letters to District educators with one teacher~responding to attend the workshop.

CONSERVATION SCHOOL DAY-FILLMORE COUNTY

Staab presented a recommendation to the Board requesting the District to provide \$50 in support of Fillmore County's Conservation School Day to be held May 8th. The annual conservati6n.school day is for 5th grade students from Fillmore County area schools, approximately 115 boys and girls. Stan said that he will be giving a 20-25 minute talk on 'Resource Conservation'. Schlueter made a motion (Motion #10) the District provide \$50 in support of the Fillmore County's Conservation School Day for 1979. Seconded by Hegeholz. Comments were made to provide \$100 in support of this educating learning day for 5th grade students. Stuhr made an amendment to motion #10 making a motion (Motion #11) that the District increase its support to provide 100% of our share of the Fillmore County's schools participating in the Fillmore County Conservation School Day for 1979. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke, Schneider, Moore
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean., Regier, Ronne

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider
A13SENT: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White reported on the Water Committee meeting held April 11, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PUBLIC MEETINGS PROPOSAL ON CONTROL AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

The Committee has reviewed the importance of scheduling informational meetings in various locations across the District to discuss the Groundwater Control. Area Rules and Regulations. Meeting dates are preferred to be latter May and Early June. Details will be given at a later time.

REPORT ON WELLS WITHOUT PERMITS SITUATION

At the present time there are nine wells without permits. Three are new wells and six are replacement wells that exceed the capacity of the abandoned wells. These individuals have been sent a letter authorizing them to temporarily operate the well until the permit situation can be resolved.

DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES INTERPRETATION OF PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

The Committee has reviewed when a permit is required in a control area according to the Department of Water Resources, and also that there is no procedure in the present law for issuing late permits for those not in compliance with the rules. A letter has been sent to the Department of Water Resources from Steve Seglin, attorney, asking for their opinion on situations and circumstances that have arose concerning several problems regarding permits for wells within control areas. A meeting is to be set up with the Department of Water Resources, the other NRD's with control areas, and the attorney to discuss the permit problems existing.

CLAY COUNTY GWCD PROPOSAL FOR OBSERVATION WELL MEASUREMENTS AND RUNOFF INSPECTOR

The Clay County Extension-Agent reviewed with the Committee the Clay Co. GWCD Irrigation Scheduling Program. The charges for-the services are \$35 for center pivot systems and \$45 for gravity systems. He also reviewed the program costs.

He then told the Committee that the GWCD plans to measure approximately 41 wells this year in the Upper Big Blue NRD portion of Clay County, and he felt this would give good coverage of the area. The cost for spring and fall measurements would be approximately \$8.00 per well annually and he asked the Committee to consider the NRD cost-sharing the cost of these measurements. White made the motion (Motion #12)that the District share the Clay County GWCD well measurement costs at a rate of one-half actual costs, estimated to be \$4.00 per well, for 41 wells. Seconded by Hansen. This cost-share with Clay County would be on the same basis as the program with the Blue River Association of GWCD's which would include also Polk and Butler Counties. Clay County is no longer a member of the Blue River Association of GWCD's. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

The Clay County Extension Agent continued to review with the Committee that the GWCD has hired a runoff inspector in past years and plans to continue the program. The Little Blue NRD shared the cost of the inspector 50/50 last year. He asked the Committee if our District would consider sharing the cost of an inspector with the GWCD and the Little Blue NRD on a 1/3 basis. The inspector goes out on a daily basis to locate runoff problems. Staff researched possibilities and costs of setting up a similar type of program throughout the District coordinating with the other GWCD's if possible. White made the motion (motion #13) that the District pay to the Clay County GWCD 1/3 of the total cost of a runoff inspector in Clay County for the 1979 irrigation season, not to exceed \$1,300 with the following conditions: (1) The inspector keep a record of the number of contacts made with irrigators and note how the runoff problem was resolved. This information is to be provided to the District at the end of the irrigation season. (2) The Clay County GWCD provide the NRD with a statement of costs after the irrigation season showing the total cost of the inspector, broken down by total hours worked, wages paid, mileage expenses and other expenses. (3) The inspector also inspect runoff problems in that portion of Adams County in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Kaiser. Comments were made that there are no provisions in our Rules and Regulations whether an inspector can legally locate and report runoff problems. Statements

where made that the Groundwater Management Act, L.B. 577, includes that each NRD across the State has runoff regulations to follow and enforce. A request was made of a legal opinion regarding runoff surveillance. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Schlueter, White, Moore
NAY: Obermier, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

SURVEILLANCE OF ILLEGAL RUNOFF

The Committee discussed the need for periodic aerial surveillance of runoff throughout the irrigation season. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #14) that before the District pursue any further surveillance of illegal runoff of groundwater, that contact is made with legal counsel for a legal opinion regarding runoff inspection. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Ehlers
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

Questions were raised of the definition of illegal versus improper irrigation runoff, especially with reference to center pivot systems versus gravity systems.

White reported that the Directors in Polk and Butler Counties, those counties not in the Blue River Association of GWCD's, need to find inspectors for runoff in the northern part of the District along the same basis as Clay County.

Domestic wells pumping over 100 g.p.m. need to be reviewed in order to designate whether a permit is required. Committee to discuss this situation at their next meeting.

The important issue concluded in the surveillance of irrigation runoff, is that cooperation is needed between the irrigator users and the problems can be resolved easily.

NACD CONVENTION REPORT

Stuhr, White, Anderson and Schlueter gave a report of the NACD Convention they attended in Washington, D.C., February 11-16, 1979. Reports were made on the importance of recreation going to be a priority benefit in watershed projects to be built in the future, also on the determination of public access versus trespassing. Contacts were made of the Congressmen representing our State.

NARD WASHINGTON D.C. CONTACT TRIP

Burke and Turnbull attended the NARD Annual Washington, D.C., Contact Trip, held April 1-6, 1979, visiting offices and congressional staff and agencies involved with natural resources. Important that the State continues to support the National Association of Conservation Districts. A green ticket approach is being initiated, giving a tax incentive for use of conservation practices on farmlands. Met with State Congressmen, SCS, and Office of Management and Budget. Conclusions were made that the Contact Trip was a true success.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held April 11, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

The Committee discussed a recent funding offer from the Resources Development Fund Advisory Board. The funding offer included a 75% loan (\$286,650) for the estimated \$382,200 storm sewer project in David City, plus a 75% grant (\$250,425) for the eligible part of the estimated \$371,960 to cover the remaining portions of the project. The Committee further stated that if the

project is to proceed, a Master Agreement between all sponsors and participating agencies should be drawn up. The Agreement should include project implementation responsibilities, financial obligations, and project maintenance responsibilities. The District should not take responsibility for repayment of the loan portion of the project for storm sewers in David City. The original percentages of cost to be paid by the various agency sponsors no longer apply since no overall agreement was adopted and since the percentages were originally based on a 75% grant for the total project (no loans). A long discussion was held on the status of this project involving the Struebing and Miller Dams inside our District.

STATUS REPORT

Staff gave an updated status of scheduled projects for construction in calendar year 1979, including Hastings NW, Friesen Dam, Bergen Dam, Benson Bros. Dam, Ransom Dam, Bailey Dam and Miller Dam.

LAND TREATMENT COST-SHARING POLICY

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) that the District's cost-share rate for "parallel cut and fill terraces" and "push-up terraces" be at the rate of 75% of actual cost effective July 1, 1979, for all new applications for cost-sharing. Further, that, projects having applications previously approved be completed under the original application provisions. Seconded by Anderson. Previous policy stated the cost-share rate to be 75% of average costs. The parallel cut and fill terraces, and push-up terraces' construction costs usually run higher than county average costs on other terraces. Questions were raised on the limiting of these cost-share funds for mentioned terraces. Bitner reviewed with the Board, that this change in policy was initiated by the County Committees and this is being proposed to be in conformance with their program. New ACP cost-share has been increased to \$3,500 from \$2,500 per cooperator. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Hansen, Obermier
ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Peters, Schneider
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

SOIL CONSERVATION SERVICE-UPPER BIG BLUE NRD AGREEMENT FOR CONSTRUCTION INSPECTION SERVICES

Burke reviewed the Agreement between the Soil Conservation Service and the Upper Big Blue NRD, utilizing Civil Service personnel overtime for District projects. Committee took no action pending legality of NRD's paying overtime to Civil Service personnel per the agreement. Benny Martin, State SCS, has given the opinion that SCS personnel can be paid for overtime spent on NRD projects. Questions were raised of the legality of paying the federal government for SCS overtime services. Burke made the motion (Motion #16) to bring the SCS-NRD Agreement for Construction Inspection Services to the floor for discussion. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Obermier
ABSTAIN: Kaiser
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

Stuhr made the motion (motion #18) that the District obtain a legal opinion in writing concerning the legality of the Construction Inspection Services Agreement utilizing Civil Service personnel overtime for District projects, and with this legal opinion if found favorable and a valid agreement, that the District approve the SCS-NRD Agreement for Construction Inspection Services as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

RANSOM ROAD DAM AGREEMENT

Bitner reported that the Mervin Ransom, Sr., Agreement has been revised by deleting the portion where Ransom will contribute \$2,000 toward Polk County's share of the road structure. The Contribution Agreement will be only between Polk County and the District, the County will take full responsibility of the \$3,000 plus 30% of the total construction cost for the Ransom Road Structure. With this deletion, the Contribution Agreement becomes in conformance with the District's general cost-sharing policy for county road structures.

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT EXECUTIVE SESSION

Burke made the motion (Motion #18) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 10:55 p.m. to discuss Hastings NW Flood Control Project land rights. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

Burke made the motion (Motion #19) to re-convene the meeting into Regular Session at 11:45 p.m. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

Burke made the motion (motion #20) to approve easement acquisition in the Hastings NW Flood Control Project as recommended, that the staff and legal counsel only obtain the necessary construction and permanent flowage easements in the current court action, for the reason that future damages are not included in court settlements of this nature. Seconded by Hansen Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS REVISION TO 1979 IRRIGATION SCHEDULING PROGRAM

DeBuhr reviewed the request of the Blue River Association concerning the 1979 Irrigation Scheduling Program agreement. Due to the low sign-up of total participants, changes in costs and charges to operators will need to be revised. The original agreement charged \$40 to new cooperators and \$75 to previous cooperators; the revised agreement is that a charge of \$40 will be made for all participants in the scheduling program. The NRD's costs will increase to \$31.45 per operator unit and will also pay the Blue River Assoc. \$35 per operator unit for first year cooperators (limited to 100 cooperators) prorated by counties by registered well numbers as of October, 1978, and January, 1979. The Blue River Association's costs will increase to \$36.39 with all cooperators charges to be collected by the Blue River Assoc. The NRD's total costs will be \$8,200 compared to the original estimate of \$6,700; and the Blue River Association's total costs will be \$7,595 compared to the original estimate of \$3,600. These costs are based on a total sign-up of 200 participants in the 1979 Irrigation Scheduling Program. White made the motion (Motion #21) to accept the increase costs involved in the 1979 Irrigation Scheduling Program, including that \$40 be charged for all participants in, the scheduling program, as reviewed. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Schneider, White

NAY: Hansen, Obermier, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Ehlers, Schlueter, Moore

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Regier, Ronne

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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CURRENT SOIL SURVEYS
1978 (FY79) AGREEMENTS

Complete and published:
Polk County
Seward County
Adams County
York County

Butler County: Mapping Complete

Cost-share:
County = \$900 - 30%
Upper Big Blue NRD = \$900 - 30%
Lower Platte North NRD = \$900 - 30%
Lower Platte South NRD = \$450 - 10%

Clay County: Mapping Complete

Cost-share:
County = \$1,890 - 33%
Little Blue NRD = \$1,890 - 33%
Upper Big Blue NRD = \$1,890 - 33%

Fillmore County: Mapping in progress

Cost-share:
County = \$3,425.40 - 33%
Little Blue NRD = \$1,764.60 - 17%
Upper Big Blue NRD = \$5,190.00 - 50%

Saline County: Mapping in progress

Cost-share:
County = \$5,750 - 50%
Upper Big Blue NRD = \$ 575 - 5%
Lower Big Blue NRD = \$5,175 - 45%

Hamilton County: Mapping in progress

Cost-share:
County = \$3,960 - 33%
Upper Big Blue NRD = \$7,200 - 60%
Central Platte NRD = \$ 840 - 7%

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
March 15, 1979

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:10 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, District Engineer
Max Ronne, Secretary	Ken Feather, Operations Manager
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Stan Staab, Information Department
Bob Ehlers, Director	Rod DeBuhr, Water Department
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary
Melvin Kuska, Director	Ray Griffin, D.C., Aurora
Jim McLean, Director	Harold Fausch, D.C., Seward
Norman Obermier, Director	Jean Boldt, District Clerk, Seward
Lowell Peters, Director	Rob Glidden, SCS, Seward
Kenneth Regier, Director	Sherm Throckmorton, D.C., Osceola
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Mary Rodene, District Clerk, Osceola
Roy Stuhr, Director	Ruth Greene, District Clerk, York
Morris White, Director	Keith Niemann, York Co. Extension, York
Bruce Anderson, Director	Craig Pope, Blue River Assn. of GWCD's, York

ABSENT
Wayne Hansen, Director
Robert Schneider, Treasurer

LaVern Peterson, York
David Regier, Jr., York
Lori Potter, York News-Times, York

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published March 6, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present. 15 Present, 2 Absent.

RECOGNITION

Moore read a letter and a resolution from the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission making recognition to Bruce Anderson for his dedicated years and many services as a Commission member and advisor for the, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, his efforts in regards to the State Water Planning and Review Process, and serving as Chairman of the State Policy Advisory Committee. Anderson responded with a few comments.

MINUTES

Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the February 15, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

BUDGET REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report and the accounts to be paid as of February 28, 1979, as distributed. He also reported that the Larson overdue account (LRS Farms) is to be filed in Bankruptcy Court and is to be heard March 23, 1979. Burke made the motion (Motion 42) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of February 28, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by White.

Questions were raised on clerical and technical salaries of the out-of-district SCS employees and the total balances for the accounts payables. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

SEDIMENT AND WATER CONTROL TERRACES PRESENTATION

Sherman Throckmorton, D.C., Polk County SCS Office, gave a presentation on sediment and water control terraces and discussed the purpose of a~detention. terrace. He also showed a few slides demonstrating the design and specifics of water control terraces.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

McLean reported on the Budget Committee meeting held March 6, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LARSON ACCOUNT

The Committee discussed the LRS Farms overdue account. The staff is following up on this claim which is being heard in Bankruptcy Court March 23, 1979.

PERSONNEL AND DIRECTORS EXPENSES

The Committee discussed personnel and directors expense accounts. Staff has been directed to obtain an accountant's opinion on allowable expenses and necessary documentation; draft District policy on expenses and record keeping for Directors and staff; and investigate record-keeping methods and reimbursement intervals for Directors' expenses.

CHECK SIGNING

The Committee discussed the need to have the Manager authorized to sign checks with another staff member as a co-signer. It was felt this should be supplementary to the Treasurer's or Secretary's signature, but would allow the staff more flexibility in managing the District's affairs. McLean made the motion (Motion #3) that once suitable bond is posted, that the General Manager be authorized to sign checks for the Upper Big Blue NRD, with an office cosigner, if the Treasurer or Secretary is not available. Further, that the Treasurer and/or Secretary is to be notified of checks to be issued prior to signing, immediately after or as soon after signing as possible. Burke seconded. Discussion was held on the necessity and urgency to have the manager authorized to sign District checks. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

CREDIT CARD

The Committee discussed the need of a District credit card issued to staff and directors for District expenses. The Committee directed the staff to investigate credit cards for directors and staff and to report the findings to the Committee.

NACD DUES

The Committee discussed the method of paying National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) dues. The directors who attended the NACD Convention in Washington, D.C. briefed the Committee on the latest proposal for Nebraska dues to the NACD. The proposal is that each NRD pay \$275 per year for NACD dues (\$6,000 state total) and further that the NRD's contribute \$15,000 towards an NACD endowment fund over a three year period. This fund would be for scholarships to be awarded on a national level. This method represents a considerable savings to the State. McLean made the motion (Motion #4) that the NARD be advised that the District wishes to support the NACD with annual dues of \$275, the \$15,000 state-wide assessed to Districts on a property evaluation basis and that the \$15,000 be paid in three equal payments. Seconded by Anderson. Questions and discussions were held on the benefits the NRD receives from the NACD. Statements were made that a large percent of the dues paid is spent on lobbying on the national level. The NACD is an important lead agency concerned with conservation and our natural

resources. A short discussion was held on the endowment fund. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

WATER COMMITTEE REPORT

White reported on the Water Committee meeting held March 6, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

The Committee reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water Resources involving rules and regulations for the Groundwater Control Area and the Groundwater Management Act, § 46-656 through § 46-674, R.R.S., 1943 (Cum. Supp.). DeBuhr reviewed some recommendations relating to wording changes suggested by the Committee. The Committee is concerned about the terms of this agreement pertaining to notice of termination--30 day's written notice vs. upon mutual agreement of the parties thereto. Comments were made that the Department of Water Resources may not always be the authoritative agency of regulating the water of the State. Suggestions were made to approve the Memorandum as drafted. White made the motion (Motion #5) that the Memorandum of Understanding with the Department of Water Resources be approved, with the paragraph C remaining as drafted. Seconded by Stuhr. (Copy of Memorandum of Understanding included with the minutes.) Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES LETTERS ON PERMITS

The Committee reviewed letters from the Department of Water Resources to those irrigators whose permits to drill wells have expired. The Committee directed the staff to follow up by letter or phone to see if the NRD can help them in obtaining a new permit.

REVIEW DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES LETTERS ON WELL REGISTRATIONS

The Committee reviewed six well registrations where the wells were drilled as replacement wells, but the new well exceeds the gallons per minute output of the old well. Since a permit was not obtained, the wells are illegal. The Committee directed the staff to meet with Steve Seglin, attorney, and Mike Jess, DWR, to see what could be done to resolve these situations. Turnbull reported on the information obtained. Jess conveyed that a permit must be obtained before a well is drilled, by L.B. 577 (Groundwater Management Act). He also indicated that there are no specific provisions in the Act that authorizes the Department to issue a permit after the fact, after a well has been drilled. Further, there is no provision enabling the driller to get into compliance if the well has been drilled without obtaining a permit. Discussions were also held with Steve Seglin and Lee Orton pertaining to the legality of conforming with the law regarding permits. Turnbull concluded that a proposed amendment concerning compliance with the law of the Groundwater Management Act will need to be drafted and presented, to the legislature to cover these cases involving well permits. Discussions were held on the situations where persons had inadvertently violated the Act by constructing replacement wells with greater pumping capacity without first obtaining a permit, constructing replacement wells when the original well was not registered and constructing new wells in the control area without a permit. Staff is directed to contact the well owners and drillers and notify them of the present law making these wells illegal. To inform them that the District is working to try to get the law amended in order for them to get in compliance, however, we can not insure him of that. In the meantime, the irrigator may operate his well, but be advised that his well is in jeopardy of the law as it is now. Conclusions were made that the District could amend their own Ground Water Control Area rules and regulations, after a hearing is

conducted and approval given by the Department. Also, that the District has the authority of enforcing the law regarding these permits. The Committee is directed to review and follow up on the conditions of the well permits and registrations, and bring a recommendation to the Board when one is resolved.

GRIEVANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee discussed as to who would sit on a grievance committee for hearing appeals concerning the control area rules and regulations. It was felt that the entire Water Committee of the District should act as the grievance committee. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #6) that the entire Water Committee of the District be appointed to act as the grievance committee to hear appeals concerning the Control Area rules and regulations. Seconded by Anderson. The staff will receive, all appeals and try to resolve the problem with the water user individually. If the problem isn't resolved to the user's satisfaction, the grievance committee will hear his concern or complaint. If still no settlement is reached, the Board will hear the appeal for a decision to be made. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

STEPS IN OBTAINING A WATER PERMIT

Bitner reviewed a number of steps to follow when obtaining a water permit from the Department of Water Resources. Certain dams are required to have a permit when impounding water or using water from the structure. There are three conditions to check: 1. Some structures do not require a permit at all; 2. Some dams require a short form type of permit; and 3. Other structures require a full permit with a set of plans and specifications for the dam. Bitner continued to review the steps for obtaining a water permit by explaining a chart which showed the procedures of how to determine what each structure qualifies under. (Chart attached to minutes.) A discussion was held on the draw down of the permanent pool, the riser and the location of the tube.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported on the Education Committee meeting held March 9, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

NEWSLETTER FORMAT

The Committee discussed the progress and development of a District newsletter. Discussion centered on potential content, printing and mailing costs. Mailing suggestions included complete District coverage, rural coverage only, and some variations. The Committee directed the staff to pursue the aspect of a "package deal" for printing and mailing. Also directed to design a rough draft of the newsletter with more exact figures on cost for Committee review at next meeting.

DEVELOPMENT OF ANNUAL PROGRAMS BOOKLET

The Committee examined a rough draft of the programs booklet and directed the staff to continue work on compiling the information necessary to complete this document. The booklet will be reviewed again at the April Committee meeting with revisions and additions.

1979 TEACHERS INSTITUTE

The Committee reviewed a letter and brochure to be sent to teachers within our District. This workshop is to be held May 28th-June 8th, at Fairbury, NE. Our District will sponsor a limit of eight teachers, with \$325 per teacher. This Institute is co-sponsored with the Little Blue and Lower Big Blue NRD's. All plans have been finalized.

GOODYEAR CONSERVATION AWARD

The Committee discussed the entry for the 1980 Goodyear Conservation Award. It was felt that the NRD should pursue this award and the staff to keep the Committee posted on the progress throughout the year. This prestigious award is made on a National level and all criteria must be met by March 1, 1980.

Schlueter also explained that the NRD should consider the entry in the Allis Chalmers Award, a District award.

SENATORIAL SUPPORT FROM THE DISTRICT

The Committee discussed this topic in large degree. It was suggested that we do have a need for this type of support; to send a representative from our District to Lincoln was mentioned.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

The Committee reviewed a letter to be sent to the schools within the District to inform them of our outdoor classroom program.

NATIONAL WILDLIFE WEEK

National Wildlife Week is observed March 18-24. The Committee agreed that support of Wildlife Week by our NRD was meaningful and promotive.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held March 8, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

SCHOOL CREEK DAM SITE #3

Burke reported that the Henningson, - Durham & Richardson firm has completed approximately 96% of the Phase I of final design for the Dam Site #3 of the School Creek Project. HDR has submitted a billing for engineering services and photogrammetric services for a total of \$12,125.47. Burke made the motion (motion #7) to approve payment of the billing submitted by HDR for 96% of the Phase I portion of the final design of School Creek Dam Site #3 in the amount of \$12,125.47. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

Burke further reported that the Committee continued to discuss the School Creek Dam Site #3 Project including the Phase I Design. Project costs are estimated at the present time to be: Dam = \$165,000; Land Rights = \$479,000; and Raising Roads = \$189,000 for a total of \$833,000. The Committee agreed that the District should obtain maximum land rights to provide for eventual permanent pool elevation 1687. The Committee also discussed recreation potential for the structure.

BULGRIN ROAD DAM-SOIL TESTING

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to approve payment for the bill submitted by Western Laboratories for soil testing conducted on the Bulgrin Road Dam, York County, in the amount of \$452.00. Seconded by Obermier. Question called.

Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

SPECIAL PROJECT-STUART PINNEO

Stuart Pinneo, Butler County, constructed a pit in 1978. He desires to receive cost-sharing from the District, however, the pit does not qualify under the In-Basin Storage Program. In addition, the In-Basin Storage Program is in the study phase and no further applications are to be accepted. Some Committee members felt that this project should be incorporated into the Special Improvement Project currently being planned for the Rising City-Surprise area. The pit would be at the west end of the Improvement Project. Some Committee recommended that cost-share be provided in the amount of 45% of estimated cost of the pit less ACP contribution, with the understanding that this pit be included in the study being conducted for In-Basin Storage. Burke made the motion (motion #9) to provide cost-share on the Stuart Pinneo pit, Butler Co., in the amount of 45% of estimated cost less ACP contribution, with the understanding that this project is to be included in the study being

conducted for In-Basin Storage and a Special Project. Seconded by White. Discussion was on the eligibility of cost-share for the pit all ready constructed in 1978 and that assistance was not applied for through the District's program. Mr. Pinneo, however, did apply for assistance through the County's cost-share program. Discussion continued and included the Rising City-Surprise Improvement Project's status and background. A comment was made that the Pinneo pit has not been determined as a structural site to be included in the Improvement Project, such as the recharge benefits or overall effect it has on drainage of the area. Suggestions were made to take the consideration of the Pinneo pit as a special project back to Committee for further review and discussion. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Stuhr, White
NAY: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter
ABSTAIN: Burke, Obermier, Moore
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

Anderson made the motion (Motion #10) to have the consideration of the Stuart Pinneo pit as a Special Project be returned to the Projects Committee for further discussion. Seconded by Kuska. Further discussion was held on the cost-share assistance request and consideration of this pit as a Special Project with the Rising City-Surprise Improvement Project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Obermier
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

Suggestions were made to clear up any misunderstanding between the definition of In-Basin Storage Impoundment and a Drainage Improvement~Structure.

SPECIAL PROJECT-DON RAFERT

The consideration of the Don Rafert, Butler County, cost-share request as a Special Project be delayed until the Projects Committee has reviewed Stuart Pinneo's cost-share request as a Special Project.

FRIESEN ROAD STRUCTURE-RON OTT'S AGREEMENT

Burke reported that Ron Ott has asked for an Agreement with the District to replace an access driveway to his re-use pit which will be destroyed during construction of the Friesen Road Structure, Hamilton County. Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to approve the Agreement with Ron Ott of constructing a driveway access to his re-use pit which is being destroyed during construction of the Friesen Road Dam. Seconded by Peters. Estimated cost to be approximately \$5,000 for constructing the access-driveway, which will have a corrugated metal pipe placed in the draw. The borrow material to be negotiated with Mr. Ott, so as to dig a water storage facility north of-the driveway. Questions were raised on the estimated cost of replacing the access driveway. The construction of the driveway crossing to included as a bid item. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Kuska
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

VRBKA AND BAILEY ROAD STRUCTURES

The Committee reported that there will possibly be two cancellations of dams on the 1979 construction schedule. Therefore, it is necessary to move two structures from the 1980 schedule to the 1979 schedule. Burke made the motion (Motion #12) that the Vrbka (Butler County) and the Bailey (York County) road structures be moved from the 1980 construction schedule to the 1979 construction schedule pending the status of other dams on the 1979 construction schedule. Seconded by Peters. What it intended.- is that if the structures scheduled to be built are not built, that these two structures will be moved to the 1979 construction schedule and take their place. The

structures in question were the Friesen Road Structure, Hamilton County, and the Ransom Road Structure, Polk County. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS

Burke reviewed that the Committee discussed the Seward and Butler Counties concerns about design and construction services of our road structure projects. It is recommended that the District continue to administer design and construction and that new construction work continue to be advertised for competitive bids. It is further recommended that the County be allowed to remove existing bridges and culverts when they so request. Also, that the Counties be allowed to submit bids on new construction work. Burke made the motion (Motion #13) that the District continue to administer design, and construction of District projects and that new construction work continue to be advertised for competitive bids. That the Counties be allowed to remove existing bridges and culverts when they so request, and that the Counties be allowed to submit bids on new construction work if they so desire. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

ROGER BAILEY DAM-CONSULTANT SELECTION

Burke reviewed that three consulting firms of Henningson, Durham & Richardson (HDR); McGaughey, Marshall & McMillan (MMM); and Hoskins, Western & Sonderegger (HWS) were asked to submit proposals for furnishing engineering services on final design of the Roger Bailey Dam to be located in York County. The technical feasibility study was done by HWS. The study indicated that it is technically feasible to construct a dam at the specified site for the purpose of local flood control and storage of water. HDR did not submit a proposal due to the firm's heavy workload at this time. Proposals received were from MMM and HWS as follows: MMM = \$5,826.38; and HWS = \$12, 153.80. Burke reviewed the comparison of the two proposals' costs as follows: The HWS firm's proposal includes \$3,651.80 for foundation and borrow area analysis. The MMM firm felt that no further foundation and borrow area analysis is required, therefore, they did not include a figure for soils work. The surveying and spillway design are fairly close to the same total dollars; \$3,240 for HWS and \$3,920 for MMM. The HWS firm estimated that the preparation of plans and specifications would require 70 hours of an engineer's time and 100 hours of a technician's time, whereas, the MMM firm estimates only 16 hours for the engineer's time and 64 hours for the technician's time. The resulting cost difference is approximately \$3,000 for this phase of design. Bitner stilted that in his opinion the MMM firm's proposal did not reflect sufficient concern for the possible collapse of Loess material which underlies the sand layer present in the foundation. In addition, Bitner stated that more information would be required to determine the location of additional borrow material. Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to award the contract for providing final design engineering services for the Roger Bailey Dam to the Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger firm to include: field surveys, geotechnical investigation and analysis, hydrologic and hydraulic design, design plans and specifications, and design report. The charge for these shall be based on reimbursement at the rates per unit as specified in their proposal for providing these services dated March 6, 1979. The total cost for the engineering services on final design shall not exceed \$12,153.80. Seconded by Peters. A long discussion and concerns were heard that there could be such a large difference in cost. Bitner explained the possible collapse of Loess material which underlies the sand layer present in the foundation. In our obligation to construct a safe structure, comments were made to go with the HWS bid which includes more soils analysis. Bitner responded that the difference in-costs reflects that the two firms approached the same problems

and situations in different ways. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kuska, Obermier, Peters,
Regier, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Kaiser, McLean, Schlueter
ABSTAIN: Ronne
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Bitner reported to the Committee that the NRC Advisory Board recommended a 75% grant on the Miller and Struebing dams and 100% loan on storm sewers in David City. The Commission will next consider the Advisory Board's recommendation. The 75% grant for Miller and Struebing Dams will depend upon David City's acceptance of the 100% loan.

FRED MILLER-DRAINAGE PROJECT

The landowners in the drainage area above Fred Miller's property have requested the District to organize a meeting for the purpose of coordinating a Special Improvement Project to correct existing drainage problems. Staff is directed to coordinate a meeting and the people affected by the improvements are to be invited.

OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

Burke reported that dam, channels, and other works which have been designed and built by the District will require annual operation and maintenance such as: operating drawdown tubes; annual seeding; erosion control; repair and clean intake structures; small structure construction; and removal of small trees from dam embankments. Much of this work will be done in small quantities during each summer and would be difficult to contract for by bid advertisement. The Committee recommends that the Projects Department be given authorization to hire operation and maintenance work to be done without receiving bids. Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to give the Projects Department the authorization to hire operation and maintenance work to be done on District projects without receiving bids. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

McCOOL JUNCTION-DRAINAGE PROBLEM

The drainage ditch which runs from west to east along the north boundary of McCool Junction is subject to periodic flooding. Stuhr has asked that the Projects Committee and Board be made aware of this problem.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS RISING CITY-SURPRISE DRAINAGE PROJECT

McLean made the motion (Motion #16) that the Projects Committee study the full status of the Rising City-Surprise Drainage Project and the relationship of the cost-share assistance application of the Stuart Pinneo pit to this project. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

LOYAL McCONE FLOODING PROBLEM

Moore reviewed a letter received from Mr. Loyal McCone of Shelby, regarding a flooding problem he has just off the Highway on the west side of Shelby. He has asked that the District be aware of his concern and try to get something accomplished in the very near future. The Projects Committee is directed to review and study this area.

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Discussion was held further on the funding situation of the Central Butler Project stressing that the David City's acceptance of a loan hinges on the success of the entire water management project.

SEDIMENT PROBLEM ON THE BIG BLUE RIVER

Stuhr reported on a breaching incident which occurred south of York on the Big Blue River. The Board should be made aware of the sediment and soil erosion that has washed down the river due to the work of rechannelization. The Projects Committee is to study these problems along the District's streams and creeks.

PROGRAMS AND LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz reported on the Programs and Legislative Committee meeting held March 13, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

OATS AND SWEET CLOVER WILDLIFE PROGRAM

The Committee reviewed the Oats and Sweet Clover Wildlife Program. Since most pivot corners are less than ten acres, it was recommended by the Game and Parks Commission that the District change the minimum acres of the Oats and Sweet Clover practice from ten to five acres per cooperator. Hegeholz made the motion (motion #17) that the District change the minimum acres for the Oats and Sweet Clover Wildlife Program from ten to five acres per cooperator, in order to allow pivot corners to be included under this practice. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

OATS AND SWEET CLOVER CONTRACTS

The Committee reviewed two new Oats and Sweet Clover Contracts for approval. Hegeholz made the motion (motion #18) to approve the two new Oats and Sweet Clover Wildlife Contracts as reviewed. Seconded by Kaiser. (Details included with the minutes.) Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

WILDLIFE HABITAT PAYMENTS

The Committee recommends that Practice IVB Border Planting of Grasses not offer the \$40 payment the first year and Practice IVC Border Planting of Trees, Shrubs and Grasses not offer the \$100 payment for the first year. This is to be replaced by the Game and Parks Commission's new policy of reimbursing the cooperator for the materials placed on these practices. The annual payments will remain in effect of \$25 per acre under Practice IVB and \$35 per acre under Practice IVC, and five to ten year contracts. These original first year payments were intended to subsidize the cost of the materials placed on these practices. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #19) that Practice IVB not offer the \$40 first year payment and Practice IVC not offer the \$100 first year payment. The Game and Parks Commission's policy replacing this offer by reimbursing the cooperator for the materials used. The annual payments of \$25 per acre for Practice IVB and \$35 per acre for Practice IVC remaining in effect for these wildlife habitat practices. Seconded by Kaiser. (Wildlife Habitat Program included with minutes.) Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier,
Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kuska
ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

WINDBREAK RENOVATION PROGRAM-JANE BECK SMITH

The Committee discussed the windbreak renovation program. Jane Beck Smith of York County is very interested in renovating and replanting an old windbreak. It is recommended that our District cost-share \$300 for this project. This would be the demonstration site for York County. The District Forester is working on a management plan for her area. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #20) that the District cost-share \$300 for the windbreak renovation project site of Jane Beck Smith, York County. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called.

Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Schneider

WINDBREAK RENOVATION PROGRAM-EUGENE GLOCK

The Committee discussed the Eugene Glock windbreak renovation site. After looking at the area, it was found that this windbreak will be located on the state highway right-of-way. At the present time, the District Forester is working with the Highway Department on a plan for this windbreak. Eugene Glock would like to see this re-established and is also willing to add a row of cedars to this area which would be on his land. The Committee felt the staff should proceed. This would be the District's demonstration site for Butler County. A discussion was held on this windbreak renovation site and concluded that this area is still in the planning stage with the Highway Department. It was directed that the staff continue with the planning of this demonstration area and prepare a recommendation for the Committee when the plan is complete.

CURRENT LEGISLATION

Turnbull reviewed several current legislative bills with the Committee. Reports and discussion were held, but the Committee took no action of the following bills:

L.B. 27 - Domestic and irrigation well conflicts; sent back to the Public Works Committee by the Legislature.

L.B. 31 - Changes in Statutes for eligibility for land rights funds under small watersheds for flood control; the District has applied for these funds for the land rights for the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. This would allow applications for these funds not required to be accompanied with federal involvement. This bill has been passed and signed by the Governor.

L.B. 45 - Reservoir capacities; deals with acre feet of storage.

L.B. 48 - Removal of land in Ag production for projects; if there is a dam to be constructed or other projects and there is agricultural land in production, other viable alternatives are to be explored before the project continues and takes the land out of production.

L.B. 201 - Well spacing changes on a state-wide basis; would require a change in the Statutes which would put a requirement of 1,000 foot well spacing between industrial, irrigation and municipal wells. The 600 foot well spacing would remain between irrigation wells.

L.B. 204 - Reporting changes of ownership on registered wells; would make it mandatory to report changes of ownership on tracts of land to keep the well registrations current.

L.B. 213 - NRD and Department of Roads cooperate on road structure sites.

L.B. 242 - Tax levies for multi-county entities; if one County reappraises and a neighboring County does not, the tax we would collect from both Counties would remain on the same percentage as the prior year until both Counties are reappraised.

L.B. 265e- Inundation of Roads; this specifies the design requirements for roads to be raised, this will state the minimum limits it should be raised to.

L.B. 285 - Spending limitations; an amendment to L.B. 1 dealing with 7% lid.

L.B. 359 - Amendments to NWCP; introduced to kill the L.B. 450 funds, this bill itself has been killed.

L.B. 401 - State consent for federal acquisition; deals with Game Refuges, Fish and Wildlife Service will need consent of state legislature and governor before lands can be put into habitat or refuges.

L.B. 547 - Department of Water Resources fees for permits; permits for reservoirs

L.B. 26

Moore read an article from the Tuesday's edition of the York News-Times, from the associated press writer J. L. Smith, concerning and referring to L.B. 26 which would amend the Groundwater Management Act, dated March 13, 1979. Much discussion followed, as to the District's concept, previous action or support to the conditions and amendments of L.B. 26. The main concern of the L.B. 26 is of increasing the maximum control area mill levy from 1/4 mill to 3/4 mill.

Turnbull reviewed the Committees discussion and recommendation on L.B. 26. L. B. 26; introduced by Senator Kremer; amends the Groundwater Management Act as follows: (1) adds water quality problems caused by aquifer dewatering as reason for control area; (2) clarifies ambiguities in control area criteria; (3) provides a procedure for including (with the consent of the affected NRD) territory beyond that of NRD(s) requesting a control area hearing; (4) establishes criteria for designating control area boundaries; (5) authorizes NRD's to require the installation of measuring devices on wells (this pertains to only those NRD's that do not have control areas does not effect an existing control area); (6) requires at least one public hearing on district proposed regulations in control areas prior to their adoption; (7) allows Director of DWR to hold hearings on district adopted regulations prior to approval; (8) allows eighteen months after designation of control area for adoption of regulations; and (9) increases maximum control area mill levy from 1/4 mill to 3/4 mill. The Committee passed a motion to recommend to the Board that the District support L.B. 26 with the following conditions: (1) That 1/4 mill would be sufficient until allocation becomes necessary. (2) That 3/4 mill would be sufficient to administer the control area if allocation becomes necessary. (3) That a water use fee is not acceptable for control area funding. (4) In addition, the remainder of the bill be supported.

Questions were raised on section 5, authorizing NRD's to require the installation of measuring devices on wells. This section of the bill of authorization does not pertain to NRD's with existing control areas. The mill aspects of this bill are being highly debated and are in a major state of flux. The latest amendment to the bill would make the mill issue a vote of the people. Suggestions were made to eliminate the mill levy portion of the bill and support the remainder of the L.B. 26. The 1/4 mill has all ready been authorized to NRD's in control areas. Comments were also made that the bill was going to be re-drafted and then acted upon. Ronne made the motion that if the following measures are met: Delete the section of the bill stating to increase the maximum control area mill levy from 1/4 mill to 3/4 mill; that a water use fee is not acceptable for control area funding; and the remainder of the bill be supported; that the Upper Big Blue NRD would support L.B. 26. No second, motion died. Kaiser made the motion (motion #21) that if the following measures are met: that a 1/4 mill would be sufficient until allocation becomes necessary; that a 3/4 mill would be sufficient to administer the control area if allocation becomes necessary; that a water use fee is not acceptable for control area funding; to delete the authorization--of NRD's to require the installation of measuring devices on wells; and in addition, the remainder of the bill be supported; the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors supports L.B. 26. Seconded by White. Further discussion was held on the mill levy increase portion of the bill.

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #22) to table motion #21. Seconded by McLean. Motion failed.

AYE: Ehlers, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Burke,,Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, White, Moore
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz
ABSENT: Hansen, Regier, Schneider

Discussion continued on the legislation and administration of the mill levy for the control area. Statements were made that the L.B. 26 is very unfavorable among towns people and farmers, and that in the end the State will direct us as to how to administer the control area. Question called motion #21. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, White, Moore

NAY: Ehlers, McLean, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr
ABSENT: Hansen, Regier, Schneider

The staff is directed to include the individual names in recording the vote of motion #21 concerning L.B. 26.

L.B. 64 and L.R. 20

L.B. 64 refers to NRD elections. A legislative resolution #20 has been introduced by Government, Military and Veterans Affairs Committees to be authorized to conduct interim studies to-examine the election process of NRD's. The Committee passed a recommendation to support L.R. 20, but that the election process for other entities be studied as well. Anderson made the motion (Motion #23) to support the L.R. 20 to L.B. 64, but that the election process for other entities be studied as well. Seconded by Obermier. Turnbull read a letter from Senator Don Wesely in response to a survey sent to each NRD's Board Chairman inquiring about the NRD's election process. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: McLean, Ronne
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Hansen, Regier, Schneider

L.B. 286

Introduced by Senator Kremer, Maresh; provides that beginning July 1, 1980, two cents (2~) of cigarette tax funds will be credited to the Resources Development Fund and one cent (1~) will be credited to the Nebraska Water Conservation Fund. Provides also for appropriation of two million and one million, respectively, for the two funds for FY79-80. Anderson made the motion (Motion #24) that the Board support L.B. 286, that beginning July 1, 1980, two cents of cigarette tax funds will be credited to Resources Development Fund and one cent will be credited to Nebraska Water Conservation Fund. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke, Obermier, Peters, Schlueter
ABSENT: Hansen, Regier, Schneider

L.B. 423

Introduced by Goodrich; would add one member to the Natural Resources Commission from each river basin encompassing a city of the metropolitan class. The additional member would be chosen by caucus of all river basin NRD directors, but would have to be director or former director of NRD encompassing the city of the metropolitan class. The Committee recommended to oppose L.B. 423. Stuhr made the motion (motion #25) that the Board oppose L.B. 423, which would add one member to the Natural Resources Commission from each river basin encompassing a city of the metropolitan class. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke
ABSENT: Hansen, Regier, Schneider

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Beginning in April, the regular Board of Directors' monthly meetings will be scheduled in the evenings. This schedule to be effective through the month of November.

Moore read a letter of resignation submitted by the District Technician at Osceola, Rickie Redeker, effective March 31, 1979. Expressed his appreciation for the work experience with the NRD the past two years.

Moore suggested that the District's By-Laws be reviewed, up-dated and a draft

prepared for Board approval.

NACD CONVENTION REPORT

The NACD Convention Report to delayed until a later time.

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

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Max A. Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
February 15, 1979

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:15 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, District Engineer
Max Ronne, Secretary	Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Stan Staab, Public Info. Manager
Bob Ehlers, Director	Ray Griffin, Acting Liaison D.C., Aurora
Wayne Hansen, Director	Maurice Medaris, District Tech., Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Kathy Holliday, District Clerk, Aurora
Jim McLean, Director	Rick Redeker, District Tech., Osceola
Norman Obermier, Director	Robert Reutzel, Sutton
Lowell Peters, Director	Lori Potter, York News-Times
Kenneth Regier, Director	

ABSENT

Bruce Anderson, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Roy Stuhr, Director
Morris White, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published February 6, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present with Hansen arriving later in the meeting.

MINUTES

Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the January 18, 1979, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the February 1, 1979, special Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

BUDGET REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of January 31, 1979, as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Hegeholz.

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report and the accounts to be paid as of January 31, 1979, as distributed. A discussion was held on the Professional Services account, the Wildlife Habitat account and the Land Treatment account. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

The Executive Committee held a meeting January 22, 1979, and the committee report was reviewed as distributed.

COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Ronne made the motion (Motion #4) to accept the Committee appointments for 1979 as set up by the Executive Committee. Seconded by Hansen. (Detailed list included with the Minutes.) Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN AND VICE-CHAIRMAN

The Executive Committee will leave the selection of the Committee Chairman and Vice-Chairman up to each individual Committee.

ELIGIBLE VOTES ON COMMITTEES

Burke made the motion (motion #5) that the decision on committee voting privileges be delayed until the next Board meeting due to the number of Board members not present today. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Turnbull reported on the Personnel & Equipment Committee meeting held January 30, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

WATER DEPARTMENT-MANAGER

Turnbull reported that Mr. Rodney DeBuhr, Curtis, NE, has accepted the position of Water Department-Manager at a salary of \$15,000 per year with an increase to \$16,000 at the end of six month probationary period. Expected employment date of March 5, 1979.

DISTRICT VEHICLE

Turnbull reviewed the needs for an additional District vehicle to replace the van which was lost in an accident. Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to develop the specifications and advertise for bids for a full size station wagon for the District. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

SPENDING LIMITATION

Turnbull reviewed that the District staff spending limit without prior approval of \$150 was discussed by the Committee. Turnbull stated that it is too restrictive in that many items must wait for Board approval prior to purchase and also that the Board approves final billings regardless. Turnbull further stated that the Board should delegate authority to the staff to take care of the minor items on a daily basis, as long as they are not inconsistent with District policy. Burke made the motion (motion #7) that the District Policy be changed to allow the General Manager * \$500 spending limit without prior approval by the Board. Seconded by McLean. A short discussion was held on the raising of the limit and payment of bills pending. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

Turnbull introduced Mr. Stan Staab, the new Public Information Department-Manager, starting February 20, 1979.

MOVING EXPENSES

Schneider questioned the District's policy on payment of moving expenses on the new employees. Statements were made that moving expenses reimbursed to employees of the District have in the past been negotiated individually. Burke made the motion (Motion #8) that the District authorize reimbursement of moving expenses for Stan Staab and Rod DeBuhr, by paying one-half the costs of their moving expenses not to exceed \$500 (each). Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

Hegeholz reported on the Programs Committee meeting held February 1, 1979, and reviewed the report as distributed.

WILDLIFE HABITAT (WETLANDS)

Hegeholz reported that the Committee discussed the difference in Type I and Type III Wetlands. Due to the fact that over 80% of the wetlands in the District have been drained, the Game & Parks Committee feels the NRD should pay \$15/acre on Type I Wetlands that are beneficial to wildlife and have not been drained for crop use; and the NRD should pay \$25/acre on Type III Wetlands that contain water most of the year and consist of a uniform cover of marsh vegetation. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #9) that the District include the Type I and Type III Wetlands as a special practice under our Wildlife Habitat program for FY80 including the special provisions for acceptance. Seconded by Schneider. A discussion was held on the conditions to be met under the Type I and Type III Wetland program. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

IN-BASIN STORAGE PROGRAM

Hegeholz reported that the Committee discussed the In-Basin Storage Program and it was recommended that the Projects Committee conduct studies on the five pits that are to be built. The scope of these studies will be presented at a later time. It was also recommended to curtail any further development on In-Basin Storage Pits until further data is brought back to the Committee to justify more development. Bitner commented that the staff intends to write up a demo-study program to be presented to the Programs Committee for approval. The study would involve a monitoring program to determine the amount of in-flow and out-flow of each one of the basins, the seepage that has occurred and the evaporation that has taken place. A summary would be prepared showing the conclusions reached on each pit. A recommendation would then be submitted to the Committee to determine the feasibility to conduct the In-Basin Storage Program for further development. Approximately \$15,000 has been allocated of the \$20,000 budgeted for this program, the remaining \$5,000 was suggested to be used to help conduct this study. Total costs to conduct the study is estimated to be \$10,000 (\$2,000 for each pit), which includes staff time and equipment. A long discussion was held on the benefits of the in-basin storage structures. Concluded that the study and the data to be collected would determine the feasibility of the In-Basin Storage Program. Bitner further commented that this program was set up as an experimental program. Part of this experiment is to build in-basin storage pits as experimental models, collect data, draw conclusions and make a recommendation on the results. This study is one phase of this program. Ronne made the motion

(Motion #10) to accept this proposal and have the staff conduct studies on a maximum of five in-basin storage pits that are to be built, utilize the State's equipment if possible, and curtail any further development on In-Basin Storage Pits until further data is brought back to the Committee. Seconded by Burke. The suggested in-basin storage pits to study that are planned to be built is one in Fillmore County, one in Butler County and one in Polk County. The details of the study proposal will be prepared and submitted to the Committee for approval. Question called.

Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Schneider

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

The Long-Range Planning was discussed by the Committee and material will be presented at a later date.

NEBRASKA'S FIRST TREE FARM

A tour has been tentatively scheduled for March 7, 1979, to visit the Nebraska's First Tree Farm which is located on the Wes Huenefeld farm located 1 ½ miles south and 4 miles west of the Aurora Interchange. This is an excellent site of what single row windbelts will do for conservation and wildlife purposes.

FILM

The film "Ecology-The Grasslands" was not available to be shown today.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Kaiser reported on the Education Committee meeting held February 7, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Arrangements have been finalized on the Annual Awards Banquet to be held Saturday, February 24, 1979, at the Flying V. Utica, NE.

PROGRAMS BOOKLET

The Programs Booklet is near completion and is expected to be ready for Committee review in March.

1979 TEACHERS INSTITUTE

Kaiser reported that the District has been asked by the Little Blue NRD to cooperate in their 1979 Teachers Institute by sponsoring teachers from this NRD at an approximate cost of \$300-\$325 per teacher, cost dependent on the total number enrolled. The Committee recommends to sponsor teachers from this NRD at \$325 per teacher, a limit of 8 teachers, up to a maximum of \$2,600 for the course. Kaiser made the motion (motion #11) that the District cooperate with the Little Blue NRD in the 1979 Teachers Institute by approving \$325 per teacher, a limit of 8 teachers, up to a maximum of \$2,600 for 1979. Seconded by Peters. The Teachers Institute will be held at Fairbury, NE, May 28th-June 8th, 1979. It is a ten day course for elementary and secondary school teachers for environmental education. Turnbull reviewed the courses to be provided, and that the applicants would be accepted on a first-come first-serve basis. Statements were made that this would be an excellent educational program to inform participants about the NRD's and natural resources. Each participant will be expected to pay \$125 themselves and will receive college credits for taking the course. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NEBRASKALAND NRD BROCHURES

The Committee has discussed ways to effectively distribute the NRD brochure to

various banks, equipment and car dealers, doctors offices, school, etc. The Committee feels that it is very good publicity. The staff is directed to distribute the NRD's copies as soon as possible. Directors are also encouraged to distribute some copies.

NEWSLETTER AND ANNUAL REPORT

The Committee feels that a newsletter needs to be developed and distributed throughout the District reporting on the NRD's activities. Also an annual report would be beneficial and in the District's interest.

YOUTH CAMPS

Suggestions were made that the District continue sponsoring young people to youth camps such as Range Youth Camp at Halsey.

Staab reported that National Wildlife Week will be March 12-16, 1979.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held February 8, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT-FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to grant final approval on two land treatment applications as reviewed for a cost-share of \$2,377.10. Seconded by Obermier, Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

LAND TREATMENT-COST SHARE

The Committee discussed the concerns about the rate of cost-share variations by county.

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT

The Committee briefly discussed the School Creek Project by reviewing the types of benefits to result from this project.

CENTRAL BUTLER/FRED MILLER PROJECT

Burke reported that Al Smith, Lower Platte North NRD, presented to the Projects Committee a summarized history of the Central Butler Project. Considerable discussion was held by the Committee about Fred Miller's project and the drainage situation on his property. The Committee expressed that drainage projects should be "Special Improvement Projects" so that landowners who benefit from the drainage will pay for the structural measures required. Burke reviewed the recommendations made by the Committee. Burke made the motion (Motion #13) to approve the recommendations (1) that the District should not sign the Agreement sent to the District by the Nebraska Department of Roads; (2) that the District should not cost-share on drainage improvements including channels, crossings, or any other measures either on Fred Miller's property or elsewhere in the drainage area tributary to Fred Miller's property; and (3) that the District should continue to support the Fred Miller Dam. Seconded by McLean. Discussion was held on the landowners who would benefit from the drainage and the agreements to pay for the structural requirements. Further discussion was held on the design alternatives of the State Department of Roads highway modifications and the various drainage problems involved. With the District not signing the Department of Roads agreement, the State would leave the highway and culvert as it is. Burke reported that Leonard Rerucha, stated that he would be willing to contribute a portion to the project cost of the Fred Miller drainage in proportion to -the amount of water his land contributes. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

BULGRIN-WEISS ROAD STRUCTURE FENCING

Burke reviewed that bids were received on January 30, 1979, for construction of fence for the Bulgrin and Weiss Road Structures. Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to accept the low bid of \$3,368.21 submitted by Hills Sand and Gravel, Polk, NE, and award contract for fencing the Bulgrin and Weiss Road Structures, York County, NE. Seconded by Peters. The fences to be constructed are replacing ones removed during construction of the dams. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

FRIESEN ROAD STRUCTURE-COST SHARE

Burke reported that the Hamilton County Commissioners have agreed to cost-share on the Friesen Road Structure in calendar year 1979 if they will be permitted to pay their share of costs when funds are available to them in FY80. Burke made the motion (motion #15) that the District approve the cost-share arrangements that Hamilton County be allowed to contribute their share of the costs on the Friesen Road Structure between July 1, 1979, and June 30, 1980, as funds become available for this purpose. Seconded by Hegeholz. Advertisement of bids will be April 1st, and project construction for May 1st, 1979. Advertisement of the Bergen Darr will be let at the same time as the Friesen Dam, with bids accepted for either one or both of the contracts together awarding the best combination for each structure.

FRIESEN ROAD STRUCTURE-COST SHARE

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

FRIESEN ROAD STRUCTURE-STEVENS AGREEMENT

Burke reported that Howard Anderson, farm manager for Loeta Stevens, has requested that seeding provisions be provided for in her easement agreement. Burke reviewed the proposed Stevens Agreement. Burke made the motion (motion #16) to approve the agreement as reviewed for Loeta Stevens' request for the seeding provisions on her land upstream from the Friesen Road Dam, that the District will establish a stand of Reed Canary grass only if the perennial grasses are found to be destroyed by the temporary water stored on her tract of land and caused by the flood control dam to be constructed, the agreement shall remain in effect as long as Leota M. Stevens is the owner of said SE1/4 11-9-5 or until December 31, 1989, whichever occurs first. Seconded by Kaiser. A long discussion was held on the establishment of a stand of the Reeds Canary Grass, the agreement term and the area to be planted of 25.6 acres. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Obermier, Ronne
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

FRIESEN ROAD STRUCTURE-GARRY FRIESEN AGREEMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #17) to approve the agreement as reviewed for Garry Friesen's request for the seeding provisions on his land upstream from the Friesen Road Dam, that the District will establish a stand of Reed Canary grass only if the perennial grasses are found to be destroyed by the temporary water stored on his tract of land and caused by the flood control dam to be constructed, the agreement shall remain in effect as long as Garry G. Friesen is the owner of said SE1/4 12-9-5 or until December 31, 1989, whichever occurs first. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Obermier, Ronne
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

BERGEN ROAD STRUCTURE-NUNNENKAMP AGREEMENT

Burke reported that Luetta Nunnenkamp has asked for an Agreement to take care of (1) a fence replacement; (2) a driveway access to the land upstream; and (3) an irrigation pipe crossing. Burke reviewed the agreement which included the special provisions for each request. Burke made the motion (Motion #18) to approve the agreement as reviewed for Luetta Nunnenkamp's request for (1) a fence replacement; (.2) a driveway access to the land upstream; and (3) an irrigation pipe crossing. Delete the last sentence of item 2 of the Nunnenkamp Agreement which concerned the construction of the driveway as a bid item with the cost to be shared by Hamilton county. Seconded by Regier. Replacement of fence would approximately be 1,000 L.F. Driveway placement subject to be taken care of by Hamilton County. The irrigation pipe to be laid in the crossing to be at the expense of Luetta Nunnenkamp. All easements for the Bergen Road Structure have been obtained and agreements signed. Luetta Nunnenkamp will need to obtain her own agreement with the County on the terms for the placement of the irrigation pipe under the road. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE-LAND ACQUISITIONS

Turnbull reviewed the status of the Land Rights negotiations. The attorney has recommended that we proceed with court action on tract of land where good faith negotiations have failed.

MARIE GROTHEN'S LAND ACQUISITION

Burke made the motion (Motion #19) that the Board of Directors have made a good faith effort in negotiations with Marie Grothen, record owner of the following described real estate to wit: 38.1 acre tract located in the NW1/4 of Section 34 and 17.4 acre tract located in the SW1/4 of Section 27, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map, to acquire perpetual easement rights for storage, flowage and construction thereto, which is necessary to the construction of the Hastings NW Flood Control Structure, and having failed to reach an. agreement, the staff and legal counsel are directed to immediately initiate necessary legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire perpetual easement thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the northwest portion of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Ronne. The one section involves a re-use pit that will need to be replaced. The well in the one quarter will not be affected by the flood waters or the permanent pool.

Turnbull reported that the Hastings City Council has received the final report of the study on the channel improvements prepared by HDR. The City has reviewed the study, which involves the watershed from the NW Flood Control Dam to Lake Hastings. The study also gives the results of what the flood plain would be with and without the NW Structure. In summarizing the study, the NW Dam alone is not sufficient for flood control and flood protection of the City of Hastings. With the combination of the NW Structure and the channel improvements to Lake Hastings, this becomes a favorable and feasible project. Channel improvements will be conducted entirely by the City of Hastings. The NRD has informed the City that the District will not proceed with the NW Structure until the channel improvements are agreed to be constructed. The City has agreed to begin the channel work by motion of the City Council February 12, 1979, approving the channel improvements and letting bids for construction in four months. Estimated costs for the channel work is \$290,000; first stage is \$98,000, the second stage is \$50,000, the third stage is \$116,000, and the final stage is \$26,000. The channel will be designed to contain the waters of a 100 year flood and be from the NW Dam to Lake Hastings. Turnbull reviewed the recommendations of HDR to the City of Hastings

concerning the channel improvements and the flood plain area. The Lake Hastings is just inside the Upper Big Blue NRD boundary. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NEIL GROTHEN'S LAND ACQUISITIONS

Ronne made the motion (Motion #20) that the Board of Directors have made a good faith effort in negotiations with Neil Grothen, record owner of the following described real estate to wit: 8.5 acre tract located in the SE44 of Section 28, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6thP.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map, to acquire perpetual easement rights for storage and flowage thereto, which is necessary to the construction of the Hastings NW Flood Control Structure, and having failed to reach an agreement, the staff and legal counsel are directed to immediately initiate necessary legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire perpetual easement thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the northwest portion of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

Burke made the motion (Motion #21) that the Board of Directors has made a good faith effort in negotiations with Neil Grothen, record owner of the following described real estate to wit: 3.4 acre tract located in the W1/2 of the SW1/4 of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map, to acquire perpetual easement rights :for construction thereto, which is necessary to the construction of the Hastings NW Flood Control Structure, and having failed to reach an agreement, the staff and legal counsel are directed to immediately initiate necessary legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire perpetual easement thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the northwest portion of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Ehlers. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

Turnbull reported that the tentative court hearing date for condemnation proceedings is March 19, 1979, in the Adams County Court. It is expected to have all the tracts for the land acquisitions for the Hastings NW Flood Control Structure heard on this date. Turnbull further reported that the tract of Grace Children's Home, easement agreement has been settled and signed, February 14, 1979. There are eight remaining tracts to be settled and heard in court.

NARD COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Turnbull reviewed the NARD Committee assignments as of 1978. Burke made the motion (Motion #22) to reassign the NARD Committee appointments as set up in 1978, with the appointment of Bruce Anderson to the Legislative Committee replacing LaVerne Peterson. (Detailed list included with the Minutes.) Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

The NARD's Board of Directors' meeting schedule is as follows: March 12-13,

1979, at the Lincoln Hilton Hotel, the May 14-15, 1979, Board meeting at the Villager Motel in Lincoln, and the July 9-10, 1979, Board of Directors' meeting to be held in South Sioux City at the Marina Inn and hosted by the Middle Missouri NRD.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

DWIGHT RECORDER WELL

Moore reported that the Board previously tabled the decision of participation for replacement of the Dwight Recorder Well. Questions had been raised concerning the legality of spending the expense outside the District boundary, the importance of the monitoring data and the location of the well. Turnbull reported that legal counsel stated that it is valid for the NRD's to spend money outside the District as long as benefit and value can be shown. Burke reported that the NNRC said that if the NRD's can prove it's advantageous, money can be expended outside the boundary. Moore reported that the NARD verified the validity of NRD's expenditures outside the District. Burke made the motion (motion #23) that the NRD participate in cooperation with Lower Platte South NRD by expending half the costs (\$2,000) for replacement of the Dwight Recorder Well. Seconded by Hegeholz. Turnbull said that the main data collection for groundwater declines that Conservation and. Survey Division uses to make their predictions and to show average declines, is based on recorder well data. This data is supplemented by observation well readings. The recorder well data is their main source of information which shows the daily fluctuations of the groundwater. This Dwight recorder well would be replacement of the old well and be included in the network of the other recorder wells across the state. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Regier,
Schneider, Moore

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, Obermier, Ronne

ABSENT: Anderson, Kuska, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NEWS RELEASES

Suggestions were made that the various newspaper offices and radio stations servicing the District be contacted repeatedly giving them the NRD's meeting schedules and activities.

LEGISLATION

Questions and discussion was held on various legislative bills such as L.B. 206 and L.B. 26.

ELECTION EXPENSES

A short discussion was held on the 1978 General Election Expenses submitted by the various counties. The total bill for the 1978 General Election was \$2,274.20. Discussion was held on the L.B. 64 dealing with Directors' Elections.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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NOTE:

Meeting Record = Total of 2 (TWO) Hours. It can be done, and all business was conducted, here's proof.

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
February 1, 1979

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:10 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Max Ronne, Secretary	R. Jay Bitner, District Engineer
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
Bruce Anderson, Director	Joan Lovelace, Assistant: Secretary
Ray Burke, Director	George Petr, Little Blue NRD
Bob Ehlers, Director	Carl Throckmorton, Little Blue NRD
Wayne Hansen, Director	Michael Onnen, Little Blue NRD
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	John Meyer, Jr., Hastings City Council
Melvin Kuska, Director	Gary Poore, Hastings City Engineer
Jim McLean, Director	Merle Hoeft, Hastings City Planning
Norman Obermier, Director	Harold Yungmeyer, Hastings Administrator
Lowell Peters, Director	Robert Allen, Mayor of Hastings
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Dennis Mullen, Hastings City Council
Roy Stuhr, Director	Geoff Crunick, KHAS-TV Channel 5
Morris White, Director	Lori Potter, York News-Times

ABSENT

Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman
Kenneth Regier, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this special meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published January 26, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public: inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Moore. Roll call was taken of the members present with Obermier arriving later in the meeting.

Moore stated that the purpose of this special Board of Directors meeting is to discuss the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project.

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Moore reviewed the recommendation submitted by the staff. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) that the Board authorize the staff and legal counsel to proceed immediately with land acquisition for the Hastings NW Flood Control Structure as recommended. Seconded by Anderson. Turnbull reviewed a letter received from Harold Yungmeyer, City Administrator, Hastings, NE, dated January 23, 1979. He reported that the final report of the Lake Hastings Watershed Study being prepared by HDR had not yet been completed. As a result, the report could not be considered by the City Council at their meeting of January 22, 1979. However, at that meeting the Council made and adopted the following; "that the City Council reaffirm their intention to proceed with the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project and the Channelization recommended by Henningson, Durham & Richardson (HDR) and all other actions necessary to alleviate flooding conditions in the northwest section of the City". Further reported, that the Council hopes that the NRD will accept this act of the City as their evidence of good faith and that we will instruct our attorney to proceed with the land acquisition for the Northwest Flood Control Project.

Mayor Robert Allen, City of Hastings, stated that the channelization would be constructed and wishes to have assistance in building the NW Dam. Reported that the HDR study will be presented to the Council at their meeting February 12, 1979. He predicted a vote would be taken in February and definitely by March.

Questions were asked of the time frame in which the channelization would be

completed. Mayor Allen said he felt the channel improvements could be completed this year, at least from the NW Dam to Lake Hastings. Dennis Mullen, President of the Hastings City Council, stated that the entire City Council and the Mayor have voiced their support and will justify that the channel improvements will be made.

Merle Hoeft, City of Hastings Planning and Zoning, assured that zoning regulations have been passed to forbid building in the areas designated as the flood plain. The new homes being built are not in the present flood plain, but there are a few homes along Pershing Road that are in the flood plain and were built before zoning regulations in that area were enforced.

Dennis Mullen further stated that the consultants have said that: channel improvements and the proposed dam are needed to provide adequate flood protection to the City of Hastings.

Questions were raised that reaffirmed intentions to construct the channel improvements are not good enough justification to stand up in court for the condemnation proceedings. Mr. Mullen answered by saying that the intentions and resolutions will have to suffice until the study of the area by HDR is completed and presented to the City Council. Further stated, that the original cost-benefit ratio showed that the structure is feasible, and that the court would have to take that into consideration.

Carl Throckmorton, Chairman Little Blue NRD, reported that the original benefit cost ratio was calculated by the General Manager of the Little Blue NRD which resulted in a ratio of 4-1. He read the Little Blue NRD's motion to support the Hastings NW Flood Control Project--"To support the Hastings NW Structure, and that the board supports the concept of a properly maintained flood channel through Northwest Hastings and supports maximum enforcement of flood plain zoning regulations."

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Ehlers, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Peters, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: McLean, Obermier, Stuhr
ABSENT: Kaiser, Regier

The Mayor said that a timetable of the improvements to be made by the City, will be submitted.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
January 18, 1979

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:10 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Larry Moore, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Roger Kaiser, Vice-Chairman	R. Jay Bitner, District Engineer
Max Ronne, Secretary	Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary
Bruce Anderson, Director	Ray Griffin, Acting Liaison D.C., Aurora
Raymond Burke, Director	Mike Rabbe, D.C., Geneva
Wayne Hansen, Director	Harold Fausch, D.C., Seward
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Craig Pope, Blue River Assoc. of GWCD's
Jim McLean, Director	Dale K. Moore, York Co. GWCD, York
Norman Obermier, Director	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Lowell Peters, Director	
Kenneth Regier, Director	
Leonard Schlueter, Director	<u>ABSENT</u>
Roy Stuhr, Director	Bob Ehlers, Director
Morris White, Director	Melvin Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published January 9, 1979, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present with Anderson, McLean and Schneider arriving later in the meeting.

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, Acting Liaison D.C., Aurora, presented the NRD First Quarter Progress Report, 1979, and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District. Mike Rabbe, D.C., Geneva, gave a presentation on the background and review of the cooperation of the NRD's with the SCS Offices. Kaiser made the motion (motion #1) to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and Lessee, with the NRD, and State of Nebraska, for the Lease #82455-86, S1/2SW1/4-SW1/4SE1/4 36-10-02, York County, Herman and David Jirkousky as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, Schneider

ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Moore made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as presented and reviewed. Seconded by Hansen. A brief review was made of the cooperators submitted. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson, McLean, Schneider, Stuhr

ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moore made the motion (Motion #3) to conduct the voting for election of officers by secret ballot. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Nominations were made for Chairman of Morris White and Larry Moore. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #4) that the nominations cease for Chairman. Seconded by McLean. Question called Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Ballots were counted with Larry Moore elected Chairman for the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors. (White-5; Moore-10)

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN

Nominations were made for Vice-Chairman. of Roger Kaiser and Melvin Kuska. Anderson made the motion (motion #5) that the nominations cease for Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Ballots were counted with Roger Kaiser elected Vice-Chairman for the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors. (Kaiser-9; Kuska-6)

ELECTION OF TREASURER

Nominations were made for Treasurer of Robert Schneider and Roy Stuhr. Obermier made the motion (Motion #6) that the nominations cease for the Treasurer. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Ballots were counted with Robert Schneider re-elected Treasurer for the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors. (Schneider-9; Stuhr-6)

ELECTION OF SECRETARY

Nominations were made for Secretary of Max Ronne. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #7) that the nominations cease for Secretary. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ronne
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Ballots were counted with Max Ronne unanimously re-elected Secretary for the: Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors. (Ronne-15)

APPOINTMENT OF NARD REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations were made for Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Representative of Raymond Burke. Schneider made the motion (motion #8) that the nominations cease for NARD Representative with a cast of unanimous ballot for Raymond Burke. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

APPOINTMENT OF NARD ALTERNATE REPRESENTATIVE

Nominations were made for Nebraska Association of Resources District Alternate Representative of Wayne Hansen and Morris White. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #9) that the nominations cease for NARD Alternate Representative. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Ballots were counted with Morris White appointed the NARD Alternate Representative. (Hansen-5; White-10)

MINUTES

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #10) to approve the minutes of the December 21, 1978, regular Board of Directors meeting and the minutes of the January 11, 1979, special Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

BUDGET REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the accounts to be paid as of December 31, 1978, as distributed. A discussion was held on the County election expenses to be paid from the costs incurred from the general election for 1978 electing or re-electing nine Directors. Staff is to report on reasons for varying charges. Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of December 31, 1978, as presented and make payment of the accounts payables and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

A short discussion was held on the demand savings accounts and present investments schedule. Re-investments are expected to take place soon as requested. A request was made that the Allen Larson over-due account be reviewed by the Budget Committee. L.B. 64 A discussion was held on the Legislative Bill No. 64 which states to require that primary elections be held for NRD director candidates; that in such primaries, only residents of the subdistrict would be eligible to vote; and that NRD's pay part of costs of both primary and general elections. Election expenses would be estimated to cost the NRD's \$250,000 state-wide per election. Obermier made the motion (Motion #12) to prepare a written resolution in opposition of the Legislative Bill No. 64 (1979 Session) which affects Directors elections. Seconded by Anderson. Turnbull reviewed L.B. 64 by explaining that it would basically change the NRD law so that in the election and nominations for NRD Boards they would no longer be handled by, petition. The bill proposes that a primary election would be held to nominate the Directors; those primaries would only be held for the Director in the subdistrict which he represents and not district-wide. General elections would still be at large with all district residents voting for candidates in all subdistricts. The concerns and problems involving L.B. 64 is with the subdistrict boundaries. There are 2,200 voting precincts in the State of Nebraska, NRD subdistrict boundaries divide 1,600 of them. Additional election expenses would be incurred if these changes would take place, an estimated \$10,000 per district; which may cause the probably of re-districting each NRD's sub-district boundaries. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen

ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

PRESENTATION OF PROJECT PLANNING

Turnbull and Bitner presented a detailed explanation of the Upper Big Blue NRD's project planning and future District activities. Discussions were held on the priority provisions for planned projects and funds needed for construction.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held Wednesday, January 10, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT

Burke reported that a group of landowners were present from the project area their opinions and concerns about the proposed project development. No action was taken by the Board.

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #13) that the Board authorize the staff and legal counsel to proceed with land acquisition for the Hastings NW Flood Control Project when the staff receives written confirmation from the City of Hastings that Hastings agrees to proceed with the necessary channel improvements. Ronne seconded the motion. Burke reported that the Committee agreed that the District probably could not hold the City of Hastings responsible for enforcing zoning ordinances. Discussion was held on the assurance that the City would implement the required channel work. It has been stated that the channel improvements and dam should both be implemented to achieve flood damage reduction. The City has reported that the final preliminary report to do the channel work has not been presented to them as yet from HDR. Comments were made that the City should give us a date for construction of the channel improvements; to proceed with caution, not to be too hasty; to give the City an opportunity to review final design of the channel improvements. Turnbull reviewed that if the Hastings NW Dam is to be constructed by November 1st, construction will need to begin the first of August; bids to be let in mid-June for July Board meeting approval. Timing is very important, or construction will be delayed until next year ('1980). Final design is expected to take approximately ninety days about April. With the intentions to build the structure, the procedure is to proceed as actively and efficiently as possible with timing of land acquisitions in mind, which will take an estimate of about three months. After more discussion, comments were made to have the City of Hastings agree to conduct the channel improvements concurrently with the construction of the Hastings NW Flood Control Dam. With the Board's continued discussion, Burke withdrew his motion. By taking no action today, the staff will act on the motion passed last month concerning this project. After receipt of an answer from the City of Hastings stating their intentions on this project, the staff will present it to the Board for their review and decision.

CENTRAL BUTLER PROJECT

Burke reported that a group of the NRD Directors toured the Fred Miller Dam Site January 15, 1979, for the purpose of viewing the drainage area and proposed channel improvements as requested by the Committee. Bitner further reported that the NRD has been asked to participate in some drainage improvements on the Fred Miller property because of a State Highway drainage program being proposed. Turnbull reviewed an agreement submitted by the General Manager of the Lower Platte North NRD, which would obligate our District to protect Fred Miller and the State of Nebraska from damages due to various drainage improvements proposed. The State Department of Roads has highway design modifications pending the NRD's acceptance of the agreement. Concerns have been raised about the scope of the improvements and the District's liability in this matter. Bitner presented a map of the project area showing the channel improvements and the site of the proposed structure. The decision needed to be made only pertains to the south of our District boundary near David City and Fred Miller's property. Discussion was held on the perpetual

maintenance of the channel improvement and modifications to the project area. Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to refer the Agreements concerning the Fred Miller Dam back to Projects Committee for further evaluation and review. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
NAY: White
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Moore
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

LAND TREATMENT APPLICATIONS-FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to grant final approval on seven land treatment applications as reviewed for a total cost-share of \$6,777.59. Seconded by White. A question was raised on a cancelled application, in which construction date cannot be met at this time with probable re-apply in this spring. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT (cont'd.)

Stuhr raised a question concerning the School Creek Project and the opinions received from some of the landowners affected by this project. Considerations should be made for the entire School Creek Watershed combined with the primary concerns of the landowners directly affected by the Dam Site #3. Personal contact should be made to those showing objection to the development, design and location of this proposed dam site.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider reported on the Programs Committee meeting held January 9, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

WILDLIFE HABITAT CONTRACTS

Schneider made the motion (Motion #16) to approve the wildlife habitat contracts as presented and reviewed, total acres of 245.7 with total payment of \$4,319.75 in 1980. Seconded by Schlueter. (Detailed list included with these minutes.) The NRD will receive reimbursement of 75% from Game and Parks Commission for these new wildlife habitat contracts. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Feather explained briefly the practices available under-the Wild-Life Habitat Program, such as the Oats and Sweet Clover Practice.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE AND GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORTS

IRRIGATION SCHEDULING PROGRAM

Schneider reported that Craig Pope and members of the Blue River Association of GWCD's presented a proposal for irrigation scheduling to the Programs Committee. The basic proposal included that the Blue River Association work on a contract with the NRD and under that contract handle all the irrigation scheduling in the District. The proposal of January 9, 1979, was as follows: Provide the personnel (Manager, Clerk & Technician); provide the Manager's salary; administer and manage the irrigation scheduling program; charge the cooperators for moisture blocks and collect all charges assessed. The NRD would: Charge the cooperators for the scheduling services; Pay the Blue River Association for the irrigation scheduling costs; provide two-way radios; and provide scheduling in Clay County. It is estimated that the number of interested cooperators District wide might be around 600-700. The Committee and the Blue River Association both desire to have a uniform district-wide scheduling program. Day to day administration and management of the program

would be handled by the Blue River Association.

Moore reported that the Groundwater Committee met following the Programs Committee meeting, January 9, 1979, and further reviewed the Blue River Association Irrigation Scheduling Proposal as it had been presented to the Programs Committee. The Committee recommends to the Board that the District set the rates for the services ,for the irrigation scheduling program, _

Craig Pope, Blue River Association, presented and reviewed their proposal for the 1979 irrigation scheduling program. (Copy of proposal included with minutes.) Pope explained the estimated cost analysis for the scheduling program; reported a total cost per cooperator of \$107.,43 which includes salaries, office expenses, mileage, insurance and four sets of moisture blocks. Blue River Association's contribution per cooperator would be \$16.39, the Upper Big Blue NRD's contribution per cooperator would be \$16.04, leaving a balance to be charged each cooperator in the 1979 irrigation scheduling program of \$75.00. Recommended that the first year cooperator pay only for the four sets of moisture blocks and one well unit to be free of charge. Turnbull reviewed the Agreement Proposal as submitted by the Blue River Association.

Much discussion followed concerning the funding of the program and the charges to each cooperator. The estimated costs expected to be incurred were reviewed in detail to conduct the 1979 irrigation scheduling program.. Questions were asked of the number of first year cooperators to be expected for this season. Review was held of the procedures for reading the blocks each week for each cooperator. White made the motion (Motion #17) to enter into a contract with the Blue River Association for irrigation scheduling throughout our District for 1979 as proposed. Seconded by Hegeholz. Discussion was held on the costs expected to be incurred for the NRD. Discussion was held on the scheduling program services and the estimated number of interested cooperators. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: McLean, Obermier, Stuhr
A13SENT: Ehlers, Kuska

Turnbull reviewed the Groundwater Committees recommendation that the District set the rate for irrigation scheduling district-wide, and that the Board choose one of two methods: Charge \$75 per cooperator to include the cost of four sets of blocks, or charge \$75 per cooperator to include the cost of four sets of blocks and that new cooperators to the program only pay for the blocks with the limit of one well unit free of charge. Questions were raised as to funds available, such as limiting the number of new cooperators this free charge. For NRD budget consideration, the Blue River Association would be paid in four payments (once a month) for the irrigation scheduling costs during 1979. Statements were made that all cooperators should pay something for the scheduling services, such as pay half the total cost per cooperator (\$40-\$50). Ronne made the motion (Motion #18) to set a limit of (100) new and first year cooperators and charge them \$40 each, which will include the cost of four sets of blocks for their first well unit; and the other cooperators be charged \$75 each system to include the cost of four sets of blocks. Seconded by McLean. The District would pay \$35.00 to the Association for each new cooperator (limit of 100) in addition to the \$16.04 each for the other cooperators. Comments were made to not allow any cooperators free of charge. Estimated costs for the NRD for the 1979 irrigation scheduling program by the stated motion would be for 500-700 cooperators about \$11,500 to \$14,700; costs would vary somewhat with the number of actual cooperators in program. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: Obermier
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

OBSERVATION WELL PROGRAM

At the Groundwater Committee meeting the Blue River Association proposed that they handle all well measurement district-wide under a contract. Craig Pope, Blue River Association, reviewed the 1979 Static Water Level Measurement Program Proposal. He explained the costs incurred by the Association in 1978 for their observation well readings. Further reviewed, that the estimated costs for 1979 static water level readings would be approximately \$8.00 per well. Proposed that the NRD pay one-half the total miles driven in the Association area that are incurred measuring spring and fall readings @ 30~/mile, also to charge \$8.00 per well for those wells outside the Association's area. Discussion was held on the estimated costs for the NRD which would amount to approximately \$800.00. Further discussion was held on the purpose of the fall readings. Suggestions received included possibly not taking the fall readings on the whole network, but only read a few selected wells in problem areas or just on the those currently being measured. Questions were raised on the costs for miles driven. NRD's present mileage rate is \$.20/mile. Questions were also raised on the procedure for expansion of the well measurement network. Schneider made the motion (Motion #19) to enter into an agreement with the Blue River Association for the 19779 observation well program and to charge \$4.00 per well per reading for those wells in Polk, Butler, Saline and Adams Counties (wells outside the Association area), and the NRD pay one-half of the costs of the total miles driven in the Association area @ \$.20/mile. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Moore
NAY: Stuhr
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Ronne reported on the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held January 2, 1979, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT-MANAGER

Ronne reported that Mr. Stanley Staab, Broken Bow, NE, has accepted the position of Public Information Department-Manager at a salary of \$15,000 per year, with an increase to \$16,000 at the end of six month probationary period. Expected employment date of February 5, 1979.

WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT-MANAGER

Ronne made the motion (Motion #20) to permit the Personnel and Equipment Committee the authorization to select an individual for the Water Management Department Manager position and to negotiate annual salary. Seconded by Stuhr. Reported that interviews will be taking place soon of applicants for the position.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: McLean, Schlueter
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska, Obermier,

NARD RESOLUTIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #21) to permit the delegates attending the State Association Joint Conference to caucus on the NARD resolutions. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska, Obermier

NARD ANNUAL WASHINGTON CONTACT TRIP

Turnbull reviewed that the NARD will again be sponsoring a trip to Washington, D.C., to contact the congressional leaders and delegation. The trip is scheduled for the week of April 1-6, 1979. Ray Burke and John Turnbull were

nominated as candidates to participate on this trip, with Larry Moore as an alternate. 'It was suggested to investigate the possibility of the NARD paying expenses for Ray Burke as member of the Association Board. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #22) to pay expenses for one Board member and one staff member to attend the NARD Annual Washington Contact Trip. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Peters, Regier, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke, McLean
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska, Obermier

METHOD OF COMMITTEE REORGANIZATION

Turnbull recommended that the Board decide how members of the District's committees be chosen: The Executive Committee appoint committee members and review the committee memberships annually each January, as provided in the District's By-Laws. Or-The Executive Committee retain the current committee members until January, 1980, then appoint new committees for two year terms beginning in January, 1980. Any vacancies created by the General Elections or other reasons be filled by that individual replacing the old Board member. (Amendment to By-Laws necessary.) Schneider made the motion (Motion #23) to adopt to retain the current committee members until January of 1980, then appoint new committees for two year terms beginning in January, 1980. Seconded by Schlueter. Questions were raised on the continuity of this bi-annual re-appointment of committee members. Suggestions were made of setting up a rotational system for appointment of new committees. Desires of the Board members should be considered in appointment to committees. Comments were made that some Board members have served quite a few years on one committee. Consideration was expressed to have representation from each sub-district on the various committees. Discussion was held on the rights to vote of Board members attending other committee meetings other than those he is appointed to. Question called. Motion failed. (Refer back to By-Laws.)

AYE: Moore
NAY: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne,
Schneider, Stuhr, White
ABSTAIN: Burke, Kaiser
ABSENT: Ehlers, Kuska, Obermier, Schlueter

DWIGHT RECORDER WELL

Moore reported that discussion of the Dwight Recorder Well will be delayed until the February Board meeting.

NARD COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVES

Anderson stated that the NARD Committee Representatives should be appointed as soon as possible.

IN-BASIN STORAGE IMPOUNDMENT PROGRAM

McLean made a motion (Motion #24) to direct the Programs Committee to review the benefits of the in-basin storage impoundment program. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peters, Regier, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider Stuhr, White, Moore
NAY: None
ABSENT: Ehlers, Hansen, Kuska, Obermier

Meeting adjourned 5:25 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
December 21, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:15 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Ray Griffin, Acting Liaison D.C., Aurora
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Mike Rabbe, D.C., Geneva
Max Ronne, Secretary	Craig Pope, Blue River GWCD, York
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Arthur Emken, Benedict
Bruce Anderson, Director	Elton Jenkins, McCool Jct.
Raymond Burke, Director	Richard Thomsen, Exeter
Wayne Hansen, Director	Norman Behrens, Crete
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Alvin Bolte, Fairmont
Roger Kaiser, Director	Dale Moore, Stromsburg
Melvin Kuska, Director	Kenneth Regier, Aurora
Jim McLean, Director	Carl Epp, Henderson
Norman Obermier, Director	Bill Watmore, Geneva
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Bob Ehlers, York
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Glenn Phillips, Benedict
Roy Stuhr, Director	Martin Griess, Sutton
John Turnbull, General Manager	Henry Rohla, Milligan
Jay Bitner, District Engineer	Henry Rohla, Jr., Milligan
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor	Walter Bristol, Waco
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Hans Jensen, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published December 12, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present with Hegeholz and Schlueter arriving later in the meeting.

SCS REPORT

Ray Griffin, D.C., Acting Liaison D.C., Aurora, gave a report on the various amounts of runoff on different ranges of rainfall with little or no conservation practices on 80 acres and on 160 acres. A short discussion was held on the amounts of runoff.

Ray Griffin also presented two Cooperative Agreements for Educational Land Leases #82454-86 and #82453-86, SE1/4 NW1/4 and N1/2 NA 36-12-03, York County, Martin Alms. Kuska made the motion (motion #1) to approve the Cooperative Agreements between Board of Educational Lands and Funds and Lessee and the NRD, State of Nebraska, as presented and reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Schlueter

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the November 16, 1978, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

BUDGET REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report as of November 30, 1978, and the accounts to be paid as distributed. Peterson made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of November 30, 1978, as presented and make payment of the accounts payables and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Hegeholz. A short discussion was held on the account #421 (Information & Education). Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hansen reported on the Programs Committee meeting held December 12, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

WILDLIFE HABITAT CONTRACTS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #4) to grant annual payments to cooperators in the Wildlife Habitat program for a total amount of \$16,063.25. (Descriptions attached to minutes). Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

IRRIGATION SCHEDULING

Hansen made the motion (Motion #5) to proceed with the irrigation scheduling program for a flat service charge of \$50 per well which includes the reading and installation of four sets of blocks, and further that an additional reading and installation fee of \$12.50 for each additional set of blocks be charged. The cooperator is to pay for all moisture blocks. The first year cooperators are exempt from any service charge which is allowed only on one well. Seconded by Anderson. Craig Pope, Blue River Assn. of GWCD's, proposed that the Association could be the coordinating office for the scheduling program throughout the NRD District, thereby not duplicating or repeating services for the program. Pope requested to meet with the NRD's Programs Committee to present their proposal, set up a contract for per \$?? per cooperator throughout the entire District. Motion was withdrawn to enable the Blue River Assn. present a recommendation to the committee for consideration.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported on the Education and Information Committee meeting held December 12, 1978, and reviewed the report as distributed.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #6) that the District pay 50% of the outdoor classroom costs not to exceed \$400. Schools are to include and furnish a set of plans of the outdoor classroom with the application to the NRD. Seconded by Hansen. A discussion was held on the requirements needed for the applications. A short discussion was also held on the arboretum project at Central Nebraska Technical College, Hastings, NE. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #7) that the Annual Awards Banquet be held without ticket sales and that the award winners (limit of four per award); the sponsors, directors, staff and spouses; the County SCS D.C.'s and spouses; the County Extension agents and-spouses be invited. The District to stand the entire cost of the 1979 Annual Awards Banquet. Seconded by Kaiser. A discussion was held on the invitation list for the banquet. Hansen amended motion #7 to make the motion (Motion #8) to include the County ASCS offices and spouses (limit of two) to the awards banquet. Second by Moore. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider

NAY: Kaiser, Obermier, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

Question called on the motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider

NAY: Kaiser, Obermier, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

COUNTY EXTENSION PRESENTATION

Keith Niemann, York County Extension Agent, presented to the Upper Big Blue NRD a Certificate of Appreciation regarding the support of Youth to Leadership and Environment Camps under the 4-H Education Program-of the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Nebraska.

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moore reported on the Groundwater Committee meetings held November 30th and December 12th, 1978, and reviewed the committee reports as distributed.

DWIGHT RECORDER WELL

Moore reviewed the Committee's discussion to reconsider the Dwight recorder well participation. Moore made the motion (Motion #9) to authorize participation of \$2,000 (half the costs) for Dwight Recorder Well with cooperation with Lower Platte South NRD. Seconded by Ronne. A discussion was held on the participation of spending the costs outside our district boundary. The well would be located within 3/4 of a mile of this District's boundary. Further discussion was held on the importance of the monitoring data and the location of the well. Suggestions were made to investigate the legality of participation and obtain additional supporting data concerning the Dwight Recorder Well. Schneider made the motion (Motion #10) to table motion #9. Seconded by Hegeholz.

Aye: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen Motion #9 tabled.

CONTROL AREA RULES AND REGULATIONS

Turnbull gave a report on the proposed rules and regulations governing the use of groundwater within the "Control Area" of the upper Big Blue NRD. (Refer to the Final Draft included with these Minutes.) He reported that the District will continue the educational program on water use and the water situation in our area. We will continue to work with the GWCD's; Extension Services and any others to emphasize and encourage programs such as irrigation scheduling, pump efficiency, conservation practices like reuse pits and dams, water usage, crop rotation, minimum tillage, net dollar return per acre, runoff controls and any other programs concerned with water. The basis for management of the groundwater in the Control Area is by the concept of area-wide regulations. A long range goal of the District is to significantly reduce the rate of decline within the Control Area, therefore, the initial goal is to hold the rate of

decline at a steady level. The Control Area Measures: I. Immediate Control Area Measures--(A) Suggested or Encouraged Measures: 1. Install flow meters. 2. Install and use irrigation reuse pits. 3. Encourage the use of irrigation scheduling. 4. Irrigators report static water levels and water use data. 5. Utilize any other data that may be useful in preventing groundwater decline. 6. Voluntarily restrict water usage, 7. Use minimum tillage methods. 8. Use crop rotation practices. 9. Attain most economical use of water. 10. Use any other reasonable measures to conserve water.--(B) Required Measures: 1. Flow meters be installed according to NRD and manufacturer's specifications. 2. 1000 foot well spacing between wells other than own. 3. Notify District of abandoned wells. 4. Notify District of replacement wells. 5. Water Use reports submitted by municipal, industrial, recreational, fish and wildlife, livestock and poultry wells in excess of 100 g.p.m. II. Intermediate Control Area Measures--1. By January 1, 1981, to have irrigators certify their irrigated acres. 2. By January 1, 1981, to have the groundwater users register and certify each well. III. Subsequent Control Area Measures--If the initial goal of the District is not met within three years, December 31, 1981, the following will be implemented: 1. Required installation of flow meters on any well in excess of 100 g.p.m. And, 2. Allocation of groundwater shall become effective with three year periods of 48 acre inches per certified irrigated acre.

Moore gave a summary of the activities and committee meetings conducted recently by the Groundwater Committee in reviewing the drafts of the Control Area Regulations to be presented to the Board for adoption. Moore made the motion (Motion #11) that the Board adopt the Control Area Rules and Regulations as presented and reviewed. Seconded by Kaiser. Turnbull noted that the effective date of the regulations would become March 1, 1979, due to review by the Department of Water Resources and legal notice of publication for three consecutive weeks in its entirety.

Anderson commented that the Department of Water Resources has to give its approval to the Control Area Rules and Regulations before they become effective. He also stated, that our position would be greatly strengthened, if the Board would have a unanimous vote of support for this concept of area-wide controls. Stuhr complemented the Committee and the Manager on the amount of work, time and effort put into the proposal for Control Area Rules and Regulations. Stuhr expressed that he is not in favor of the rules and regulations due to the 16 inch per year allocation (Rule 2 111-2). He feels it is not an equitable method of regulating water, suggested a percentage method. Kaiser commented that the allocation figure is just an average medium figure, and therefore is subject to change by future and further studies. Continued to state, that for the regulations to be effective, a number even though an average figure needs to be stated in the rules for allocation when adopted by the Board. White commented that the Control Area rules and regulations being proposed today, can and will change, and they will never be finalized. As conditions change, future Boards will need to make adjustments to these rules.

Moore remarked on behalf of the Committee that the Control Area rules and regulations have been studied, compromised, drafted and redrafted in order to present this set of rules to be adopted by the Board. Ronne also commended the Committee on the many hours spent on these rules being presented to the Board today. He also stated, that he can not support these rules as submitted due to the allocation system of 16 inches per year. But would support if this was changed and simplified to the point that when we reach beyond that decline which is our goal, that we implement a mandatory allocation system or any other mandatory method that will help stabilize this groundwater at that level. Commented that if the amount of allocation can and will probably be changed, then the numbers should be not stated in the rules for adoption. Moore answered that the blanks, should be filled in with some number, even though an estimation. Schneider explained that the 16 inch per year figure is an arbitrary figure, but is an adequate amount to produce a corn crop with the average-rainfall that we receive in the District. The 16 inch amount is a compromised amount, and spreading it out over a three year period on a 48 inch total where it is adjustable from year to year, would seem to be a fairly

right way to go. He concluded that the inches amounts need to be stated and that he supports these rules as presented.

A comment received from the audience, is that the allocation figures are not going to be enforced right now; the immediate action is the adoption of the rules for area wide controls of the Control Area. Turnbull presented a brief summation of the Control Area rules which was printed in the York News-Times, December 19, 1978.

other comments from the audience included: That the State will end up governing how to regulate and control our groundwater. If the Department of Water Resources does not approve this set of rules, what is the NRD going to do then? Turnbull answered that the Board will have to submit another proposal by the end of January, 1979. Schneider also said that the Department will probably give the NRD recommendations to consider that they would approve. Commented again that the public would like to see the NRD control the District alone, and therefore supports the proposed rules. Another comment received was to stop all sprinkling in the air, prohibit organizations from drilling, and catch the runoff at high water time. White remarked that efficiency is the name of the game; to extend the life of the aquifer that we have.

McLean asked about the difference in the figure of 1,000 foot well spacing, is this number possible for change as the 16 inch per year allocation figure? Ronne commented that the 1,000 foot well spacing would go into effect right away the allocation figures not for three years. Obermier requested that the livestock and poultry wells be eliminated from the required measures for submitting water use reports (Rule 2 I-B5). Further asked, What will it cost the District to regulate the Control Area? Concluded by stating, that he would not support the included in Rule 2. rules as presented if the livestock and poultry wells are Obermier amended motion #11 to make the motion (Motion #12) to exempt the livestock and poultry wells from the requirement to report water use. Amendment seconded by McLean. Moore remarked that in previous discussions it was requested to include these wells in order to have the reports of water use, to protect the livestock and poultry industries. Obermier stated that giving the water use reports would harm the future expansion of these industries. Stuhr commented that the domestic wells already have top priority for water usage by State law. Moore said that the water use reports would be helpful information. Kuska commented that the 100 g.p.m. provision will exclude most small livestock and poultry operators. This water is being withdrawn from the aquifer and therefore all reports of water use will be helpful, no one should be eliminated from the regulations. Further commented, that the allocations amounts should be included in the set of rules to be submitted to the Department of Water Resources. Concluded by giving support of this final draft of the Control Area rules and regulations. Kaiser noted that if the public wants to. have the chance to control their groundwater voluntarily, it would eliminate the requirement of meters. That in the next three years, our efforts and money be utilized on educational programs rather than on the enforcement of meters, the issues on water would help themselves out. Ronne answered that this shows that the inches for allocation should be determined then, after this trial Period. Turnbull commented that the figures have been included in the rules so that the irrigators would have an idea of what to plan for in the future. White reviewed the amendment. Question called on the amendment. Amendment failed.

AYE: Obermier, Peterson, Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Schlueter, Schneider, White
ABSTAIN: Ronne
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

Stuhr commented that the Department of Water Resources can not inflict regulations or rules upon the NRD anymore readily than we can as a Board ourselves. The local public are the ones we should be concerned about. Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,

Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

FILM

During break, Ken Feather showed a film entitled "Rangelands #2-Silent Resource" put out by the Society for Range Management.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held December 14, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

COST-SHARE POLICY

Burke reviewed that several instances have occurred where cooperators have requested a variance from SCS specification on land treatment measures. the variance has generally been requested after the producer has completed the practice, but not in accordance with original specifications. There have been instances where the variation from specification would not impair the function of the practice, however, SCS generally recommends reduced cost-share due to specification variance in accordance with their official policy. It was recommended that the Projects committee instruct the staff engineering department concerning policy to be followed in the future on such matters. Burke made the motion (Motion #13) that the Projects Committee authorize the upper Bic Blue NRD engineering staff to approve variation from specification for cost-share on land treatment measures. Approval of the variation from specification will be considered only after concurrence by SCS that the intended function of the practice will not be impaired. Seconded by Obermier. Discussion was held on the variances such as the pipe and materials. Statements were made to not make variations from SCS specifications; as the NRD has made a Cooperative Agreement with the SCS to follow their specifications concerning conservation practices. Staff remarked that this is being brought up in order to clarify NRD policy and make a matter of record. Questions were raised on variances after SCS set up design and specifications and changes were made before construction. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson

NAY: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson.,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

ABSTAIN: Obermier

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

SHELBY DRAINAGE

The Village of Shelby representatives attended the Projects Committee meeting and requested the NRD to not take any further action on this project until further notice.

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE

Burke reviewed that HDR engineering firm presented results of a study being done to determine the best solution to flooding problems being experienced in Hastings. The study indicates that the most cost effective solution consists of channel alignment and widening plus storage of stormwater runoff. Two storage sites have been analyzed, one the Hastings NW Dam and the other a stormwater detention cell at Baltimore Avenue. In each case, the channel alignment and widening is necessary to make storage effective. Conclusions were also made that the City of Hastings should implement better zoning control in the flood plain. Projects Committee recommends to proceed with the project in light of the HDR study results. Discussions have been held with the Little Blue NRD, City of Hastings and Adams County concerning action to be taken on the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Motions and statements have been made to proceed with the project; thereby, land condemnation proceedings should begin. Discussions were held on the current study being conducted by HDR, which shows that Hastings needs channel alignment, better flood plain management and stormwater runoff storage; that storage can be obtained by either the NW Flood Control Structure or a detention cell at Baltimore Avenue. Further discussion was held that the City actively enforce their flood plain zoning in the northwest part of Hastings. Burke made

the motion (motion #14) to proceed with the Hastings NW Flood Control, Project when the City of Hastings agrees to construct the necessary channel improvements and to enforce flood plain zoning. Seconded by Ronne. Comments were made on the contribution costs of the current study being conducted by HDR. Turnbull reviewed the cost-share agreements between the cooperators: Adams County will contribute a lump sum of \$30,000; out of the balance remaining, the Upper Big Blue NRD will contribute 15%, City of Hastings will be 45% and Little Blue NRD will be 40%. \$209,000 will be received from L.B. 71 funds for land rights, which will reduce the total amount of dollars to each of the agencies involved. Discussions were held on the terms of the contract to be upheld by all parties thereto. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider, Stuhr
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

HASTINGS FLOOD CONTROL STUDY

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to approve to contribute \$5,000 toward the cost of the study being conducted by Henningson, Durham & Richardson on the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Seconded by Kaiser. Comments were made that the information obtained by this study would be helpful for this project.

A question was raised on the worth of the Hastings property for purchase Or for flood protection. Further discussion was held on the flood plain zoning needed for the City of Hastings. The Flood Control Study shows that the Hastings NW Flood Control. Structure alone will not solve the City's flooding problems; they also need the channel alignment and widening. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Obermier
NAY: Anderson, Kuska, McLean, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Peterson, White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

SCHOOL CREEK-ENGINEERING CONTRACT AMENDMENT

Burke reviewed that the contract with HDR for engineering services on final design of School Creek Dam Site #3 was set up in two phases. (Per attached schedule.) It is recommended that Item IA of Phase II (Soils Analysis) be included in Phase I to provide information needed in locating the axis of the dam, and to ensure that the soils engineer is under contract prior to December 31, 1978, per his sub-contract proposal. Burke made the motion (motion #115) to include Item IA of Phase II in Phase I of the engineering contract per the recommendation. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen, Kaiser
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

SCHOOL CREEK-PAYMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Burke made the motion (Motion #17) to approve payment for HDR's engineering services in connection with application for School Creek Watershed Plan in the amount of \$194.10. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

SCHOOL CREEK-PRESENTATION OF DESIGN ALTERNATIVES

Burke reviewed that HDR presented a summary of six possible alternatives for final design for Dam Site #3 including two possible principal spillway types. (Refer to attached summary.) The highest rate of return and greatest amount of irrigation benefits can be achieved by Alternative No. 4 with a controlled spillway and permanent pool elevation of 1687. The estimated cost for this

alternative is \$606,870 including embankment, spillway and land. In addition to the costs presented by HDR, there will probably be costs associated with raising several road grades at locations where county roads would cross the permanent or flood pool plus some feedlot drainage modifications. Total cost could approach \$700,000. The flood pool drawdown time from elevation 1695 to 1687 would be approximately three days. Permanent pool storage at elevation 1687 would be 1500 acre feet. Burke made the motion (Motion #18) to adopt Alternative No. 4 for final design of School Creek Dam Site 93. Seconded by Ronne. A meeting was held in Sutton, December 19, 1978, with the landowners involved at this Site; and Alternative No. 4 was solicited for their support. Bitner reviewed a sketch drawing of the final design using Alternative No. 4 for Site #3 with two possible principal spillway types. The permanent pool storage car.. be doubled by raising the spillway five feet. A suggestion was made that if we decide to build the dam with the lower spillway elevation, that we obtain land rights for the maximum permanent pool necessary for the development of the eventual project.

A few comments were brought up from the meeting held in Sutton with the involved landowners such as raising several road grades and the hardships caused to some farm lands. Conclusions drawn were to build the structure to the maximum and get the most benefit from the water to be stored. Design Alternative No.4 gives the largest number of acre feet for the dollar involved. A discussion was held on the tower involved in the design of the dam for drawdown of the flood pool. These irrigation and flood control benefits are the same as used in the determination of Resources Development Funds. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

LAND TREATMENT APPLICATIONS-TENTATIVE APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (motion #19) to grant tentative approval on eleven land treatment applications as reviewed for a total cost-share request of \$15,381.27. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

LAND TREATMENT APPLICATIONS-FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (motion #20) to grant final approval on five land treatment applications as reviewed for a total cost-share of \$7,585.80. Seconded by Schlueter. A question was asked of total costs for two of the final applications. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

CENTRAL BUTLER PROJECT-PAYMENT

Burke made the motion (motion #21) to approve payment for our share of expenses on the Central Butler Project tour in the amount of \$152.50 (25% of \$610.00). Seconded by Kuska. Reports were made that the Resources Development Advisory Board is evaluating the project. Turnbull reported that the NRD engineering staff is proceeding with final design on the Miller Structure. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: McLean
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

BULGRIN DAM ENGINEERING-PAYMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #22) to approve payment for engineering services

by Price, Johnson & Erickson during construction of the Bulgrin Road Dam, York County, in the amount of \$2,565.18. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

NNRC MEETING REPORT

Anderson handed out a document which is an excerpt from the State Water Planning and Reviewing Process. The State Water Plan has been submitted to the Legislature for study and analysis. Anderson continued to review a couple of the bills to be entered into this Legislative Session such as revisions to the Control Area Regulations concerning the boundary designations.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION MEETING

White gave a report on the Groundwater Management Districts Association Annual Conference held in Amarillo, Texas, December 6-8, 1978. Reported that John Turnbull, NRD General Manager, was elected Secretary-Treasurer to the National Board of Directors.

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Peterson reported on the Personnel and Equipment Committee Meeting held December 14, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT-MANAGER

Peterson reviewed that interviews have been taking place of applicants for the position of Public Information Department-Manager. Peterson made the motion (Motion #23) to permit the Personnel and Equipment Committee the authorization to select an individual for the Public Information Department position and to negotiate annual salary. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: McLean, White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen

STANDARD OF LIVING RAISE

Peterson reviewed the recommendation to consider a standard of living increase in December for all District employees. Peterson made the motion (Motion #24) that the District grant a standard of living increase of 7% to all employees effective January 1, 1979. Seconded by Burke. Questions were raised about the effects the increase would have on the FY79 Budget. Turnbull reported that the increases would be within the District's Budget. Considerable discussion followed, including merit increases vs. cost-of-living increases. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, White
NAY: Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Schlueter
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

FIELD OFFICE STAFFS

After discussion, conclusions were reaffirmed that the District's intent is to continue to staff the field offices with clerks and technicians.

MOVING EXPENSES

Peterson made the motion (Motion #25) to allow moving expenses in the amount of \$150 to Frank Hejna, Jr., York field office technician. Seconded by Burke. A short discussion followed as to policy of reimbursement to field employees. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: None
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

ABSTAIN: Hegeholz
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

OFFICE FURNITURE

Peterson made the motion (Motion #26) to authorize the purchase of a desk and chair for the Water Management Department not to exceed \$650. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, White
NAY: McLean, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Schlueter
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

NARD RETIREMENT PLAN

Peterson reviewed that the NARD has requested that the power of attorney be granted by this District to Lee Orton. The retirement investments are being changed from the National Bank of Commerce to Bankers Life of Iowa. The power of attorney authorizes Lee Orton, as our designated representative, to make the necessary changes and to file the necessary reports to the IRS. The District will not be relieved of any authorities or responsibilities over the funds, but only keeping the commingled accounts simple, straight forward and understandable for all concerned. Peterson made the motion (Motion #27) to grant the power of attorney for the NARD retirement plan be authorized for the NARD from this District to Lee Orton. Seconded by Anderson. The funds are being transferred because of the greater return on the investments. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

NARD VOTING DELEGATES

The NARD Annual Conference will be January 22-23, 1979. Voting delegates need to be appointed to represent the District. Peterson made the motion (motion #28) to appoint Morris White the voting delegate and that Max Ronne be the alternate delegate to the January conference. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

NNRC MEMBER

The Commission elections will be held on January 11, 1979, in Milford, NE. Peterson made the motion (Motion #29) that the Board support Bruce Anderson for NNRC member at that election to be our representative for the Big Blue River Basin. Seconded by Moore. Norman Behrens, Crete, NE, submitted his request for support for election to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission as a member and representative for the Big Blue River Basin. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Stuhr
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT DIRECTOR FOR SUB-DISTRICT III

A vacancy exists in Sub-District #3 in this NRD as a result of the 1978 general elections. Peterson made the motion (Motion #30) that this Board recommend that Wayne Hansen be appointed to be director for Sub-District #3 for a four year term by the new Board. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

RESIGNING DIRECTORS

Moore made a motion (Motion #31) that the Board extend a vote of thanks to LaVerne Peterson, Hans Jensen, Wayne Hansen, and Bob Hawthorne (Directors going out of office), and that the staff be directed to prepare Certificates of Appreciation for each for presentation later. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen, Peterson
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Ronne

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
November 16, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris white, Chairman	Ray Griffin, Acting Liaison D.C., Aurora
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Harold Fausch, D.C., Seward
Max Ronne, Secretary	Craig Pope, Blue River GWCD
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Raymond Burke, Director	Kenneth Regier, Aurora
Wayne Hansen, Director	
Roger Kaiser, Director	
Norman Obermier, Director	
LaVerne Peterson, Director	ABSENT
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Bruce Anderson, Director
Roy Stuhr, Director	Bob Hawthorne, Director
John Turnbull, General Manager	Gerald Hegeholz, Director
R. Jay Bitner, District Engineer	Hans Jensen, Director
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor	Melvin Kuska, Director
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary	Jim McLean, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published November 7, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present with Schneider and Stuhr arriving later in the meeting.

NRD PROGRESS REPORT

Ray Griffin, D.C., Hamilton County SCS and Acting Liaison D.C., reported that the NRD monthly Progress Report and review of the new cooperators and conservation plans will now be given on a quarterly basis. Griffin gave a report on surface rainfall runoff and what practices do we have to utilize this water. Griffin suggested that the SCS give reports for discussion quarterly.

MINUTES

Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the. October 19, 1978, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Hanson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Schneider, Stuhr

FY1978 AUDIT

Turnbull reported that the FY78 Audit has been reviewed and examined by the staff and accountant. Moore made the motion (Motion #2) to accept and approve the FY78 Audit as presented. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Schneider

BUDGET REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report as of October 31, 1978, and accounts to be paid as distributed. A short discussion was held on a few of the accounts to

be paid such as professional services. Burke made the motion (motion V3) to approve the Budget Report and Financial Statement as of October 31, 1978, as presented and make payment of the accounts payables and approve the expenditures for publication. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Schneider

BUDGET AND FINANCE COMMITTEE REPORT

Hansen reported on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held November 9, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Moore gave a summary of the activities and committee meetings conducted recently by the Groundwater Committee. Turnbull reviewed the latest draft of the Control Area Regulations which has been studied by the Groundwater Committee and others in the area. He outlined the concept of area-wide controls and controls which deal with sub-areas with severe declines. Turnbull reviewed suggested measures which have been proposed which include voluntarily installing flow meters, constructing irrigation re-use pits, participating in the irrigation scheduling program, reporting the well's water level, minimum tillage practices and crop rotation. Mandatory measures include installation of flow meters to NRD specifications, 1,000 foot well spacing of new wells, reporting abandoned and replacement wells, and water-use reports by municipal, industrial and recreational wells. Discussed the suggested requirements after an area is declared a critical decline sub-area. Those are reporting and certifying total irrigated acres, certifying wells which pump in excess of 100 gallons per minute, more restrictive well spacing of 2,000 feet for new wells, flow meters be mandatory on wells, and annual water-use reports be made. A sub-area would involve quarter-townships using the total nine square miles as the controlled decline area. Sub-areas would only be declared after 60% of the quarter-township had declines of 15 feet or more. A provision has been made that people may petition to have an area declared a decline sub-area, if 60% of that area's water users agree. Turnbull reviewed that within the declared sub-area a water allocation system would be implemented of a proposed 16 inches per acre per year for three-year periods. He further discussed a list of penalties for not observing the required regulations. The list included a decrease to no allocation, deny use of the well and a fee for NRD taking well readings. An appeal procedure is also included similar to that for failure to comply under the runoff regulations. Moore stated that the directors are still in disagreement over the proposed Groundwater Control Area Regulations. Final draft is expected to be made available for approval at the December Board meeting. The Board is required to have proposed regulations submitted to the Department of Water Resources and given State approval by January 31, 1979, with implementation of the regulations to start February 1, 1979.

The Board of Directors had a long and detailed discussion of the proposed rules and regulations to be adopted for the Control Area. Suggestions were made that when an irrigator certifies his well that it be recorded by both the NRD and the State. The Directors reviewed a map showing areas which have a decline of 15 feet or more; this report from groundwater levels in 1976. Turnbull reported that 17% of the Control Area is under the 15 foot decline now and covers about 20% of the registered wells within the District. Discussion included the difference in the aquifer thickness across the District as to the percent of decline in the sub-areas with the conclusion of the number of variables affecting the different areas showing declines and those having more problems, the general feeling of the Board is to start with voluntary area-wide controls. Then if the control area doesn't show a decrease in the rate of water decline, develop mandatory area-wide controls with the sub-areas getting more stricter rules. Statements were made that the public would accept District-wide controls more easily, than penalizing sub-areas which have more severe declines. with the pumping outside the sub-area and the effects of that pumping, the severe decline areas would probably increase in

size, thereby, not helping those areas. Further discussions were held on the efficiency of individual wells, the severe affect of irrigation wells on domestic wells, and the definition of a groundwater user. A statement was made that no provision has been made in the Groundwater Management Act for legislative action to~dissolve a declared Groundwater Control Area. Comments were made that the NARD is going to suggest an amendment be added to the Act to correct that provision. A suggestion was made to have a pilot area set up to be used as a controlled area for observation. In conclusion, the Board needs to accept and adopt a general set of rules and regulations to manage the Control Area, and make the necessary changes and provisions as time goes on.

NNRC MEETING REPORT

Due to Anderson's absence, Turnbull reported on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting held November 9, 1978. The Commission took action to sign and forward to the Legislative Public Works Committee the draft "State Water Plan", and included a Statement of Policy explaining the input and cooperation of related state agencies and their general objectives as directed by L.B. 957. Submittal due date for the work plan was November 15, 1978. Action is expected soon by the other state agencies. The Governor's office will take on the role of the work plan's planning and review process.

Turnbull reported on the High Plains-Ogallala Aquifer Study. A contract award has been made for the study and is Camp Dresser and McKee, Inc. of Austin, Texas, with several other subcontractors associated in the completion of the work. The contractor plans to have a draft work plan available by December 15, 1978, and expect to provide an interim report to Congress on January 15, 1979. The total federal allocation of six million dollars is now available for the study. Individual state funding has not been resolved at this time. Each state has been assigned three study elements--farm production, state impacts and energy production. If the states do not elect to carry out the study elements, the general contractor will. Part of these funds will be utilized by the Army Corps of Engineers study which will review all of the major proposals in the past 15-20 years for major diversions of water throughout the High Plains.

A short discussion was held on the proposed coal slurry pipeline and the Basin Electric Greyrocks Reservoir site.

NARD MEETING REPORT

Burke gave a report on the NARD Meeting held October 14, 1978, in Kearney. Reported that the State Water Plan was reviewed and that there will be studies conducted on the various River Basin Compacts as to the terms of there decrees. The next NARD meeting is scheduled for January 23, 1979. The Annual NACD Convention is to be held February 11-16, 1979, in Washington, D.C.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee Meeting held November 9, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

VILLAGE OF SHELBY-DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Burke reviewed the status of the Village of Shelby Drainage Project. Explained that the Village of Shelby is requesting the NRD to reactivate this project and reconsider providing technical and cost-share assistance on their drainage problem. Reported that the runoff received in Shelby is primarily from agriculture storm runoff and not municipal runoff. Burke made the motion (Motion #4) that the NRD act as lead agency in the Shelby Drainage Project and to conduct any necessary coordination and preliminary engineering to help solve the problem of municipal and agricultural runoff. Further, that the District assume all costs through preliminary engineering, with the exception of preparing the Environmental Impact Statement. Seconded by Ronne. Turnbull reviewed a map showing the areas involved in the drainage runoff south and southwest of Shelby. A discussion was held on the problems involved and the engineering that would be needed. Conclusions were made to have the Village of Shelby contact the County SCS Office for possible technical assistance. Kaiser amended motion #4 to make the motion (Motion #5) that the Village of Shelby

contact the Polk County SCS Office and obtain any technical assistance possible. Amendment seconded by Peterson. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

Concluded that if the SCS Office cannot solve the problems involved in the drainage project, that the Projects Committee will again review it at that time. Hansen amended motion #4 to make the motion (Motion #6) to strike the last sentence of the original motion which states that the District will assume all costs through preliminary engineering, with the exception of preparing the Environmental Impact Statement; and that if SCS cannot provide the technical assistance needed, that the problem be referred back to the Projects Committee for further consideration. Amendment seconded by Stuhr. Question called on the amendment. Amendment carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kasier, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

CITY OF HENDERSON-PARK DAM

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to grant final payment of \$2,219.75 to the City of Henderson for completion of a City Park Dam under the original agreement, thereby terminating the contract with the city. Seconded by Ronne. Turnbull reviewed an Extract Of Minutes of the City of Henderson from their meeting of November 14, 1978, stating a motion which included that upon receipt of payment in the amount of \$2,219.75 from the NRD, in fulfillment of its obligation under the Cooperative Participation Agreement with the City of Henderson dated July'12, 1.977, the NRD shall be relieved of any further obligations under such agreement and said agreement shall be terminated. called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

CITY OF OSCEOLA-DAVIS CREEK PROJECT

Burke reported that the Committee discussed the request of the City of Osceola for a clearing and snagging project for Davis Creek for the purpose of improving existing channel hydraulic characteristics below Osceola. Concluded that a detailed cost estimate and preliminary plan outlining work limits of the proposed project should be prepared; permission grants from landowners to survey the area should be obtained; and a potential dam site below the channel improvement should be located. The Programs Committee is to review this special program.

LAND TREATMENT-APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (motion #8) to grant tentative approval on thirteen '-' and treatment applications as reviewed for a total cost-share request of \$17,329.71. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

L.B. 450 FUND-APPLICATION

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to grant tentative approval for the L.B. 450 application of Mary Lou Sowers/Ralph Wilson, Clay County, a water impoundment dam, for an estimated total cost of \$20,065.21, and a L.B. 450 Fund cost-share of \$15,048.91. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

FINAL PAYMENT-LAND TREATMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to grant final payment on the land treatment practice of Willard Hollister, Polk County, an irrigation re-use pit, \$597.41. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

IN-BASIN STORAGE PITS-APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to grant tentative approval on two in-basin storage pit applications--Bernard Anderson, Fillmore County, and Robert Brazda, Polk County; and decline approval for the application of Jim McLean, York County, because construction has already begun at this site. Making a total amount approved to date for the in-basin storage pit cost-share program of \$15,299.01. Seconded by Hansen. A long discussion was held on the submittal of the in-basin storage pit application of Jim McLean. Stuhr amended motion #11 to make the motion (Motion #12) to grant tentative approval on the in-basin storage pit of Jim McLean as reviewed with the provision that it is built according to the design and specifications. Amendment seconded by Ronne. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

NAY: Moore, Schneider

ABSTAIN: Burke, Peterson, White

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter

NAY: Moore, Schneider, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Peterson, White

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

FINAL PAYMENT-KASSIK ROAD STRUCTURE

Bitner reviewed the as-built cost information on the completed Kassik Road Structure, Fillmore County. Original bid was \$17,359.50., Explained that there were three overruns for a total of \$2,004.90 and one underrun for a total of \$52.50. Total final construction cost was \$19,311.90, minus an October progress payment of \$9,687.95, leaves an amount due for final payment of \$9,623.95. A reimbursement of 40% (\$7,724.76) will be requested from Fillmore County as per the Contribution Agreement for this structure. Burke made the motion (Motion #13) to approve final payment for construction of the Kassik Road Structure, Fillmore County, in the amount of \$9,623.95 to Ehlers Construction Company; and request reimbursement of amount due from Fillmore County as per agreement. Seconded by Hansen. A discussion was held on the overruns submitted. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

FINAL PAYMENT-BULGRIN ROAD STRUCTURE

Bitner reviewed the construction costs of the Bulgrin Road Structure, York County. Original bid was \$13,022.00. Explained that there was an overrun of \$599.20, which makes an amount due of \$13,621.20 total construction cost. A reimbursement of 40% (\$5,448.48) will be requested from York County as per the Contribution Agreement for this structure. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #14)

to approve final payment for construction of the Bulgrin Road Structure, York County, in the amount of \$13,621.20 to Hartmann Construction Company; and request reimbursement of amount due from York County as per agreement. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

FINAL PAYMENT-WEISS ROAD STRUCTURE

Bitner reviewed the construction costs of the Weiss Road Structure, York County. Original bid was \$16,828.22. Explained that there was an overrun of \$828.30, which includes the structure removal of a bridge found at the site, and makes a total construction cost of \$17,656.52. A reimbursement of 40% (\$7,062.61-) will be requested from York County as per the Contribution Agreement for this structure. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #15) to approve final payment for construction of the Weiss Road Structure, York County, in the amount of \$17,656.52 to Slepicka Brothers Construction; and request reimbursement of amount due from York County as per agreement. Seconded by Obermier. A short discussion was held on the buried bridge found at the site. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

FINAL PAYMENT-YORK LINEAR PARK PHASE II

Burke made the motion (Motion #16) to approve final payment for Phase II of the York Linear Park in the amount of \$7,747.75. Seconded by Peterson. Burke reviewed that the total expenditures for Phase II amounted to \$27,512.50 and Phase I amounted to \$16,937.00, making a grand total 25% NRD cost-share for the York Linear Park of \$44,452.50. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

ENGINEERING FINAL PAYMENT-KASSIK ROAD STRUCTURE

Burke made the motion (motion #17) to grant final payment for engineering services on the Kassik Road Structure, Fillmore County, to McGaughy-Marshall & McMillan Engineers in the amount of \$5,473.80 as per statement submitted. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, McLean

Meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Max Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
October 19, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	R. Jay Bitner, District Engineer
Max Ronne, Secretary	Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary
Raymond Burke, Director-at-Large	Frank Hejna, Jr., District Tech., York
Bruce Anderson, Director	Maurice Medaris, District Tech., Aurora
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ray Griffin, Acting Liaison D.C., Aurora
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Jim Foster, Area V SCS, Grand Island
Hans Jensen, Director	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Roger Kaiser, Director	
Jim McLean, Director	
Norman Obermier, Director	
LaVerne Peterson, Director	<u>ABSENT</u>
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Bob Hawthorne, Director
Roy Stuhr, Director	Melvin Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published October 10, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present with Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier and Schlueter arriving later in the meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Ray Griffin, D.C., Hamilton County SCS and Acting Liaison D.C., presented -the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of September, 1978. Reported that the SCS no longer requires the cooperators signed cover sheet, therefore, the NRD needs to decide whether or not to delete this reporting form and also to revise the monthly summary report of conservation activities throughout the District. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, Obermier

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the September 21, 1978, regular Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

WEISS ROAD STRUCTURE

Turnbull reported that a motion is needed to reaffirm the action taken at the emergency meeting October 2, 1978, by telephone communications. Jensen made the motion (Motion #3) to restate the motion made October 2, 1978, by telephone conference that the Upper Big Blue NRD accept the revised easement with NPPD on the Weiss Road Structure as stated and to pay NPPD one lump sum. of \$1,000 for the right to impound permanent storage of water on 4.68 acres and temporary storage of water on an additional 4.83 acres, total easement of 9.51 acres. In addition, that the Slepicka Brothers on the basis of their low bid be awarded the contract in the amount of \$16,828.22 for construction of the Weiss Road Structure as recommended on September 7, 1978. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

FY1978 AUDIT

Turnbull reviewed the fiscal year audit for the year ended June '30, 1978, which included the accountant's opinion, Garry St. John, CPA, as distributed. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #4) to refer the FY1978 Audit report to the District's present accountant, Romans-Wiemer-Schulz, for review and examination, and bring back to the Board for approval at their next Board of Directors Meeting. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jansen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

BUDGET REPORT

Turnbull reviewed the Budget Report as of September 30, 1978, as distributed, of the consolidated report of the general fund, water management fund and sinking fund. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #5) to approve the Budget Report for September 30, 1978, as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. A short discussion was held on the accounts receivables and the increase in interest rates on some of the Certificates of Deposit. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the accounts payables to be paid. A short discussion was held on a few of the accounts to be paid such as a legal notice and a progress payment for construction. Ronne made the motion (Motion #6) to approve the September, 1978, Financial Statement as presented and make payment of accounts payable and approve expenditures for publication. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

White reported on an Executive Committee meeting held just prior to the Board of Directors meeting, October 19, 1978. Reported that the committee reviewed the 3rd Quarter Per Diem and expenses submitted by the Directors. Further reported, that the committee reviewed the NRD Monthly Progress Report process.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported on the Education and Information Committee meeting held on October 5, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hansen reported on the Programs Committee meeting held October 3, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

IRRIGATION SCHEDULING PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (motion #7) to set a \$.50 per acre charge for irrigation scheduling services. Seconded by Stuhr. A discussion was held on the charges for irrigation scheduling services and the determination of acres to be serviced. The \$.50 charge would include the installation of the soil moisture blocks and not the purchase of the blocks. A discussion was held on the irrigation scheduling services conducted by the Ground Water Conservation Districts (GWCD's). Hansen made the motion (Motion #8) to refer the 50~ per acre charge for irrigation scheduling services back to the Programs Committee for further refinement. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

Hansen made the motion (Motion 09) to offer the services of irrigation scheduling to the whole District. Seconded by Jensen. Services are offered for education and training in the irrigation scheduling program. A discussion was held on the cooperation of these services with the Ground Water Conservation Districts. Anderson amended motion #9 to make the motion (motion #10) to perform irrigation scheduling services in those counties with Ground Water Conservation Districts only when to supplement services to cooperators after the GWCD's have all the participants they desire to manage and to limit the activity to those farms the GWCD's and the County Extension Services~ do not desire to provide the irrigation scheduling services. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider
NAY: Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermier, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: Burke, Moore, Obermier
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (Motion #11) to raise the price of the tree seedlings from 15~ to 18~ per tree due to an increase from the supplier. Prices of -the planting and spraying to remain the same. Seconded by Anderson. Question called Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

OATS AND SWEET CLOVER WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (motion #12) that the District participate in the Cats and Sweet Clover Program with the understanding that the cooperator is not involved more than the minimum set by the USDA-ASCS set-aside program. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

PRIVATE LANDS HABITAT PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (Motion #13) to enter and sign the amendment to the

agreement under the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement Act Section 23-2201 through 23-2207 RRS 1943 (Private Lands Habitat Program) regarding the Wildlife Habitat Program with the Game & Parks Commission. Seconded by Schneider. Explained that the NRD has ten year contracts under the Wildlife Habitat Program and this will insure the District that the Game & Parks Commission will actively participate in the program continually. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held October 5, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to grant tentative approval on the land treatment applications of Stanley Coufal, re-use pit, \$915.07; Lyle Dunker, terrace system, \$1,610.00; and Robert Schmitt, terrace system/sod waterway, \$264.00, all of Butler County as reviewed for a total of \$2,789.07. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

LAND TREATMENT PRACTICES FOR L.B. 450 FUNDING

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to accept the land treatment practices eligible for funding under the L.B. 450-Nebraska Water Conservation Program as follows: WC-1 Terrace Systems, WC-2 Terrace Outlet Systems, WC-3 Water Impoundment Dams, WC-4 Grade Stabilization Structures, and WC-5 Irrigation Re-Use Pits. Seconded by Ronne. The five practices are the same as the District's existing land treatment program-practices. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

PRIORITY OF PRACTICES ELIGIBLE FOR L.B. 450 FUNDING

Burke made the motion (motion #16) to select the order of priority for those practices determined to be eligible for funding under the L.B. 450 Nebraska Water Conservation Program as follows: (1) WC-1 Terrace Systems, (2) WC2 Terrace Outlet Systems, (3) WC-3 Water Impoundment Dams, (4) WC-5 Irrigation Re-Use Pits, and (5) WC-4 Grade Stabilization Structures. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

ALLOCATION OF LAND TREATMENT FUNDS

Burke made the motion (motion #17) to leave the allocation of land treatment funds for applicants according to the order of submittal. This method would apply to L.B. 450 funds as well as local NRD land treatment funds. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

KASSIK ROAD STRUCTURE-PROGRESS PAYMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #18) to approve the contractors request for a

progress payment for construction of the Kassik Road Structure in. the amount of \$9,687.95 which represents 56% completion of the project. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

KASSIK ROAD STRUCTURE-BILLS FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Burke made the motion (motion #19) to approve for payment the engineering services on the Kassik Road Structure in the amount of \$1,202.45 according to bills submitted. Seconded by Peterson. This amount is a progress payment of engineering services on the Kassik Road Structure. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

KASSIK ROAD STRUCTURE-ENGINEERING SERVICE CHARGES

Burke made the motion (Motion #20) to increase the Engineering Service Charges for the Kassik Road Structure from \$4,400 to \$5,800, not to exceed \$5,800, for an over-run for inspection charges of \$1,260 to \$1,680. Seconded by Anderson. Bitner reviewed the construction progress and noted factors which will contribute to an over-run of engineering inspection charges required to complete the Kassik Road Structure. Bitner explained that his estimate of charges for the completion of the engineering services was short and underestimated. A long discussion was held on the terms of the contract for engineering services on the Kassik Road Structure. To help keep the costs down, Bitner has asked the engineers to limit their inspections to twice a week and that our District personnel will provide the inspection services during the remaining days of the week. The engineers will then make final inspection of certifying the quantities when the job is complete. Stuhr amended motion #20 to make the motion (Motion #21) to pay the engineers up-to-date and close the contract as of today. Seconded by Ronne. A discussion was held on the engineering. services performed and the services yet to be performed. Bitner explained that the increase in the limit of \$5,800 is the amount the engineering services can not exceed, but final payment will only be for services actually given. Stuhr withdrew his amendment. Second concurred. A discussion was held on the charges to be anticipated for completion of engineering services. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider
NAY: Hansen, Moore, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

A discussion was held on the determination of estimates for engineering and inspection services.

COON CREEK, SEWARD COUNTY

Burke made the motion (Motion #22) to suspend the Coon Creek Project from the construction schedule the fall of 1980 due to lack of local public support. Seconded by Jensen. A discussion was held on the location and opposition of this project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

BERGEN ROAD STRUCTURE-BERGEN ESTATE EASEMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #23) to give only the Bergen Estate the right to use the water on their land free of charge. Seconded by Jensen. A short discussion was held on the uniqueness of this case concerning the negotiations

with the individuals involved with this easement. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

LAND TREATMENT FINAL APPROVALS

Burke made the motion (Motion #24) to grant final approval for payment the land treatment applications as follows: E.C. Kremer, Hamilton Co., a re-use pit, \$1,513.55; Bob Hawthorne, Hamilton Co., terraces, \$441.00; Wilbur Pauley, Clay Co., terraces, \$101.20; Roy Bristol, York Co., an erosion control dam, \$5,564.29; Roy Bristol, York Co., sod waterway, \$361.81; Roy Bristol, York Co., diversion, \$579.37; and Arlin Stuhr, York Co., an erosion control. dam, \$2,268.61 for a total of \$10,829.84. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean,, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Peterson reported on the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held October 10, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PUBLIC INFORMATION DEPARTMENT-MANAGER

Peterson made the motion (Motion #25) to authorize the General Manager to proceed in interviewing applicants for Public Information Department-Manager as per the job description and that the position be filled immediately as per committee recommendation. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

WATER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT-MANAGER

Peterson made the motion (Motion #26) to authorize the General Manager to proceed in interviewing applicants for a new position of a Water Management Department-Manager and that the position be filled immediately as per committee recommendation. To have equivalent field experience added to

A discussion was held on the duties and the responsibilities of this department. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

1979 PICKUP

Peterson made the motion (Motion #27) that Bereuter's Inc. be awarded the bid for purchase of a '79 3/4 Ton Pickup with auxiliary tank based on their low bid of \$5,912.00. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

NNRC MEETING REPORT

Anderson reported on the NNRC meeting held September 20, 1978, and distributed copies of the minutes from that meeting to the Board of Directors. Stated that a special NNRC meeting was held October 6th to review and comment on the State Water Plan Work Plan. Discussions were held on leaving the control of the Water Plan with the Commission and not on the State Water Council.

A televised ETV Program will be aired Wednesday, November 8th, at 8 p.m.

titled "Water: Sweet Or Sour?", a test for Nebraskans on the quality of their water.

A Big Blue River Basin Policy Advisory Committee meeting will be held October 30, 1978, at Milford.

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORTS

Moore reported on the Groundwater Committee meeting held on September 26, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

CHECK VALVE STUDY

Moore made the motion (Motion #28) to enter and sign the contract for the 1978 check valve study with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and complete the same. Seconded by Schneider. In this contract, the Commission has requested the NRD to conduct a survey on check valves. They have asked the District to survey approximately 50 wells at random to see if there are check valves in place and then to ask the anonymous landowner several questions concerning his check valve. The survey will be conducted only in Polk and Butler Counties this fall. The NRD will be reimbursed a maximum of \$600 for its efforts. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

OBSERVATION WELL NETWORK

Moore made the motion (Motion 429) to authorize the staff to expand on the observation well network and that the necessary state and federal agency coordination begin immediately. Seconded by Hansen. This expansion would establish an adequate data base to determine percent of groundwater declines throughout the entire Control Area. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

Moore reported on the Groundwater Committee meeting held on October 12, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

CONTINUOUS RECORDER WELL-DWIGHT, NE

Moore made the motion (Motion #30) that the District not participate in the continuous recorder well near Dwight (Butler County). Seconded by Anderson. The Lower Platte South NRD has asked that we share the cost 50/50 for redrilling the recorder well with a cost estimate of \$4,000. With the expansion of our observation well network, it is suggested that we not participate in this request. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

CONTROL AREA REGULATIONS REVIEW

Moore made the motion (motion #31) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 11:15 p.m. to discuss and review the draft of the Control Area Rules and Regulations. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

Moore made the motion (Motion #32) to reconvene the meeting into Regular Session at 11:55 p.m. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska

Meeting adjourned at 11:56 p.m.

Max Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
EMERGENCY MEETING
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
October 2, 1978

In accordance with L.B. 325, Section 84-1411, 84th Legislature, First Session, (1975), the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors held an emergency meeting on Monday, October 2, 1978, at 8:30 p.m. by telephone communications for the purpose of final negotiations for the NPPD easement and award of contract on the Weiss Road Structure, York County, Nebraska, necessary by October 3, 1978.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members connected. Thirteen members answering. Four members absent.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman
Max Ronne, Secretary
Bruce Anderson, Director
Ray Burke, Director
Wayne Hansen, Director
Gerald Hegeholz, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Roger Kaiser, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Norman Obermier, Director
LaVerne Peterson, Director
Roy Stuhr, Director
John Turnbull, General Manager
Jay Bitner, District Engineer

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Robert Schneider, Director

WEISS ROAD STRUCTURE

Bitner reviewed the terms of the Construction and Flowage Easement for the Nebraska Public Power District (NPPD) perpetual easement to the Upper Big Blue NRD. Explained that it is recommended that the District accept the revised easement with NPPD on the Weiss Road Dam and to pay the NPPD one lump sum of \$1,000 for the right to impound permanent storage of water on 4.68 acres and temporary storage of water on an additional 4.83 acres. Total easement of 9.51 acres.

Anderson made the motion that the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District (NRD) accept the revised easement with NPPD on the Weiss Road Structure as stated per attached copy and to pay NPPD one lump sum of \$1,000 for the right to impound permanent storage of water on 4.68 acres and temporary storage of water on an additional 4.83 acres, total easement of 9.51 acres. In addition, that the Slepicka Brothers on the basis of their low bid be awarded the contract in the amount of \$16,828.22 for construction of the Weiss Road Structure as recommended on September 7, 1978. Seconded by Jensen.

A discussion was held on the intentions of landowners planning to pump water from this structure and the charge of \$500 for the right to pump the stored water. A permit must first be obtained from the Department of Water Resources.

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Max Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE
NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
September 7, 1978

A special Board of Directors meeting was called to order at 8:15 p.m. at tile Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

Morris White, Chairman
Max Ronne, Secretary
Bruce Anderson, Director
Raymond Burke, Director
Wayne Hansen, Director
Roger Kaiser, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Norman Obermier, Director
LaVerne Peterson, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Roy Stuhr, Director

John Turnbull, General Manager
R. Jay Bitner, District Engineer
Jim Kraus, Public Information
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary
Ray Griffin, Acting Liaison D.C.
Gary Poore, City Engineer, Hastings
Harold Youngmeir, Administrator, Hastings
Nancy Tipton, York News-Times

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Gerald Hegeholz, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman
Bob Schneider, Treasurer

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this special meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published August 28, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Members present: twelve present, five absent.

KASSIK ROAD STRUCTURE-ENGINEERING SERVICES

Bitner reviewed the engineering services needed during construction of the Kassik Road Dam. Engineering services to be provided by McGaughey, Marshall & McMillan for estimated cost of \$4,440, depending upon length of construction period. It would cost the District approximately \$2,700 to provide equivalent services during construction, however, we have not completed purchase of proper soil testing equipment. The time during construction can be utilized by the engineering staff to work on other District projects. Kuska made the motion (Motion #1) to retain the engineering firm of McGaughey, Marshall and McMillan to provide engineering services during construction of the Kassik Road Dam. Seconded by Burke. A short discussion was held on the services to be conducted and the estimated cost for these services. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Schneider

Construction has begun on the Kassik Road Structure, Fillmore County.

WEISS ROAD STRUCTURE-NPPD EASEMENT

Bitner reported that the Nebraska Public Power District is asking that the NRD pay \$1,550 per acre for permanent storage and \$750 per acre for temporary storage for an easement on the Weiss Road Structure. This easement would cost approximately: Permanent pool 4.68 acres x \$1,550 = \$7,254; Temporary Pool 4.85 acres x \$750 = \$3,622.50; for a total easement cost of \$10,876.50. The Board of Directors should decide whether or not to purchase easement rights on

the Weiss Road Dam. A meeting was held September 7th (today) with members from NPPD, the County, the contractor, the District's attorney and NRD staff and director. A long discussion was held on the purchasing of this easement. The price of this easement makes the Weiss Road Structure double in cost. NPPD is not in favor of this dam being constructed. NPPD is going to be constructing a sub-station at this site. The Road Dam would have to be completed prior to November 1st, so that REA can lay their power poles in the structure going across it. Stuhr commented that this project has been in existence for about ten years and NPPD purchased this tract of land just recently. Stuhr made the motion (motion #2) to approve purchase of this easement from NPPD for the prices stated. Seconded by Ronne. A discussion was held on the benefits of constructing this structure. The greatest benefit is groundwater recharge. Further discussion was held on the construction of future dams with the purchasing of easement rights. Reviewed the amount of acre feet of water to be stored in this structure. The NRD has an approved storage permit from the Department of Water Resources on this dam. A discussion was held on the lateness of NPPD with their easement. Engineering for this structure is by the Soil Conservation Service. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Kuska, Ronne, Stuhr

NAY: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, White

ABSTAIN: Hansen

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Schneider

A discussion was held in making-further negotiations with NPPD for settlement in this easement right and not letting this project die. Recommended that the NRD staff and Board meet with NPPD at their next meeting. Stuhr commented that Weiss and the public be informed of the situation-on this project; that because a public entity asked another public entity for an unreasonable easement this project will probably not be completed. Bitner reviewed that bids have been received for construction of this structure. Award of this contract is pending the receipt of the NPPD easement. The ten day due date for award of contract is almost past, therefore, it is recommended that an extension be requested of the bidders on their bid on the Weiss Road Dam for thirty days. Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to request the bidders on the Weiss Road Dam for a thirty day extension on their bid. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Ronne, Schneider

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Turnbull introduced two representatives from the City of Hastings: Harold Youngmeir, Administrator; and Gary Poore, City Engineer. Turnbull reviewed that at the last Board meeting motions were made to offer the appraised value to the remaining landowners on tracts of land involved in the Hastings NW Project. Responses have been received from all of them, except the tract of Grace Children's Home which is in final negotiations. Turnbull read the letters from the other landowners. Neil Grothen requests the number of acres affecting the spillway overflows and the measurement of the 100 year flood plain. Needs information before negotiations on his tracts of land will be made. No recommendation is being made on the Neil Grothen tracts of land at this time. Starr Seed Farms declined the NRD offer of appraised value on their tract of land. Anderson made the motion (Motion #4) that the Board of Directors has made a good faith effort in negotiations with Starr Seed Farms, Inc., record owner of the following described real estate to wit: 27.2 Acre Tract located in the South ~ of the Southeast 1-4 of Section 27, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map, to acquire perpetual easement rights for storage, flowage and construction thereto, which is necessary for the construction of the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Structure, and having failed to reach an agreement, the staff and legal counsel are directed to immediately initiate necessary legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire a perpetual easement thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the northwest portion of

the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Peterson,
Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Obermier
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Ronne, Schneider

Mrs. Alvin Hueske declined the NRD offer of appraised value on their tract of land. Burke made the motion (motion #5) that the Board of Directors has made a good faith effort in negotiations with Mrs. Alvin Hueske (Alvin Hueske Estate), record owner of the following described real estate to wit: 9.2 Acre Tract located in the Northeast ~ of Section 33, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map, to acquire perpetual easement rights for storage and flowage thereto, which is necessary to the construction of the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Structure, and having failed to reach an agreement, the staff and legal counsel are directed to immediately initiate necessary legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire perpetual easement thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the northwest portion of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Schlueter. Turnbull reported that contacts of obtaining an attorney from Hastings, Bill Connolly, were not successful in that he has been obtained as counsel by one of the other landowners in condemnation proceedings, Jacqueline Bashian. Further reported that the District's attorney, George Brugh, has been lagging in expediting the legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire perpetual easements on the various tracts of land involved in this project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Peterson, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Obermier
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Ronne, Schneider

Kuska made the motion (Motion #6) that if the District's attorney, George Brugh, does not proceed quickly in condemnation proceedings involved in the Hastings NW Project, that another attorney be retained for this project. Allowing a ten day period for some kind of action. Seconded by Peterson. A discussion was held on the retention of the District's attorney. Kuska withdrew his motion (Motion # Second-concurred. Recommended obtaining a lawyer with condemnation procedure experience. Youngmeir offered to obtain an attorney to represent the District in the legal proceedings for the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Peterson made the motion (Motion V) to have the City of Hastings give the District a recommendation of an attorney to represent the NRD and that the General Manager the authority to proceed with the hiring of an attorney for the condemnation proceedings involved in the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Schlueter seconded.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Ronne, Schneider

It is understood that Brugh is still under retainer as attorney for the District, but is relieved the responsibility on this case. Turnbull reported that by the terms of the original agreement all expenses involved with land rights and land acquisitions shall be reimbursed on a pro rata-basis to the Upper Big Blue NRD. Co-sponsors include the City of Hastings, Adams County, the Little Blue NRD and the Upper Big Blue NRD. The Upper Big Blue NRD percentage being 15% of total costs. Also by the terms of the original agreement, the Upper Big Blue NRD has the authority to assume on the behalf of the co-sponsors the role of primary project sponsor for administrative purposes, thereby, being the lead agency in this project. The City of Hastings representatives expressed that they are quite anxious that the project proceed as fast as possible. A discussion was held on the value of the real

estate involved downstream from the structure. A study is going to be conducted by HDR to determine the effect this structure is going to have in the area. Studies have been conducted on the cost benefits by the Corps of Engineers on flood damages in the City. Cost of the structure has been estimated to be \$420,000, a cost-benefit ratio of 4 to 1. The primary benefit of the project is flood control and flood protection for the City of Hastings.

Meeting adjourned 9:55 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
September 21, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the York County 4-H Building, Fairgrounds, York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Ray Griffin, Hamilton Co. SCS, Acting Liaison
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Max Ronne, Secretary	Loran Heins, Rising City
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Merle Struebing, Ulysses
Bruce Anderson, Director	Frank Boggs, Rising City
Wayne Hansen, Director	Leo Aldrich, Rising City
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Jean Kuhl, Rising City
Roger Kaiser, Director	
Melvin Kuska, Director	
Jim McLean, Director	
Norman Obermier, Director	
LaVerne Peterson, Director	<u>ABSENT</u>
Roy Stuhr, Director	Raymond Burke, Director
John Turnbull, General Manager	Bob Hawthorne, Director
Jay Bitner, District Engineer	Hans Jensen, Director
Jim Kraus, Public Information	Leonard Schlueter, Director
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor	
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary	

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published September 12, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Anderson, Moore, Obermier and Schneider arriving later in the meeting. White reviewed the lateness of the Board meetings and concluded that all should help condense their reports and discussions.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Ray Griffin, D.C., Hamilton County SCS and Acting Liaison, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of August, 1978. Further reported, that the SCS office has changed the recording process for new cooperators in not needing the signed cover sheet. Suggested that the Programs Committee review the Progress Report and New Cooperators for monthly reporting to the District. Griffin handed out a composite sheet of the results of the RCA questionnaire and irrigation-related concerns were rated the highest. Peterson made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Moore, Schlueter

MINUTES

Schneider made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the Public Budget Hearing, August 17th, the regular Board of Directors meeting, August 17th, and the special Board of Directors meeting, September 7, 1978, as distributed. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, white

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Moore, Schlueter

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the combined July and August, 1978, Financial Statement as presented and make payment of the accounts payable and approve for publication. Seconded by Anderson. Turnbull reviewed the Consolidated Report of the Financial Statement of the General Fund, Water Control Fund and the Sinking Fund; and reviewed the accounts to be paid excluding the bill received from Lower Platte North NRD for Butler County's soil survey for high flight photos. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Moore, Schlueter

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hansen reported on the Programs Committee meeting held September 7, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (Motion #4) to approve the annual payments of the Wildlife Habitat cooperators for the fall sign-up period of 1977 for a total of \$4,936.00. Seconded by Stuhr. Reviewed that all contracts were inspected and are in compliance with terms and conditions of the individual agreements and provisions of the WHIP program. Game and Parks Commission will cost-share 75% and the NRD will pay 25% of the total amount of these contracts. Hansen reviewed the twenty-three cooperators by county and annual payments to be made. (Detailed explanation attached to the minutes). Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Moore, Schlueter

A suggestion was made that the WHIP payments be made by the Game and Parks Commission to eliminate the NRD's to show the payments in their cash flow budgets.

Hansen reviewed the new applications for approval for the fall 1978 sign-up period; eleven applications and two withdrawals. (Detailed explanation attached to the minutes). Hansen made the motion (Motion #5) to grant approval of the WHIP applications for the fall 1978 sign-up period as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

DRAINAGE PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (Motion #6) that drainage project requests be handled on a case-by-case basis as special projects. Seconded by Anderson. A long discussion was held on the acceptance of entering and dealing with a drainage program. Schneider questioned the intentions of the drainage program and the responsibility of the District by the law. Kuska also questioned the terms of the drainage program even when handled on a case-by-case basis. Ronne made the motion (Motion #7) to table the motion #6 concerning a drainage program. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Moore reported on the Groundwater Committee meeting held September 5, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed. A meeting was held that same evening with a group of people having pros and cons on the groundwater controls. A set of proposed regulations are required by the Groundwater Management Act by January 31, 1979. Stuhr questioned the efforts to be made by

the District to check and see if all wells in the NRD are registered wells; also, finding out total acres in the District under or being irrigated. Turnbull reported that the Nebr. Water Resources Center has been working with the computer models concerning groundwater and surface waters problems and making runs on percent of declines.

PERSONNEL & EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Peterson reported on the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held September 13, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PURCHASE OF CHAIRS

Peterson made the motion (motion #8) to approve purchase of two chairs (one for the District Engineer, the other for the Engineering Technician) for a total cost of \$313.49. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

SOIL TESTING EQUIPMENT

Peterson made the motion (motion #9) to approve purchase of the soil testing equipment as listed for use by the Projects Department for an estimated cost of \$2,300. Seconded by Kaiser. A discussion was held on the feasibility of purchasing our own soil testing equipment. The time factor element is the primary benefit for purchasing our own equipment. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska., McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

JOB TRAILER

Peterson reviewed that a job trailer has been requested by the Projects Department for the purpose of providing a field office and field testing laboratory space for the project resident engineer at project sites. The trailer to be purchased to cost under \$2,000. A discussion was held on the type of trailer, mobility, security and storage space. Peterson made the motion (motion #10:1 to approve purchase of a suitable job trailer as discussed and authorize the cost not to exceed \$2,000. Seconded by Hegeholz. All soil testing equipment and job trailer have been budgeted this fiscal year. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr.
NAY: McLean, Moore
ABSTAIN: Obermier, White
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

HYDROLOGY COMPUTER MODEL TR-20

Bitner reviewed the use of the computer model is to generate runoff hydrographs when designing a dam. The services have to be purchased in order to obtain this information. The cost to the NRD would be the program at \$150, the manual is \$6.75 plus tax, for a total cost of \$161.45. Peterson made the motion (Motion #11) to approve purchase of a copy of the hydrology computer model TR-20 for a cost of \$161.45. Seconded by Anderson. A discussion was held on the use of the computer by the District. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

CAMERA ZOOM LENS

Peterson made the motion (Motion #12) to approve purchase of a camera zoom

lens for the 35 mm camera and the cost not to exceed \$400. Seconded by Moore. Kraus reviewed the use of the zoom lens as being versatile and universal. The cost of the lens was discussed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: McLean, Obermier

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

ACQUISITION OF SURPLUS FEDERAL PROPERTY

Peterson reviewed the resolution to make the NRD eligible for low cost federal property. Hegeholz made the motion (motion #13) to adopt the discussed resolution with the State Department of Roads. Seconded by Kuska. The application authorizes the NRD eligible for surplus federal property. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

EASEL

Peterson made the motion (Motion #14) to approve the purchase of an easel to be used in the conference room, and portable type so that it can be used for presentations throughout the District with the cost not to exceed \$200. Seconded by Kasier. A discussion was held as to the type of easel needed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

Stuhr suggested that the Personnel & Equipment Committee review the authorized spending limitations the administration is allowed to purchase and possibly recommend to raise that limit.

JIM KRAUS' RESIGNATION

Turnbull read a letter of resignation from Jim Kraus, Director of Public Information, effective October 6, 1978. Schneider made a motion (Motion #15) to accept the resignation of Jim Kraus, Director of Public Information, effective October 6, 1978. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hegeholz reported on the Projects Committee meeting held September 13, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PROJECT SUSPENSION

Hegeholz reviewed a list of dam projects to be suspended until further local support is shown. Hegeholz made a motion (Motion #16) to suspend the dam projects as reviewed until further local support is shown. Seconded by Kuska. Suspension shall mean that no further action will be taken by the staff on these projects until the Projects Committee and Board so direct. Question called. Motion carried. (List of dam projects attached to minutes.)

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

PROJECTS FOR FINAL DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION

Hegeholz reviewed a list of dam projects that final design is complete, a list of projects that have a primary plan available, and a list of projects that a primary plan is needed. Reviewed a possible construction schedule for these

projects. For fall of 1978, construction underway for Kassik Dan. (Fillmore Co.), award of contract for Bulgrin Dam (York Co.), and easement negotiations for Weiss Dam (York Co.). For spring of 1979, constructing the Bergen Dam (Hamilton Co.), Miller Dam (Butler Co.), Ransom Larson Dam (Polk Co.), and the Hastings NW Flood Control Dam (Adams Co.). For fall of 1979, FY80, the Friesen Dam, (Hamilton Co.), Benson Bros. Dam (Clay Co.), Koranda Dam (Seward Co.), and the School Creek Dam Site #3 (Clay Co.). For spring of 1980, the Bailey Dam (York Co.), Vrbka Dam (Butler Co.), Harold Dam (Seward Co.), and the Struebing Dam (Butler Co.). For fall of 1980, FY81, the Gonnerman-Schmidt Dam (Polk Co.), Hottovy Dam (Butler Co.), and Coon Creek Dam (Seward Co.). These projects have shown local support. Also, this construction schedule is flexible for some change or alterations. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #17) to approve projects construction in FY79, FY80 and FY81 as reviewed and selected with schedule adjustments allowable. Seconded by Hansen. By this process, a planning, design and construction timetable can be set up. Turnbull reviewed the estimated construction dollars expected to be spent on these projects in each fiscal year. FY79 = \$544,100 FY80 = \$958,000, half of FY81 = \$485,000, with a grand total of \$1,987,100. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

LAND TREATMENT APPLICATIONS

Hegeholz reviewed the land treatment applications submitted for tentative approval. Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #18) to grant tentative approval on eight land treatment applications as reviewed for a total of \$10,751.13. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #19) to grant final approval for payment the land treatment application of Martin Nuss, Clay Co., a re-use pit, for \$927.81. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

L.B. 450 PROGRAM APPLICATION

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #20) to grant tentative approval on an L.B. 450 program application for W.A. Gannon, Butler Co., an erosion control dam, for \$5,194.78 (75% of \$6,926.37). Seconded by Moore. Discussion held on the L.B. 450 "Nebraska Water Conservation Program". Anderson reported that the District has been supplemented an additional \$10,400, making a total of \$20,800, leaving a balance of \$15,605.22. Further discussion was held on the details and terms of the criteria needed under the L.B. 450 (land treatment) program. Kuska amended motion #20 by making the motion (Motion #21) to refer the L.B. 450 application for W.A. Gannon, Butler Co., back to the Projects Committee. Seconded by Stuhr. A discussion was held on the ACP funds available in the counties. Question called on the amendment. Motion failed.

AYE: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Stuhr

NAY: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, White

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

A long discussion was held on the program to follow for land treatment applications applying for L.B. 450 funds. Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Peterson, Schneider, White

NAY: Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Ronne

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

DIRECT PROJECTS BACK TO PROJECTS COMMITTEE

A discussion was held on some of the suspended projects. Kaiser made the motion (motion #22) to refer the dam projects of Groshans, Ediger and Klawann (Hamilton Co.) back to Projects Committee for further study. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

Notification will be made to those concerned with dam projects being suspended as to the status and action taken by the District.

IN-BASIN STORAGE PROJECTS

Hegeholz reviewed five applications for in-basin storage impoundments: Tim Nekl, Butler Co., \$3,783.55 (40%); Martin Rathje, Butler Co., \$2,359.78 (30%); Don Trautman, Clay Co., \$2,304.86 (30%); Centennial School, Seward Co., \$2,283.06 (30%); and Bruce Nedrow, Fillmore Co., \$3,200 plus 75% of pipe costs (40%). Hegeholz made a motion (motion #23) to approve the in-basin storage applications as reviewed except Centennial School. Second by Moore.

Discussions were on costs, size and location of the pits. Hegeholz withdrew his motion. Seconded concurred. Suggestions were made to approve each application separately, renounced. Moore made the motion (Motion #24) to grant approval to four in-basin storage applications: Nekl, Rathje, Trautman and Nedrow for a estimated cost-share of \$12,000; and disapprove Centennial School's application. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, White

NAY: Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Anderson

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

SOIL TESTING ON HENDERSON DAM

Hegeholz reviewed the retention of HWS's engineering services for soil testing on the Henderson Dam for a cost of \$1,498. Ronne reported that the City of Henderson has declared the Henderson Park Dam project defunct and probably will not be continued on due to budget limitations; so these soil testing services are not needed. Ronne questioned the cost-share assistance payment agreed to when the structure was first built that has not been paid. Stuhr commented that the agreement for engineering services was not fulfilled. Concluded to wait until the City of Henderson contacts the District. Ronne offered to obtain a letter from the City of Henderson on the status and terms of the dam project for clarification to the District.

BULGRIN ROAD DAM

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #25) to retain the engineering services of Price, Johnson & Erickson for providing engineering services during construction of the Bulgrin Road Dam on an "As Needed" basis, @ \$35/hr. and 22~/mile for approximately \$324/day. Seconded by Anderson. This is being done since the Price, Johnson & Erickson firm designed the dam and the District could have some questions during construction. Reported that the original contract provided for design services only. An estimate of not more than seven days is probably needed of their services. Bitner reported that he questions the soil type for compaction requirements; but the engineering firm assures that the embankment material is safe and satisfactory to use in the dam. Suggestions were made to hire the firm for the entire inspection on the construction of the Bulgrin dam due to the questions on the soil material. Costs for the entire inspection would be \$15/hr plus 22~/mile for the engineer full-time on the site and \$35/hr plus 22~/mile for the supervisor periodically at the site. The responsibility of the soil material would be on the engineering firm. Stuhr amended motion #25 to make the motion (motion #26) to hire Price, Johnson & Erickson to do the complete engineering services and final inspection during construction of the Bulgrin Road Dam for an

approximate total cost of \$7,800. Seconded by Ronne. The liability of the structure maintaining is on the engineering firm. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, Moore, Schneider, White

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

Question called on the original. motion. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr

NAY: Moore

ABSTAIN: Kuska, McLean, Schneider, White

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #27) to award the contract for construction of the Bulgrin Road Dam (York Co.) to Hartmann Construction Co. for the bid of \$13,022.00. Seconded by Kaiser. Contract completion is November 1, 1978 Any changes in specifications would be made by a Change Order to the contract. Negotiations will be made by the Contracting Officer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr

NAY: Moore, Schneider

ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

RISING CITY-SURPRISE DRAINAGE PROJECT

A group of concerned landowners from the Rising City-Surprise Drainage Project area were present to find out the status and progress of this project. Some preliminary studies and estimated costs for the area need to be studied further. The group was informed to present their concerns to the Projects Committee for formal recommendation to the Board.

HASTINGS NORTH DRAINAGE STUDY

Hegeholz reviewed that HDR is currently preparing a study, the Hastings North Drainage Study, including flood routing and flood damage information for NW' Hastings. With slight modification in the scope of services, the study could include an analysis to determine the effect of the NW Hastings Flood Control Structure on the flooding situation. Approved contingent on completion date of the study occurring prior to final decision on land rights. Bitner reported that an error was read in HDR's proposal on the consulting fees. The study cost would be \$24,439.65, NRD share would be 13% of the consulting engineer's proposal and would be \$3,177.15. Hegeholz made the motion (motion #28) to approve the study for North Hastings and the consulting fees from HDR of \$3,177.15. Seconded by Hansen. Stuhr questioned the purpose of this study. Bitner explained that the study is being done to determine the results of the flooding situation of NW Hastings before and after the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Structure is constructed. The completion of the study would be very helpful to the District as it pertains to land right decisions. Hansen stated that this information or study had been requested at our last Board meeting and it was not understood that the District would be sharing costs for this. Further discussion was held on the purposes of this study. Moore made the suggestion that the costs for this study be shared also with the other co-sponsors of the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Moore made the motion (Motion #29) to table motion #28 to approve the North Hastings Drainage Study until next Board meeting, and contact is made to the other co-sponsors of the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

- AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
- NAY: None
- ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

SHELBY DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #30) to grant the District to act as lead agency contingent on the City of Shelby financing all costs associated with preparing reports and studies for the Shelby Drainage problem. Seconded by Ronne. Discussions were held to further investigate the program of drainage improvement. Question called. Motion Failed.

- AYE: None
- NAY: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr
- ABSTAIN: Hansen, Obermier, White
- ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

VILLAGE OF SURPRISE DRAINAGE PROBLEM

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #31) to grant the District to act as lead agency contingent on the Village of Surprise financing all costs associated with preparing reports and studies for the Surprise Drainage problem. Motion seconded by Peterson. Discussion held on further investigation of program. Question called. Motion failed.

- AYE: Anderson, Moore, Obermier
- NAY: Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr
- ABSTAIN: Hansen, White
- ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

MENTINK STRUCTURE FENCE

Hegeholz made the motion (Motion #32) to make payment to Gerald Mentink for fencing only the dam and spillway, and to pay at the rate of \$4.00 per rod for fencing the dam and spillway after the fencing is constructed in accordance with SCS specifications for 3 wire fence with posts spaced at 16.5 feet. Seconded by Anderson. Anderson explained, that the District is obligated to fence the Mentink Dam in compliance with our contract. Anderson amended motion #32 to make the motion (Motion #33) to install the fence around the dam and spillway for Gerald Mentink at approximately \$4.00 per rod (\$1.35 per foot) according to SCS specifications, and further to contact, a fencing contractor to construct the fence. Seconded by Hansen. Discussion was held on the terms of the contract for the Mentink Structure. The fence is to help keep livestock off the dam and protect the grass cover from grazing and erosion. Questions were raised on the maintenance of this fence. Mentink also has a wildlife habitat site adjacent to this area. Question called on the amendment. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Peterson
NAY: Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Obermier
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

A discussion was held on the installation of the fence. Payment will be made when the fence has been installed. The gage of wire should be 12.5, according to SCS specifications. Question called on original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #34) to pay the bill from Olsson Associates for \$1,347.89 in accordance with our cooperative agreement for engineering services on the Central Butler Water Management Project. Seconded by Anderson. A short discussion was held on the billing amounts. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Stuhr
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

WEISS ROAD DAM

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #35) to convene the meeting into Executive Session. Seconded by Ronne. Suggestions were made to conduct the session after other business reports have been completed. Hegeholz withdrew his motion. Second concurred.

NNRC MEETING REPORT

Anderson reported on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting held October 20, 1978. 50% land treatment installed before construction of large structures rather than the required 75%. U.S.G.S is going to be conducting a boring project by reading-10,000 wells (some wells may need to be drilled) to be able to tally the withdrawal from the aquifer.

NARD MEETING REPORT

Anderson reported on the Nebraska Association Resources Districts Mini-Conference held September 18-19, 1978, in North Platte, followed by a NARD Board meeting the afternoon of September 19. Reported that all sessions were very interesting and realistic. Peterson commented on a few of the sessions he attended. Anderson further reported that NARD resolutions were discussed and enacted. By L.B. 957 a State Water Plan is required for the State for review and implementation.

WEISS ROAD DAM

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #36) to convene the meeting into Executive

Session to discuss the Weiss Road Dam at 12:55 a.m. Seconded by Hansen.
Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

Hegeholz made the motion (motion #37) to re-convene the meeting into Regular
Session at 1:30 a.m. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Schlueter

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 a.m.

Max Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
August 17, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:40 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Sherman Throckmorton, Polk Co. SCS
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Frank Hejna, District Technician
Max Ronne, Secretary	Mike Rabbe, Fillmore Co. SCS
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Jim Foster, Area SCS Office
Bruce Anderson, Director	Harold Sieck, Lower Platte South NRD
Raymond Burke, Director	Dave Thomssen, Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ralph Cady, Conservation & Survey 'Division
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Dori Comer, Water Resources Center, UN-L
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Ray Suppala, Water Resources Center, UN-L
Hans Jensen, Director	Gary Poore, City Engineer, Hastings
Roger Kaiser, Director	Jack Hibbs, City Council, Hastings
Jim McLean, Director	Robert Allen, Mayor, Hastings
Norman Obermier, Director	Sigrid Pelton, York News-Times
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Bob Bettger, Fairmont
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Don Mierau, Henderson
Roy Stuhr, Director	Herman Friesen, Henderson
John Turnbull, General Manager	Tom Harrington, Bradshaw
Jay Bitner, District Engineer	Carrol Reutzel, Sutton
Jim Kraus, Public Information	Kenneth Griess, Sutton
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor	Robert Reutzel, Sutton
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary	Roy Reutzel, Sutton
<u>ABSENT</u>	Maurice Flick, Bradshaw
Mel Kuska	George Wochner, Bradshaw

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published August 8, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present: sixteen present and one absent. Moore introduced the guests.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Sherman Throckmorton, D.C., Polk County SCS, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of July, 1978. Anderson made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

MINUTES

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the July 20, 1978, meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Turnbull reported that the accounting and auditing for the District will now be by the firm of Romans, Wiemer & Schulz, Certified Public Accountants, York, NE. This month's statement is only the accounts to be paid; a complete statement to be made in September. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #3) to make payment of the accounts payable and approve for publication as reviewed. Seconded by Ronne. A short discussion was held on the amount to be paid the appraisers for the Hastings NW Project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

SCS REPORT

Jim Foster, Area SCS, Grand Island, reported that with Harlan Hendricks, D.C., Butler County SCS Office, retirement, Benny Martin, State SCS Office, has appointed Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County SCS, to this position. Rod Egbarts has declined the position, and has appealed Martin's decision. Foster appointed Ray Griffin, D.C., Hamilton County SCS Office, as acting D.C. for York County and also as Liaison D.C. for the District commencing as of August 14, 1978. Griffin will remain as D.C. for Hamilton County SCS Office as well.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider reported on the Budget Committee meeting held August 16, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

MILL LEVY

Schneider made the motion (motion #4) that the mill levy for the FY79 Proposed Budget remain at 1.14 mills as reviewed. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FUND

Schneider reviewed the loss of the van in an accident involving staff personnel. It is covered by insurance, but the purchase cost should still be shown in the budget. \$42,872 is to be expected in revenue from the personal property tax relief fund. This amount is to be budgeted in part to Capital Outlay, Autos and Trucks to cover the replacement of the van totaled in an accident August 9, 1978. The balance of the fund placed in the necessary cash reserve. On the revenue side, the fund to be shown under miscellaneous income. Schneider made the motion (Motion #5) that the General Fund Budget for FY 79 be changed as; follows: Line 57, Account 167 (Autos & Trucks) to read \$13,000; Line 67, Necessary Cash Reserve to read \$62,872; and Line 89, Miscellaneous Income to read \$258,228, with the expenditures and revenue totals balanced accordingly. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

ADOPTION OF FY79 BUDGET

Schneider made the motion (Motion #6) to adopt the Proposed FY79 Budget as reviewed and changed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

AWARD CONTRACT FOR KASSIK STRUCTURE

Bitner reported that bids for the Kassik Road Structure were opened at 2:00 p.m., August 17, 1978. Bitner reviewed the bids received for the construction of the structure. Jensen made the motion (Motion V) to accept the bid of Ehlers Construction Co., Utica, NE, in, the amount of \$17,359.50, and be awarded the contract .for constructing-the Kassik Road Structure, Fillmore County, NE. Seconded by Hegeholz. A short discussion was held on the bids received for this structure and on the bid specifications. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE STUDY REPORT

Dave Thomssen, Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger, gave an interim report on the Groundwater Recharge Reconnaissance Study. He discussed the Upper Big Blue NRD's water budget involving different amounts of groundwater recharge. Recommends that any desired recharge method be constructed, because in the long run the benefits will justify the cost.

GROUNDWATER MODELING STUDY REPORT

Ralph Cady, Conservation & Survey Division,, -UN-L, gave a report on the Groundwater Modeling Study for the Upper Big Blue NRD. He reported that he has added a few modifications to the irrigation development schemes and computer graph contours as reviewed last December, 1977. (Unable to demonstrate due to power failure; graphs available for review at District office.)

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Turnbull requested the need of a special Board of Directors prior to the next regular monthly meeting to award the contract for construction of the Weiss Road Structure, York County, NE. This special meeting will be in conjunction with a tour of detention terraces in Polk County and the scheduled Projects Committee meeting for September 7, 1978. Schneider made the motion (Motion #8) to conduct a Special Board of Directors Meeting September 7, 1978, to award the construction contract for the Weiss Road Structure. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

NARD MINI-CONFERENCE VOTING DELEGATES

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to appoint Morris White as voting delegate and Bruce Anderson as alternate to cast the five votes for the District at the business sessions of the NARD's mini-conference, September 18-19, 1978, North Platte, NE. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson, White

ABSENT: Kuska

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported on the Education Committee meeting held August 3, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed. Schlueter gave a short report on the Seward County tour held August 10th. Kraus reported on the participation at surrounding County Fairs and the need for volunteers to help at the State Fair.

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Moore reported on the Groundwater Committee meeting held August 8, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

FILLMORE COUNTY CONTROL AREA EXEMPTION REQUEST

Moore reviewed the request of the Fillmore County Board to exempt a small portion of the western edge of the county from the taxed .25 of a mill because of the lack of any significant aquifer. Committee concluded that it is not within our scope of authority under 46-658 Section 4 due to time requirements since the last hearing request. Moore made the motion (Motion #10) to retain our Control Area boundaries as at present with no exemptions since it is not within our scope of authority. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

CHECK VALVE STUDY

A short discussion was held on the proposed Check Valve Study presented the NNRC to be conducted by the NRD on the survey of approximately fifty wells in Polk and Butler Counties. Further information and details have been requested from the Commission.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held August 3, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

LAND TREATMENT APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to grant final approval on eleven cost-share assistance applications for land treatment as follows: Earl Watts, Polk Co., Detention Terraces, \$2,928.42; Harlan McKeag, Polk Co., Detention Terraces, \$1,788.28; Robert Nelson, Polk Co., Terraces/Sod Waterway, \$6,838.41; Larry Holtzen, Hamilton Co., Erosion Control Dam, \$344.95; Frank Farr, Hamilton Co., Irrigation Re-Use Pit, \$1,352.44; Melvin Troester, Hamilton Co., Erosion Control Dam, \$440.33 (\$2,500 ACP); Dennis Meismer, Hamilton Co., Irrigation Re-Use Pit, \$1,354.01; Mervin Ransom, Sr., Polk Co., Detention Terraces, (additional) \$91.03; Mervin Ransom, Sr., Polk Co., Detention Terraces ' (additional) \$199.50; Ed Ediger, Hamilton Co., Erosion Control Dam, \$1,534.82; and Ed Ediger, Hamilton Co., an Erosion Control Dam, \$907.32; for a total of \$17,779.51. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to grant tentative approval on a cost-share assistance application for land treatment for Martin Nuss, Clay Co., irrigation re-use pit, \$940.39. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska

SCHOOL CREEK DAM SITE #3

Burke made the motion (Motion #13) to adopt the proposal for engineering services on the School Creek Project submitted by Henningson-Durham Richardson, \$38,632.90. Seconded by Anderson. Turnbull reported that the Commission, at their August 10, 1978, meeting, determined the funding amounts for this specified project wider the Nebraska Resources Development Fund during FY79. Funding has been set at \$154,482 in the form of a loan and \$187,143 in the form of a grant.

A group of local farmers in the School Creek Dam Site #3, area were present for

discussion on this project proposal. They expressed that they were not in favor of this dam being constructed. Do not see how the dam will be feasible and are concerned of how landowners would be compensated for their losses. Turnbull reviewed some of the possibilities discussed with the landowners involved. Questions were raised as to the damages occurring from the permanent pool and flood pool. Possible negotiations will have to be made for land rights. The design of the spillway was discussed. Suggestions of constructing more smaller structures upstream were made. Turnbull reviewed that there is about 16.8 square miles that drains into this structure, a very sizeable drainage area. Estimated cost of dam is \$455,000, including costs of land rights. Bitner discussed the economics of this structure by explaining the purpose of this dam is flood storage and has been designed as such. Design has been based on a 50 year storm. Further discussions were held on the compensation to the landowners involved. Final design needs to be completed in order to determine actual acres in the permanent pool, in the flood pool and involved in each tract of land. Negotiations would be made for title or for easement on each tract involved. Combination easements may have to be made. There is confusion between cooperators in the exact acres and area involved. Final design is recommended to be made in order to have the exact acres involved in the permanent pool and flood pool. Farmers stated that when final design is made, that they get a chance to decide if they want the dam or not. All-agree that there is the need to store water in this type of dam. A suggestion was made as to easements being set up on a basis of if and when damages were sustained, that negotiations for any loss be made at that time.

Terms of the engineering proposal were discussed. The contract for dam site:,#3 will cost \$38,632.90. The services can be broken down into three phases: aerial mapping, soil borings at the site, and actual final design of the structure itself. Suggested going in phases, as aerial mapping of the flood and permanent pool. Review with the farmers and decide if should proceed with next phase. The aerial mapping would cost approximately \$8,300, plus consulting fees, making a total for phase one of \$12,000.

Burke re-stated his motion #13 in that to proceed with phase one of the HDR engineering proposal, which includes aerial mapping and consulting fees for \$12,000, for School Creek Dam Site #3. Second agreed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Obermier
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska

UBBNRD 300's

The District staff has requested additional information to supplement the UBBNRD 300, land treatment cost-share assistance applications. The SCS will continue to furnish the technical information required, and the ASCS will be asked the computations for the cost-share eligibility payments.

BULGRIN ROAD DAM

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) that the additional services of Price, Johnson and Erickson Engineering for revisions made to plans and specifications for the Bulgrin Road Dam, York Co., be paid in the amount of \$257.25. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

IN-BASIN STORAGE IMPOUNDMENT APPLICATION

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to approve the application for an In-Basin Storage Impoundment of Donald Peterson, Polk County. Seconded by Hegeholz.

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White
NAY: Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Kaiser, Moore
ABSENT: Kuska

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #16) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 11:45 p.m. to discuss the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project land rights acquisitions. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Schneider made the motion (Motion #17) to re-convene the meeting into Regular Session at 12:35 a.m. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Schneider made the motion (Motion #18) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson, Ralph E. Dominy and Ralph A. Miller, licensed appraisers, for the following described real estate to wit: 27.2 Acre Tract located in the South 12- of the Southeast 1/4 of Section 27, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map to Starr Seed Farms, Inc., the record owner thereof, for perpetual easement rights for storage, flowage and construction thereto. The project purpose is to assist in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska

Schneider made the motion (motion #19) that the Board of Directors has made a good faith effort in negotiations with Jacqueline E. Bashian, record owner of the following described real estate to wit: the northeast 14 of Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, to acquire title to said tract which is necessary for the construction of the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Structure, and having failed to reach an agreement, the staff and legal counsel are directed to immediately initiate necessary legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire fee simple title thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Schneider made the motion (motion #20) that the Board of Directors has made a good faith effort in negotiations with the First Baptist Church, Hastings, Nebraska, record owner of the following described real estate to wit: that

part of the south half of Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., lying north of the Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, in Adams County, Nebraska, to acquire title to said tract which is necessary for the construction of the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Structure, and having failed to reach an agreement, the staff and legal counsel are directed to immediately initiate necessary legal proceedings for condemnation to acquire fee simple title thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kasier, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Schneider made the motion (motion #21) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson, Ralph A. Dominy and Ralph A. Miller, licensed appraisers, for the following described real estate to wit: 2.7 Acre Tract located in the West ½ of the Northwest 1-4 of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map to Grace Children's Home, the record owner thereof, for perpetual easement rights for construction thereto. The project purpose is to assist in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Reply requested by August 31, 1978. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Schneider made the motion:(Motion #22) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson, Ralph A. Dominy and Ralph A.-Miller, licensed appraisers, for the following described real estate to wit: 3.4 Acre Tract located in the West ½ of Southwest 14 of Section 35, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map to Neil Grothen, the record owner thereof, for perpetual easement rights for construction thereto. The project purpose is to assist in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Reply requested by August 31, 1978. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Schneider made the motion (Motion #23) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson, Ralph A. Dominy and Ralph A. Miller, licensed appraisers, for the following described real estate to wit: 9.2 Acre Tract located in the northeast of Section 33, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map to Alvin Hueske Estate, the record owner thereof, for perpetual easement rights for storage and flowage thereto. The project purpose is to assist in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Reply requested by August 31, 1978. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Schneider made the motion (Motion #24) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson,, Ralph A. Dominy and Ralph A. Miller, licensed appraisers, for the following described real estate to wit: 8.5 Acre Tract located in the southeast of Section 28, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map to Neil Grothen, the record owner thereof, for perpetual easement rights for storage and flowage thereto. The project purpose is to assist in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Reply requested by August 31, 1978. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Schneider made the motion (Motion #25) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD - offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson, Ralph A. Dominy and Ralph A. Miller, licensed appraisers, for the following described real estate to wit: 38.1 Acre Tract located in the northwest 1/4 of Section 34, and 17.4 Acre Tract located in the southwest 14 of Section 27, Township 8 North, Range 10 West, of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, as more particularly defined on the project land rights map to Marie Grothen, the record owner thereof, for perpetual easement rights for storage, flowage and construction thereto. The project purpose is to assist in flood control and flood protection of the Northwest portion of the City of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Reply requested by August 31, 1978. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Anderson made the motion (Motion #26) to contact attorney Bill Connolly, of Hastings, Nebraska, for hire in proceedings for Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project land rights acquisitions at discretion of the General Manager. Motion seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: Burke, Moore
ABSTAIN: Obermier
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Peterson reported on the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held August 10, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Peterson made the motion (Motion #27) to approve the purchase of a legal size insulated fireproof file cabinet, four drawer, at an estimated cost of \$785 including shipping; and a legal size file cabinet, four drawer, at an estimated cost of \$170; and to purchase the cabinets at the best lowest price. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

PURCHASE OF PICKUP

Peterson made the motion.(Motion #28) to let bids for the purchase of a new pickup based on our specifications for a 3/4 ton pickup. Seconded by Hansen. District accept bids of different models. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

LEASE VEHICLE FOR REPLACEMENT OF VAN

Peterson made the motion (Motion #29) to rent or lease a vehicle for replacement of the van until such time to arrange to let bids for purchase of a replacement vehicle; lease no longer than 60-90 days. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

PERSONNEL SALARIES

Peterson made the motion (Motion #30) to have the discussed clerks salaries remain as they are, and to keep in mind that cost of living increases will be considered in December, 1978. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Peterson made the motion (Motion #31) to have the salary of Jim Kraus remain as is, with an increase in wages to be Made in January, 1979. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: Stuhr

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean, Kaiser

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE REPORT

Hansen reported on the Programs Committee meeting held August 10, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

OATS AND SWEET CLOVER HABITAT CONTRACTS

Hansen made the motion (motion #32) to approve two wildlife habitat contracts for Oats and Sweet Clover that were planted prior to the June Board decision which restricted that practice when the same lands are in the Federal Set Aside program administered by the ASCS; contracts are for Neil Hentzen, Seward County, 14.2 acres, \$568 total cost and Dick Walters, Fillmore County, 45 acres, \$2,025 total cost. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hegeholz

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

REPLACEMENT TREE PLANTINGS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #33) that the District furnish replacement trees at the staffs discretion and be considered only for a period of one year after planting. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

ARBORETUM

No payment for FY79 is requested from Central Technical College Arboretum due to frost this last year making no trees available.

IN-BASIN STORAGE PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (Motion #34) that the cost-share assistance for the inbasin storage program be based on the following criteria: Size of pit should be based on storm frequency; Cost of earthwork is to be based on 50¢ per cubic yard multiplied by the cost-share rate as follows: 4,000-8,000 cu. yds.=25% 8,000-12,000 cu. yds.=30%, and 12,000-16,000 cu. yds.=40%; Cost-share on tubing, accessories, and installations will be 75% of the County's ASCS average costs. Seconded by Peterson. Questions were raised on the storm frequency by drainage, pit size by cubic yards, and the cost-share percentages.

Stuhr amended motion #34, to make the motion (motion #35) to have the cost-share assistance on in-basin storage pits on the following criteria: 30% rate, cost on the earthwork based on 50¢ per cubic yard multiplied by the cost-share rate up to and including 16,000 cu. yds. (10 acre feet of water), and tubing and installation be based on the 75% County's average costs. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Stuhr
NAY: Burke, Schneider, White
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Moore, Ronne
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

A discussion was held on the in-basin storage pit program criteria. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: None
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Hansen made the motion (Motion #36) to stay with the original program for the in-basin storage pits with cost-share assistance on the tubing, accessories and installation be based on 75% of the County's ASCS average costs and be for duration of the FY78 budgeted \$20,000. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, White
NAY: Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Schlueter, Schneider
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

STREAMBANK EROSION PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (Motion #37) to not enter into a streambank erosion program, but to give staff the discretion to give informal suggestions or advice to requests for assistance on stream bank erosion problems. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

NNRC MEETING

Anderson reported on the Commission meeting of August 10, 1978.

NARD RESOLUTIONS

Moore made the motion (Motion #38) that the delegates attending the NARD Mini-Conference caucus at that time in deciding on how to cast their votes on the NARD resolutions. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser,
Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr,
White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kuska, McLean

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 a.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE, NRD
July 20, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	John Turnbull, General Manager
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Jay Bitner, District Engineer
Max Ronne, Secretary	Jim Kraus, Public Information
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
Bruce Anderson, Director	Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary
Raymond Burke, Director	Rod Egbarts, York County SCS
Wayne Hansen, Director	Frank Hejna, District Technician
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Harold Fausch, Seward County SCS
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Bob Glidden, Seward County SCS
Hans Jensen, Director	Ray Griffin, Hamilton County SCS
Roger Kaiser, Director	Mike Rabbe, Fillmore County SCS
Mel Kuska, Director	Keith Niemann, York County Extension
Norman Obermier, Director	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Leonard Schlueter, Director	George Brugh, District's legal counsel
Roy Stuhr, Director	Paul Walgren, BBBPAC, Osceola

ABSENT

Jim McLean, Director
LaVerne Peterson, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published July 11, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Directors absent at roll call of Anderson and Stuhr arriving later in the meeting. White introduced the staff and guests.

MINUTES

Schneider made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the minutes of the June 15, 1978, meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, McLean, Peterson, Stuhr

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison Officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of June, 1978. Burke made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: McLean, Peterson, Stuhr

Mike Rabbe, D.C., Fillmore County SCS reported that their office has moved to a new location- 137 North 8th Street, Geneva, NE.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Hansen made the motion (motion 3) to adopt the June, 1978, financial statement as presented and approve publication of and payment of accounts payable as

reviewed. Seconded by Burke. A short discussion was held on the Larson's past due account. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported on the Education Committee meeting held July 6, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

SEWARD COUNTY TOUR

Schlueter and Kraus reviewed a tour to be held of Seward County in cooperation with the County Extension Service August 10th. Sponsorship of the tour was suggested to be \$200. Various sites and conservation practices are to be seen. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #4) to support the tour of Seward County and cooperate with the County Agent's request of \$200 for expenses. Seconded by Hegeholz. A discussion was held as to participation in this tour. Jensen stated that the tour would be good public relations and educational. Stuhr amended the motion #4 and made the motion (Motion #5) to participate in the Seward County tour and pickup the noon luncheon as in the past, not to exceed \$200. Ronne seconded the amendment. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Question called on original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: Kuska
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held July 6, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

IN-BASIN STORAGE IMPOUNDMENT APPLICATIONS

Burke reviewed two applications received for the in--basin storage program: Timothy Nekl, Butler County, estimated NRD share of \$4,684; and Dale Klute, Hamilton County, estimated NRD share of \$2,626. Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to accept the two applications for in-basin storage impoundment structures as reviewed. Seconded by Jensen. Reported that the funds of \$20,000 budgeted in FY78 will be used for these cost-share requests. A discussion was held . I on the determination of costs and the details of this program. for these applications. Ronne stated that this program was set up on an experimental basis. The in-basin storage impoundment structures are designed by the District's engineering staff.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, White
NAY: Schneider, Stuhr
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

LAND TREATMENT APPLICATIONS

Burke reviewed two applications tentatively approved by the Projects Committee for cost-share assistance for Sarah Garbart, Polk County, Push-up Terraces and Diversion in the amount of \$1,551.01 and Allen Huber, Fillmore County, an erosion control dam in the amount of \$339.05 (ACP-\$2,500). Mike Rabbe, D.C., Fillmore County, reported that the Allen Huber application is to be cancelled and not approved. Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to grant tentative approval on the cost-share assistance application of Sarah Garbart, Polk Co., for Push-up Terraces and Diversion in the amount of \$1,551.01. Seconded by

Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser,
Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to grant tentative approval on cost-share assistance applications for Harlan McKeag, Polk Co., Detention Terraces, \$1,928.61; Frank Farr, Hamilton Co., Re-Use Pit, \$1,352.44; Arlin Stuhr, York Co., Erosion Control Dam, \$5,891.50; Carl Rathje, York Co., Erosion Control Dam, \$5,424.21; Melvin Troester, Hamilton Co., Erosion Control Dam, \$813.33 (\$2,217 ACP); Dennis Meisner, Hamilton Co., Re-Use Pit, \$1,354.01; E.C. Kremer, Hamilton Co., Re-Use Pit, \$1,513.55; and Larry Holtzen, Hamilton Co., Re-Use Pit, \$329.24; for a total of \$18,606.89. Seconded by Moore. Discussions were held on the individual applications as to details of the cost-share requests. The York County applications were reviewed as to County ACP assistance, if any. The Troester application was discussed in that the request involved a water meter and ACP assistance. Stuhr asked about the costs paid by the applicants and the percent the District is paying for the cost-share assistance practice. A discussion was held as to the policy of the cost-share assistance program for land treatment applications.

Moore amended motion #8 to make the motion (Motion #9) to approve the cost-share applications of Arlin Stuhr at \$3,391.50 (minus \$2,500 ACP), Carl Rathje at \$2,924.21 (minus \$2,500 ACP) and Melvin Troester at \$440.33 (minus \$2,500 ACP). Hansen seconded the amendment. A discussion was held on the County's ACP program.

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #10) to table the motion to approve the cost-share assistance applications for land treatment until review is made of each application. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Obermier, Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser,
Kuska, Moore, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Moore deleted his motion #9 to make the motion (Motion #11) to amend motion #8 to grant approvals on the cost-share applications excluding the Stuhr, Rathje and Troester requests. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska,
Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Kaiser, Stuhr
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

A discussion was held on the limits of approval by the Projects Committee and the Board. Question called on the original motion (Motion #8). Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, White
NAY: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Obermier
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Further discussion was held on the policy of the cost-share assistance program for land treatment applications. Kuska suggested that we develop and print a booklet explaining and describing the District's policies for at-hand reference. Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to grant tentative approval on the cost-share assistance applications for land treatment for the total amount of \$18,606.89. Seconded by Kuska. The cost-share applications were reviewed as to assistance requested.

Hegeholz amended motion #12 to make the motion (Motion #13) to exclude the applications for cost-share of Stuhr, Rathje and Troester. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Moore, Schlueter, white
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Obermier, Ronne,

Schneider, Stuhr
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Question called on the original motion (Motion #12). Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Ronne
NAY: Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Moore, Obermier, Schlueter,
Schneider, Stuhr, White
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #14) to send the land treatment applications back to the Projects Committee for re-evaluation and further review*. and grant tentative approval on applications of McKeag, Farr, Holtzen, and Meismer, for a total of \$4,964.30. Seconded by Hansen. Further discussion was held on the cost-share approval amounts and costs of the conservation practices. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Kuska made the motion (Motion #15) to grant tentative approval for the cost-share assistance application of Kremer for \$1,513.55. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, White
NAY: Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Kuska made the motion (Motion #16) to grant tentative approval for the cost-share assistance application of Troester for \$440.33 (\$2,500 ACP). Seconded by Hansen. Stuhr questioned the procedures of making a motion subsequent to a motion passed to return the matters back to Committee for review. Ruled that the latter motion supercedes the previous motions. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Schneider made the motion (Motion #17) to grant tentative approval for the cost-share assistance applications for Stuhr and Rathje, York Co., \$6,315.71, minus \$2,500 each ACP cost-share, if the applicants desire to go ahead now at this time. Seconded by Moore. Explained that if they wish to wait until the County has exhausted their funds, they may reapply for NRD cost-share assistance. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, Jensen, Obermier, Ronne, White
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Burke made the motion (Motion #18) to grant final approval on eight cost-share assistance applications for land treatment as follows: Alice Lott, Polk Co., Re-Use Pit, \$960.03; Don Snoberger, Adams Co., Re-Use Pit, \$928.40; Harry/Carl Rathje, York Co., Re-Use Pit, \$914.44; United Methodist Church, York Co., Re-Use Pit, \$1,116.54; Paul Alms, York Co., Re-Use Pit, \$1,074.74; Ed Hort, Jr., Butler Co., Detention Dam, \$646.90 (\$2,500 ACP); Mervin Ransom, Sr., Polk Co., Detention Terraces, \$1,381.84; and Irene Larson, Polk Co., Detention Terraces, \$2,315.28, for a total of \$9,385.76. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

PROJECT STATUS

Bitner reviewed briefly the projects which are designed and ready for construction. Reported that the Kassik Structure has been advertised to bidders starting today in the Nebraska Signal, Geneva, NE, and the York News-Times, York, NE, for letting of bid August 17, 1978, at 2:00 p.m.

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT DAM SITE #3

Burke made the motion (Motion #19) to approve the construction of School Creek Dam Site #3 in FY79 pending Resources Development Fund availability; and -that the Resources Development Funds be used to the extent available, grant or loan, in order to supplement existing sources of revenue. Seconded by Ronne. Turnbull reported that the Commission will-review our application for funding August 8th. Expecting final approval, funding will be made in a grant/loan combination for School Creek Dam Site #3. If given Board approval, a request for consulting services will be made to complete final design of this project. Design to be completed this winter, with construction of School Creek Dam Site #3 next spring. HDR has been contacted to submit a contract for final do-sign, pending Board approval. \$154,000 on the grant, and \$187,000 on the loan with 6% interest with terms to be negotiated, maximum of 50 years. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser ,
Kuska, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Burke reported that Olsson & Associates, Engr., have submitted a bill for soils engineering, consulting services, flooding photos, and hall rent for a total of \$16,981.28. Burke made the motion (Motion #20) to grant payment of this billing from Olsson & Associates/Lower Platte North NRD as stated. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser,
Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Burke reported that a workshop was held in Lincoln reviewing the L.B. 450 funds, (Nebraska Water Conservation Program) July 14, 1978. Funds will be available August 15, 1978, pending rules and regulations made at the Commission meeting.

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Ronne made the motion (motion #21) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 10:45 p.m. to discuss the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project land rights acquisitions. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser,
Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Ronne made the motion (Motion #22) to re-convene the meeting into Regular Session at 11:25 p.m. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser,
Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

George Brugh, attorney for the District, reviewed the motion required for the discussed land rights acquisitions. Burke made the motion (motion #23) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson, Ralph Dominy and Ralph A. Miller, licensed appraisers, on a per acre basis for the following described

real estate to wit: the Northeast quarter of Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., in Adams County, Nebraska, to Jacqueling E. Bashian, the record owner thereof, for the fee simple title thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the northwest portion of the City Of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Anderson made the motion (Motion #24) that the Board of Directors of the Upper Big Blue NRD offer the appraised value as returned to this Board by Phillip R. Gustafson, Ralph Dominy and Ralph A. Miller, licensed appraisers, on a per acre basis for the following described property to wit: that part of the south half of Section 34, Township 8 North, Range 10 West of the 6th P.M., lying north of Union Pacific Railroad right-of-way, in Adams County, Nebraska, to the First Baptist Church, Hastings, Nebraska, the record title owner thereof, for the fee simple title thereto for the purpose of assisting in flood control and flood protection of the northwest portion of the City of Hastings, in Adams County, Nebraska. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT COMMITTEE REPORT

Moore reported on the Personnel and Equipment Committee meeting held July 12, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

ENGINEERING EQUIPMENT

Moore made the motion (Motion #25) to approve the purchase of the necessary engineering equipment to facilitate the District's design work as reviewed for an estimated total of \$2,672. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

PERSONNEL SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Moore made the motion (Motion #26) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 11:30 p.m. to discuss the District's personnel salary adjustments. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Schneider made the motion (motion #27) to re-convene the meeting into Regular Session at 12:00 a.m. Seconded by Kasier, Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

Moore made the motion (Motion #28) to accept the Personnel Committee's recommendations for the District's personnel salary adjustments as reviewed. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider reported on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held July 18, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed. Included are the budgets of the General Fund, Sinking Fund and the Control Area Fund. The General Fund requirement is .77 mills, the Sinking Fund requirement is .12 mill, for a total of .89 mills (the same Budget requirement as FY78). The Groundwater Control Area Fund will be budgeted .25 mills. For a total FY79 Budget request of 1.14 mills. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #29) to accept the Budget and Finance Committee's recommendations for the District's FY79 Budget and adopt the proposed FY79 Budget as presented. Seconded by Anderson. A short discussion was held on the authorized .25 mills for the Groundwater Control Area Fund Budget. The County valuations are strictly estimates at this time. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORT

White reported on the Executive Committee meeting held July,18, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE

White reviewed that a Programs Committee needs to be formed and will replace the Legislative and 1/6 Year Plan Committee. Purposes will be to handle the Master Planning, long range planning, development of new District programs, and supervise the tree planting and wildlife habitat programs. Executive Committee recommends to appoint the following members to the Programs Committee: Anderson Jensen, Obermier, Hansen, Schneider and Stuhr. Ronne made the motion (Motion #30) to form the Programs Committee and appoint the members as recommended by the Executive Committee. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Ronne, Schlueter, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen, Jensen, Obermier, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

ERRORS AND OMISSION INSURANCE

Turnbull reviewed the proposal for the errors and omission insurance policy from Alexander & Alexander, Inc. The present policy expires July 20, 1978. The proposed policy is from the Forum Insurance Co. and covers the District, the Board of Directors and the District's full-time employees. The policy is for a \$1 million liability, a \$1,000 deductible and an annual premium of \$2,523. Turnbull further reviewed the clauses under the proposed policy. Stuhr made the motion (motion #31) to adopt the new proposed policy with Alexander and Alexander Inc. for the Errors and Omissions Insurance coverage for the annual premium of \$2,523 as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

ACCOUNTING FIRM

White reported that the Executive Committee and the Budget Committee discussed the accounting situation. Both recommended a change of accountants is in order. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #32) to authorize the Manager to seek a new accounting firm to represent the District with the counsel of Duane Chamberlain. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: McLean, Peterson

NARD MEETING

Burke reported that the Association held a meeting July 11, 1978, and the minutes have been distributed for review.

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

Feather reviewed the FY79 Wildlife Habitat Program with sign-up periods of July 1 - October 1; October 1 - February 1; and February 1 - June 1. Contracts will become effective in October, February and June of each year.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

White reported that there will be a farewell dinner for retiring Butler County SCS D.C.--Harlan Hendricks, at Carl's Restaurant, Seward, NE, August 24, 1978, at 6:00 p.m. All are invited and encouraged to attend.

Anderson briefly reviewed a bill concerning the proposal of \$50 to participants that plant trees on erodible acres. Board concluded to support the tree program.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
June 15, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman
Max Ronne, Secretary
Robert Schneider, Treasurer
Bruce Anderson, Director
Raymond Burke, Director
Wayne Hansen, Director
Bob Hawthorne, Director
Roger Kaiser, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Norman Obermier, Director
LaVerne Peterson, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Roy Stuhr, Director

John Turnbull, General Manager
Jim Kraus, Public Information
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary
Rod Egbarts, York Co. SCS
Frank Hejna, District Technician
Harlan Hendricks, Butler Co. SCS
Warren Rice, Davenport
Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times

ABSENT

Gerald Hegeholz, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Mel Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published June 6, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Directors absent at roll call of Anderson, Burke, Stuhr, Schlueter and Schneider arriving later in the meeting. White introduced the staff and guests.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison Officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of May, 1978. Moore made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Stuhr

MINUTES

Peterson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the May 18, 1978, meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Stuhr

NACD 1978 DUES

Ronne made the motion (Motion #3) to pay the calendar 1978 National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD) quota dues in the amount of \$1,014.80 as requested. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: Hansen

ABSENT: Anderson, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to adopt the May, 1978, financial statement as presented and approve publication of and payment of accounts payable as reviewed. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Stuhr

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Schlueter reported on the Education Committee meeting held June 1, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed. A short discussion was held on the purchase of a movie projector for the District.

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Moore reported on the Groundwater Committee meeting held June 6, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed. Summaries of the spring 19,78 well readings are attached to the committee report for review.

PROJECTS COMMITTEE REPORT

Burke reported on the Projects Committee meeting held June 1, 1978, and reviewed the committee report as distributed.

L.B. 450-NEBRASKA WATER CONSERVATION PROGRAM

Burke reviewed that a Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Nebraska Water Conservation Program (L.B. 450) is required to administrate the funds. Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to nominate Ray Burke (Director) and Jay Bitner (Staff) as authorized representatives of the District for the (L.B. 450) Nebraska Water Conservation Program. Seconded by Ronne. All forms and authorizations are to be signed by both representatives. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Burke

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to adopt the "Memorandum of Understanding" for the Nebraska Water Conservation Program between the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and the District. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

BLUE BLUFFS/HAMMONDS DAM, MILFORD

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to have staff pursue the matter of repair of the Hammonds Dam near Milford, Nebraska, with the Game & Parks Commission and Department of Water Resources and to prepare a feasibility report. Motion seconded by Hansen. Burke reviewed the interest in repairing the structure and some of the problems concerning the feasibility in repair of the dam. A discussion was held as to the control and use of the dam. After preparation of a feasibility report, the Board will review the report prior to setting up any program for projects of this type. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White

NAY: Moore, Schneider

ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Stuhr

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT DAM SITE #3

Turnbull reported that the Resources Development Fund Advisory Board has recommended to the Natural Resources Commission that the School Creek Project Dam Site #3 be eligible for funding in the amount of \$187,143 in the form of a

grant for flood control, recreation and wildlife enhancement benefits; and \$154,482 in the form of a loan for irrigation and groundwater recharge benefits. The total project cost is estimated to be \$455,000, therefore, the Upper Big Blue NRD would be required to provide \$113,375 of the initial cost from revenues, user charges or other sources to be determined by the NRD Board, of Directors. Using the current Development Fund discount rate, the loan amount could be paid back at 6% interest compounded annually for a period not to exceed 50 years. No discussion has been made with the Natural Resources Commission as to what length of time should be on the loan. If assuming 6% rate compound interest for 50 years, the loan interest would be \$333,438. Making a total expense to the District of \$601,295 for the project. A presentation has been made to the Resources Commission, will be reviewed by the Commission's Programs Committee in August, and considered for-approval at the Commission's Board Meeting in August. The Commission must next determine the priority of the project with others requesting funding. A discussion was held as to the construction schedule and reimbursement of the loan by the District. Also discussed not taking a loan and paying the costs out of our own funds. A statement was made that this is the first loan ever to be discussed by the Commission. Next steps involve the final design, after approval from the Commission, with anticipated construction date of next spring.

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Burke reviewed a bill for engineering services, hall rent and photographs which was sent to the District by Lower Platte North NRD. Staff is to make further clarification concerning the billing.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to grant tentative approval on a cost-share assistance application for Earl Watts, Polk County, detention terraces for \$2,468.56. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to grant final approval for payment two cost-share assistance applications as follows: Harold Schlechte, York County, an irrigation re-use pit for \$1,233.81; and William Peetzke, Hamilton County, an irrigation re-use pit for \$1,138.75 for a total of \$2,372.56. Seconded by Anderson. A short discussion was held on the remaining amount obligated and the total expenditures for FY78. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to grant final approval for payment the cost-share assistance application of Mervin Ransom, Sr., Polk County, in the Davis Creek Watershed, for detention terraces in the amount of \$2,628.72. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

STRUEBING DAM

Moore commented on the concern of delay in the construction of the Struebing structure. Turnbull reported that the engineer, Olsson & Associates, is preparing the application for the Resources Development Fund. A hearing was conducted the last week of April, which is necessary in making the application. Construction cost estimate is around \$56,000, adding land rights makes a total cost of \$260,000. The District has agreed to finance 40% of the total costs, balance made by the other sponsors-David City, Butler County and Lower Platte North NRD. The Resources Development Fund application is requesting a grant for the overall project, which includes additional

structures and. the drainage in David City. The grant, if it is approved, is to be on 75% of the cost estimate, leaving 25% of the costs to be paid by the sponsors. The next step would be the determination of priority in funding. If wish to construct Struebing structure without funding, District would have to assume 100% of costs. Legal documents need to be drawn by all four sponsors agreeing to pay the 25% of costs, if the application would be approved. Turnbull stated. that staff will review the status of this project, review it with the Projects Committee and report back to the Board.

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 9:11 p.m. to discuss the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project land rights acquisitions. Seconded by Ronne.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Moore made the motion (Motion #12) to re-convene the meeting into Regular Session at 9:50 p.m. Seconded by Ronne.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Schneider made the motion (Motion #13) to have John Turnbull, General Manager, and Warren Rice, the District's negotiators for the Hastings NW Flood Control Project, meet with Adams County, City of Hastings and Little Blue NRD to further discuss the matter of how to proceed with the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

RESOURCES CONSERVATION ACT (RCA)

During the coffee break, Egbarts presented a six-minute slide presentation on the Resources Conservation Act (RCA) discussing the wide subject of soil -and water conservation activity and needs. Also reported that a one hour ETV program will be held at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of Thursday, July 20th, airing the options and alternatives of the Resources Conservation Act.

1/6 YEAR PLAN COMMITTEE REPORT

Anderson reported on the 1/6 Year Plan Committee meeting held June 14th, and reviewed the committee report as distributed. A copy of the draft 6 Year Plan for FY 78 is attached to the committee report. Turnbull reviewed the Six Year Plan draft as presented for fiscal years 79 through 83. Anderson made the motion (Motion 14) to adopt the draft 6 Year Plan for FY78 as presented and submit the adopted 1/6 Year Plan for FY78 as reviewed to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, State office of Planning & Programming and the Game & Parks Commission as required. Seconded by Moore. Question, called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Harlan Hendricks, D. C., Butler County SCS Office, announced his retirement of employment effective July 31, 1978. Expressed his thanks to the Board.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider reported on the Budget Committee meeting held June 8th, and reviewed the committee report as distributed. Reported that Duane Chamberlain has reviewed the FY78 budget, and is assisting and advising the preparation of the PY79 budget.

SINKING FUND

Schneider reviewed that during FY77 a line item transfer of \$91,359.11 was made to transfer General Fund money into a Sinking Fund. No record of Board action is noted in the District minutes. Schneider made the motion (Motion #15) to transfer the \$91,359.11 from General Fund into a Sinking Fund due to no formal action by the Board in FY77. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Schneider reported that due to an abnormal build-up of cash assets, plus the need to have available funds to build some large projects, \$415,127.14 of General Fund money needs to be transferred to a Sinking Fund (this amount also includes \$20,000 that already indicated would be transferred by FY78 budget). Schneider made the motion (Motion #16) to transfer \$415,127.14 from General Fund to a Sinking Fund for available funds for future projects. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

DISTRICT FY78 BUDGET

The budget as of this date shows several line item budgets over-drawn. Accounts have needed more money than what was budgeted in their line item. (The overall FY78 budget has not been overdrawn.) The Budget Committee recommends to transfer line item 18 (Professional Services) to cover over-drawn accounts for balance of the year. Turnbull reviewed the line item over-drawn accounts as follows: 1-Auto & Truck expense; 2-Directors expenses; 6-Personnel expenses; 11-insurance; 12-legal notices; 14-office supplies; 16-postage; 24-purchases for resale; and 26-telephone. Budget amount for line item 18 (Professional Services) is \$132,410 and \$57,085 has been expended during FY78 to date; which leaves about \$75,000 not-expected to be expended during the balance of-this fiscal year. FY78 budget for the other line items is \$35,340; actual expenditures of \$44,337; making the items over-drawn of about \$9,000. Suggest to transfer from line item 18 the amount of \$12,000 and distribute to the overdrawn line items, also taking in account additional expenditures made during June under-each individual line item. Schneider made the motion (Motion #17) to draw funds from Line Item 18 to cover over-drawn accounts for the balance of the fiscal year which include Line Items 1,2,6,11,12,14,16,24 & 26 in the amount of \$12,000 as reviewed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

FY79 SINKING FUND BUDGET

Turnbull reviewed the tentatively proposed FY79 Sinking Fund Budget by line item as distributed. Current expenditures to be expected during FY79 are for projects: School Creek Dam Site #3, Hastings NW Flood Control, and the Struebing Structure of the Central Butler water Management Project for a total of \$400,400. Total proposed sinking fund budget is \$759,864.79, with an estimate of \$113,947 to be collected in property taxes based on the current mill levy of 24/100 of a mill anticipating a 7% increase in valuations. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #18) to accept the tentatively proposed FY79 Sinking Fund Budget as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Schneider reported that the Budget Committee has also reviewed the Groundwater Control Area Budget; the Projects; Public Information; Forestry, Parks and Recreations Budgets. The office and General Administrating Budgets have been briefly discussed. Final action will be taken at next month's Board meeting.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

Peterson reported on the Personnel Committee meeting which was held just prior to the Board meeting. Discussion was held as to the review of District policies.

DISTRICT POLICY REVIEW

Peterson made the motion (motion #19) to hire Duane Chamberlain on a part-time basis to review the District's policies and proposals. Seconded by Burke. Review will be made of personnel and directors policy drafts and brought to the Personnel & Equipment Committee prior to Board action. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

SOIL SURVEY AGREEMENT

Turnbull reviewed the Master Cooperative Agreement for the Fillmore County Soil Survey. Ronne made the motion (Motion #20) to enter into the Master Cooperative Agreement for the Fillmore County Soil Survey with the attached Amendment No. 1 in the amount of \$5,190 for FY 79. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser., McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Stuhr

WILDLIFE HABITAT SPRING CONTRACTS

Feather reviewed the Wildlife Habitat spring applications received under the Practices-I (establishing permanent cover) and II, (existing cover) and approved by the Projects Committee. Sixteen applications have been reviewed from clay, Fillmore, Hamilton, Seward and York, Counties for a total of \$4,597.50 (District share \$1,149.38). one application has come in after the Projects Committee meeting from Tom Harrington, York County, under Practice II, for an annual payment of \$600 (District share \$150). Burke made the motion (Motion #21) to accept and approve the Wildlife Habitat spring applications under Practices I and II as contracts as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter.

Stuhr commented on the sincerity of the application submitted by Tom Harrington. A discussion was held on the Harrington wildlife area, and the land and water involved at the site. Stuhr amended motion #21 and made the motion (Motion #22) to accept and approve the spring Wildlife Habitat applications under Practices I and II as contracts as reviewed except the application submitted by Toni Harrington, York County, to be handled under separate motion. Seconded by Anderson. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Question called on the motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

McLean made the motion (Motion #23) to accept and approve the Wildlife Habitat spring application submitted by Tom Harrington, York County, under Practice II as a contract as reviewed. Seconded by Schneider. Stuhr commented further on

the sincerity of the application by Tom Harrington. More discussion was held on the land and water area involved at the site submitted for wildlife habitat approval. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Obermier, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, Peterson, Ronne
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Feather reviewed the Wildlife Habitat spring applications received under Practice III (oats and sweet clover) and discussed by the Projects Committee. Five applications have been reviewed from Butler, Fillmore, Seward and York Counties for a total of \$3,009 (District share \$752.25). Feather reported that all submitted applications under Practice III are also involved in acreage under the USDA Set-Aside Program. Feather suggested that the Fillmore, Seward and York County applications be approved separate from the Butler County application due to different terms under the contracts. A discussion was held as to the terms of the Wildlife Habitat program and the USDA Set Aside Program. Burke made the motion (Motion #24) to accept and approve the Wildlife Habitat spring applications received under Practice III for Fillmore, Seward and York Counties as contracts as reviewed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called.

Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Obermier
ABSTAIN: Stuhr
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #25) to not accept and disapprove the Wildlife Habitat spring application under Practice III for Butler County as reviewed. Seconded by Obermier. Feather reviewed the application submitted from Butler County also under the USDA Set-Aside Program. A discussion was held as to the terms of the contract. Obermier stated that he is opposed to approving applications received under Practice III of the Wildlife Habitat Program that are also under the USDA Set-Aside Program. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Moore, Schlueter
ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska

Turnbull asked that by these Board decisions, future applications involved with any acreage included in the USDA Set-Aside Program that those under 10% are accepted and those under 20% are not. Hansen made the motion (Motion #26) to rescind motion #24 to not accept the Wildlife Habitat spring applications under Practice III since the acres are involved in the USDA Set-Aside Program. Seconded by Kaiser. A discussion was held that the motion #24 was understood that the applications were not in the USDA Set-Aside Program, just the application submitted by Butler County. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke, McLean, Moore, Schlueter, White

By this Board decision, Wildlife Habitat applications under Practice III will not be approved if the same acres are involved under the USDA Set-Aside Program. If the acres are separate from the USDA contract, the NRD Board will reconsider acceptance in the Oats and Sweet Clover Wildlife Habitat Program.

TRI-COUNTY PROJECT TOUR

Kraus reported on the tour of the Tri-County Project held June 12-14, 1978. Seven NRD Directors and two NRD staff participated in the tour sponsored by the Tri-County-Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. All stated that the tour was very educational and worthwhile.

1978 TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Feather reported briefly on the 1978 Tree Planting Program conducted this spring. A detailed report was distributed for further review of the tree planting service this season.

NNRC MEETING REPORT

Anderson gave a report on the Natural Resources Commission meeting held June 7-8. Also gave a report on the 208 State Policy Advisory Board meeting held June 7th.

SPONSOR McCool Jct. 4th Grade Tour

Stuhr reported that he has been contacted by Mrs. Lois Pekar, 4th Grade teacher at McCool Junction Public School, and quite a conservationist. The 4th grade is going on a week-long tour of wildlife, conservation and historical sites in Nebraska. Participating are the fourteen students in 4th grade class, two junior high students, and four adults. The class has been conducting money-making projects to make this tour, but are short of enough funds. Stuhr stated that since the participation in our sponsorship for students to go to youth camp this summer was not very successful, by just one participate attending, that the District would help sponsor this children's tour. Stuhr commented that the class is about \$200 short in paying for anticipated expenses. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #27) to donate \$200 for the McCool Jct. 4th graders tour of Nebraska during the week of June 19. Seconded by Schneider. Questions were raised as to other schools asking for donations. Stuhr stated that the money has been budgeted for students sponsorship to participate in youth activities.

Chairman White turned the chair to Vice-Chairman Moore, and amended the motion to make the motion (Motion #28) to have the check for the children's tour written to the McCool Junction School. Seconded by Kaiser, Question called on the amendment. Motion carried. Question called on the motion. Motion carried.

- AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
- NAY: None
- ABSENT: Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Obermier

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m. Max A. Ronne, Secretary /lm

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
May 18, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

- Morris White, Chairman
- Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman
- Max Ronne, Secretary
- Robert Schneider, Treasurer
- Raymond Burke, Director
- Bob Hawthorne, Director
- Hans Jensen, Director
- Melvin Kuska, Director
- Jim McLean, Director
- Norman Obermier, Director
- LaVerne Peterson, Director
- Roy Stuhr, Director
- John Turnbull, General Manager
- Jay Bitner, District Engineer
- Jim Kraus, Public Information
- Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor
- Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary

- Rod Egbarts, York Co. SCS
- Keith Niemann, York Co. Extension
- Dick Kennedy, NNRC
- Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times

ABSENT

- Bruce Anderson, Director
- Wayne Hansen, Director
- Gerald Hegeholz, Director
- Roger Kaiser, Director
- Leonard Schlueter, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published May 9, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken with twelve members present, five absent.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison Officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of April, 1978. Reported that the nine county SCS D.C.'s met with John Turnbull and Jay Bitner May 17, 1978, to discuss NRD/SCS cooperative programs, and that they all plan to meet in the future every quarter. Also, reported that Fillmore County conducted a Conservation School Day May 10, 1978. Kuska made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Rod Egbarts reported that Benny Martin, State SCS, gives an annual report to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of programs of current year.

White read a letter received by the County SCS D.C.'s commending Ken Feather Operations Supervisor, for his dedication, ability and accomplishments in the tree planting program conducted across the District.

MINUTES

Peterson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the April 20, 1978, meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the April, 1978, financial statement as presented and approve publication of and payment of accounts payable as reviewed. Seconded by Hawthorne. A short discussion was held concerning the amount of the telephone bill and the amounts overdue on the accounts receivables. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

White reported that no report will be given by Ray Griffin, Hamilton Co. SCS, concerning the "Soil Loss Equation" at this time, will be given at a later date.

EDUCATION COMMITTEE REPORT

Stuhr reported that the Education Committee report has been distributed and no action needs to be taken by the Board. Kraus reviewed that a Professional Communications Seminar will be held May 22 and 23; the NACD Regional Conference at Jackson Hole, Wyoming, June 13, 14 & 15; and the Tri-County

Project Tour is June 12, 13 & 14, 1978. Peterson made the motion (Motion #4) to accept the Education Committee Report. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE REPORT

Moore gave a report on the Groundwater Committee meeting held May 2, 1978. Stated that discussion was held concerning the retaining of the firm of Crosby, Guenzel, Davis, Kessner & Kuester and their hourly fees. A recommendation will be made later in the meeting by the Executive Committee.

RUNOFF REGULATIONS

Moore explained that the Committee has discussed the improper run-off definition, especially the wording "to their detriment" and propose that these words be stricken and add "except as provided by paragraph 3-1-e". Moore reported that in order to make the proposed change, a notice will have to be published three consecutive weeks in a circulated paper and a hearing conducted. Turnbull read the current improper irrigation runoff regulation and the agreement between groundwater users (par. 3-1-e). Turnbull further explained that "to their detriment" is hard to define and declare as reasonable. The judgement would be determined by the runoff inspector on the site. If the irrigator question the inspector, he may call for a hearing for a Board's decision. Moore made the motion (Motion #5) to strike the words from the runoff definition "to their detriment" and-add', except as provided by paragraph 3-1-e. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Burke, Jensen, Moore, Peterson, Schneider, White

NAY: Kuska, Ronne, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, McLean, Obermier

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

DISTRICT COMPLIANCE REPRESENTATIVE

Moore made the motion (Motion #6) to make the General Manager or his designated representative be the District Compliance Representative. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Moore reported on a concern made by an irrigator that uses surface water and groundwater on the same tract of land whether or not the proposed allocation of groundwater would be affected. The Groundwater Committee stated that the NRD's intentions are that the use of surface waters will not affect the allocation of groundwater.

Ronne asked about the timetable-of the Groundwater Management Program. Moore stated that the Committee feels they are headed in the right direction, but will have to revamp the timetable and review the management proposals.

HENDERSON PARK DAM

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) that the District participate in design modifications and construction on the Henderson Park Dam project as follows: A. Provide design modifications to earth embankment and spillway. B. Prepare plans and specifications for proposed modifications. C. Act as Contracting Officer for construction of proposed modifications. D. Provide inspection of construction on proposed modifications. E. Continue to participate in cost-sharing with the City of Henderson on this project in accordance with the agreement between the City of Henderson and the Upper Big Blue NRD dated July

12, 1977, with the following modifications: paragraph IV (a) Payment from the NRD to the City will be made upon acceptance of contractors work for final. payment concerning modifications to earth embankment and spillway. (b) Said payment from the NRD to the City is to be made as follows: one lump sum payment not to exceed 25% of actual cost of said project and modifications, or \$4,500 whichever is less. ©) The parties hereto agree that all planning, engineering, and project controls will be solely the responsibility of the Upper Big Blue NRD. (d) The parties hereto agree that interim~financing will be solely the responsibility of the City of Henderson and that all expenditures on this project must be approved by the City. (e) Further, the City of Henderson shall have the privilege to review and provide comments on all plans and specifications prepared for development of said project. These modifications to the original agreement shall be written in the form of an amendment to said agreement and signed by both parties. Seconded by Ronne. Terms of the original agreement has the City of Henderson in charge of maintaining this project. Stuhr asked questions concerning the payment to the City. The NRD's total costs for this project will not exceed 25% of actual costs or \$4,500 as by original agreement. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT DAM SITE #3

Turnbull explained the presentation by~Barry Butterfield, HDR, given at the Project Committee meeting of the economic analysis on Dam Site #3 to be presented to the Department of Economic Development. The total cost estimate for this project site is \$455,000, including engineering fees. This project has been approved by the Technical and Environmental Committees of the Resources Development Advisory Board, and the Economics Committee has been undecided of loan vs. grant because of the irrigation benefits to the local landowners. We went to the Advisory Board or Eligibility Committee to get a decision of what the Resources Development Fund will do for this project. Reported that if a project has irrigation benefits and groundwater recharge benefits, that those benefits require that portion of the project be repaid as a loan, not as a grant. For this project, 60% of the total funding would be as a loan. The remaining 40% would be covered as a grant. Two other methods of analysis were used to compare the benefits to cost. (1) separable cost remaining benefits method, and (2) the use of facilities method. The Economics Committee has recommended to the Eligibility Committee that this project be approved under the separable cost remaining benefits method. The eligible grant amount would be \$249,524, and the total cost to the NRD would be \$268,357. If the NRD were to finance the \$268,357 over a fifty year period at 6% interest, from the Nebraska Resources Development Fund, it would cost the NRD an annual amount of \$18,024, including \$1,000 per year for operation and maintenance. Stuhr suggested rather than financing through the Resources Development Fund to make a special assessment to the District for our portion of the loan. White suggested that the NRD should pursue the funding for this project. Stuhr stated that the NRD should start budgeting money this FY79 for the construction of this structure. Turnbull reviewed a draft letter to be sent to the Advisory Board stating that the Upper Big Blue NRD has discussed the costs benefits and recommend to pursue funding on a loan grant basis. Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to proceed to the Advisory Board with the application for funding on the School Creek. Dam Site #3. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: Moore

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

"IN-BASIN STORAGE IMPOUNDMENT" FORM FORMAT

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to adopt the modification to the UBBNRD Form 300 for estimating "in-basin storage impoundment" cost-share practices that

the space provided for "Designated SCS Technician" be changed to "Designated Technician". Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, White

NAY: Obermier, Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Moore

AL3SENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

DORCHESTER PL 566 WATERSHED PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to adopt the proposed FY79 operation and maintenance expenditures and proposed improvements on the Dorchester PL 566 Watershed Project as follows: A. FY79 estimated operation and maintenance-Structure 1-A (weed control, tree removal) \$100; Channel 1-A (grassed waterway, channel cleaning, "V" side channels, chute approach repair) \$200; Structure 2-A (erosion control) \$200; Channel 3 (tree removal) \$100; Structure 3-A (seeding) \$20; Structure 4-A (no work required); Structure 4-1 (brush removal) \$100; making the estimated total \$1,645. B. FY79 improvements--an engineering and economic, feasibility study be done for extending Channel #3 of this project to the West Fork Big Blue River, the study conducted by the District's engineering staff and submitted to SCS for approval, and the estimated construction cost for channel extension is \$2,000 for structures and \$2,000 for the earth work. Seconded by Jensen. A discussion was held as to the previous budgets for the operations and maintenance of this project. The exercise of managing these structures and channels needs to be enforced. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

CONSERVATION PRACTICE IV, "RE-USE IMPOUNDMENTS"

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to increase the maximum amount which can be authorized by the Project Committee be increased from \$1,100 to \$1,250 for the total cost-share application, also to include the \$800 limit on the earth work be increased to \$900. Seconded by Ronne. A discussion was held on the amounts and details of this cost-share program. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Peterson

NAY: Schneider

ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr, White

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Egbarts explained that previously the maximum the full Board approved on the earth work was \$800, and that the Projects Committee could give tentative approval without full Board approval on cost-share applications not exceeding \$1,100 for the total application. Bitner explained that the original intent of this recommendation was to increase the amount the Projects Committee could tentatively approve without having to bring all applications before the Board. Hawthorne stated that the conservation practice IV of irrigation re-use pits is very important to the farmers' operation. Stuhr stated that in the District' rules and regulations irrigation re-use impoundments should be made mandatory, as some way of water control. Stuhr made a recommendation to the Groundwater Committee to require irrigators to have an irrigation re-use system or some method to control runoff water. Turnbull reviewed the motion approved September 14, 1976, for cost-share assistance. A discussion was held as to the terms of that motion effective January 1, 1977. Ronne questioned the cost-share program of the ASCS. Egbarts stated that the ASC does not have a limit amount on the earth work, but a maximum of \$2,500 per farmer per year.

Ronne made the motion (Motion #12) to increase the limit on the earth work to \$1,000 for cost-share on irrigation re-use pits, plus the costs of the pipe at the County's percentages, to be the maximum amount which can be authorized by the Projects Committee. Seconded by Burke. Egbarts explained the Counties' percentages (ASC) on all irrigation practices have a basis of 60% on the cost

of the pipe, which is set up from the previous year. Schneider questioned the limit on earth work to be approved by the Board, getting close to the size of in-basin storage impoundments. Moore amended motion #12, to make the motion (Motion #13) that the \$1,000 limit be the maximum cost-share approved on irrigation re-use pits earth work. Seconded by McLean. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr

NAY: Kuska

ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Question called on the motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: Kuska

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Turnbull reported that after the Projects Committee, the office received the appraisals for the Hastings NW Flood Control Project. They have been reviewed by the Executive Committee, which will make a recommendation later in the meeting. Construction will begin after the land rights have been acquired.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to grant tentative approval on seven cost-share assistance applications as follows: William Peetzke, Hamilton Co., an irrigation re-use pit for \$1,138.75; Earl Strong, Hamilton Co., terraces for \$901.18; Irene Larson, Polk Co., terraces for \$1,663.75; Dwain Driewer, Hamilton Co., an irrigation re-use pit for \$1,381.52; Ed Ediger, Hamilton Co., an erosion control dam for \$903.51 and another erosion control dam for \$1,534.82; and Edward Hort, Jr., Butler Co., a detention dam for \$3,630.90, making a total cost-share request of \$11,154.43. Also, to grant final approval for payment the cost-share assistance application of Viola Rohren, Seward Co., in the amount of \$935.63 for construction of an irrigation re-use pit. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

ORGANIZATION

Burke made the motion (motion #15) to re-name the "Projects and Programs Subcommittee" to "Projects Committee". Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

CONSERVATION PRACTICE IV, "RE-USE IMPOUNDMENTS"

Moore made the motion (motion #16) to increase the maximum amount which can be authorized by the Projects Committee on cost-share assistance applications for irrigation re-use pits from \$1,100 to \$1,300. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schneider, White

NAY: Kuska, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT

Schneider gave a report on the Budget and Finance Committee meeting held May 9, 1978. Turnbull reviewed and explained the budget deadlines. Due to LB 652,

the filing date for the FY79 budget has been extended to September 1, 1978, rather than August 15, 1978. Board make approval of the FY79 budget at the July Board meeting, and conduct the Budget Hearing to adopt the FY79 budget just prior to the August Board meeting held the same evening. Schneider reported that three budgets are necessary to be developed for FY79, (1) the general operating budget, (2) the sinking fund budget, and (3) the control area budget. The tax limitations are a total of one mill on the general operating and the sinking fund budgets, and a 1/4 mill on the control-area budget.

FY79 BUDGET ADVISORY

Schneider reported that no one on the staff except the Manager has worked on NRD Budget before. Suggested that Duane Chamberlain be hired on a part-time basis to assist the staff in the preparation of the, FY79 budget. The Manager is to make the decision on the time necessary. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #17) to hire Duane Chamberlain on a part-time basis to assist and advise on the preparation of the FY79 Budget. Seconded by Moore. Moore also stated that discussion had been made to Chamberlain prior to the first of this year, asking for his assistance later on after the transition of General Managers, making an informal working agreement for his assistance in the future. All Directors will have an opportunity to development the FY79 budget. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Schneider reviewed the outline procedure for the FY79 Budget preparation. Also reported on the concerns of the NRD's investments of surplus funds. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #18) to accept the Budget Committee report as reviewed and distributed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

ONE/SIX YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Turnbull reviewed the One Year Plan draft for the current fiscal year as distributed. Ronne made the motion (Motion #19) to adopt the draft of the: One Year Certain Plan for FY78 as presented. Seconded by Burke. Question. called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Turnbull stated that the Six Year Plan will be presented at the June meeting.

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR WATER LAW ISSUES

Moore reported that contact had been made with the firm of Crosby, Guenzel, Davis, Kessner & Kuester concerning legal fees. Moore reviewed the fees by an hourly basis for each of the associates. The Executive Committee stated to utilize the District's local attorney for as much of our general business as possible, and to have the Crosby firm represent the District in groundwater issues and laws, thereby, supporting the Groundwater Committee's recommendation of retaining the Crosby firm to handle water issues. Moore made the motion (Motion #20) to retain the firm of Crosby, Guenzel, .Davis, Kessner & Kuester to represent the District in groundwater consultation and litigation involving legal review of our Control Area regulations. Seconded by Kuska. A discussion followed concerning the arrangements between the District and the Crosby firm. The firm will review proposed rules and regulations for the Control Area from a legal standpoint before Board-discussion and final action. Stuhr questioned the utilization of the Crosby firm. Jensen stated that the

Crosby firm is very experienced in water issues and would represent the District's position on any case. Moore stated that a competent attorney could defend-either side of an issue. Kuska stated that a legal counsel is needed in case the District is challenged on a water matter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schneider, White
NAY: Hawthorne, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Ronne made the motion (Motion #21) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 10:50 p.m. to discuss the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project appraisals. Seconded by McLean. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Ronne made the motion (motion #22), to re-convene the meeting into Regular Session at 11:25 p.m. Seconded by McLean. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #23) to accept the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project appraisals. Seconded by Ronne. McLean amended motion #23 to make the motion (Motion #24) to have John Turnbull act as the NRD's authority, negotiator and representative for the Hastings Northwest Project appraisals. Amendment seconded by Stuhr. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kuska, Moore
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Question called on the motion. Motion carried.,

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kuska, Moore, Obermier
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

SOIL SURVEY AGREEMENTS

Ronne made the motion (motion #25) to enter into the; Amendment No. 6 to the Master Cooperative Agreement for the Clay County Soil Survey in the amount of \$1,890 for FY79. Seconded by Kuska. Completion of the field work on the soil survey should-be by November 30, 1978. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

A discussion was held as to the details of the Soil Survey Agreements and the cooperation between the Counties and the NRD's.

Hawthorne made the motion (Motion, '#26) to enter into the Amendment No. 2 to the Master Cooperative Agreement for the Hamilton County Soil Survey in the amount of \$7,200 for FY79. Seconded by Peterson. Completion of the field work on the soil survey should be on or about December 31, 1981. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier,

Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

The differences in the percentages the County and NRD's would pay were discussed. Concluded that the parties involved agreed to the financial amounts when the Master Cooperative Agreement was drawn up and these are amendments attached to accelerate the completion of the soil survey.

Schneider made the motion (Motion #27) to enter into the Amendment No. 2 to the Master Cooperative Agreement for the Saline County Soil Survey in the amount of \$575 for FY 79. Seconded by Peterson. Completion of the field work on the soil survey is estimated for June 30, 1982. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Burke made the motion (motion #28) to enter into the Amendment No. 6 to the Master Cooperative Agreement for the Butler County Soil Survey in the amount of \$900 for FY79. Seconded by Moore. Completion of the field work on the soil survey is expected to be January 30, 1979. Turnbull explained a concern made by the Lower Platte North NRD about the delay in finishing the soil survey by July, 1978, and now additional monies~are being asked of the four cooperating agencies to complete the Butler County Soil Survey. Lower Platte North NRD recommends to the Upper Big Blue NRD to not enter in this agreement to complete the survey. Kuska suggested the District participate in the completion of the survey. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

NARD MEETING REPORT

Burke reported that the NARD Board Meeting minutes have been distributed for review.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Turnbull reported that the final legislative report for the 1978 Session has been distributed for review.

TREE PLANTING REPORT

Turnbull reported that Ken Feather has almost completed the 1978 tree planting requests. Reports have been received of superior completion of this tree planting program.

L.B. 965 FUNDS

Turnbull reviewed a letter drafted by Dave Mazour, Little Blue NRD, concerning the application of L. B. 965 funds to be used as grants to NRD's for flood control projects such as the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project. Kuska made the motion (Motion #29) to sign and send the letter of cooperation with the Little Blue NRD, the City of Hastings and Adams County making application for \$100,000 of the L.B. 965 funds for construction of the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Dam. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

CONTINUANCE OF THE WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

Turnbull reviewed that due to the fact that a limited number of applications for Practice I (establishing cover) and Practice III (crop rotation) have been received, propose to accept the applications for Practice II (existing Cover) that have been received during the time period of March 1 and June 1, 1978. Burke made the motion (Motion #30) to continue the Wildlife Habitat Program through June 1, 1978, to include the applications received for Practice II. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Schlueter

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

Moore asked whether the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors can serve on another elected body at the same time. Jensen commented that Directors may serve on more than one Board.

Egbarts reported on the Resources Conservation Act that public meetings will need to be conducted sometime in July. Will be covered in a six minute slide tape show and on ETV around 8:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 20th. Questionnaires will be handed out to complete which cover this program of Section 208.

Meeting adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

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Max A. Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
April 20, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Rod Egbarts, York County SCS
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Harlan Hendricks, Butler County SCS
Max Ronne, Secretary	Mike Rabbe, Fillmore County SCS
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Don Kerl, SCS Soil Scientist
Bruce Anderson, Director	Monte Babcock, SCS Soil Scientist
Raymond Burke, Director	Bill Bamesberger, Henderson
Wayne Hansen, Director	James Kroeker, Henderson
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Wallace Angle, Atty., York
Hans Jensen, Director	Rodney Drew, Henderson
Roger Kaiser, Director	Eugene Regier, Henderson
Mel Kuska, Director	Bob Bettger, Fairmont
Jim McLean, Director	Don Mierau, Henderson
Norman Obermier, Director	Robert Siebert, Henderson
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Stan Koehler, Harvard
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Marvin Carriker, Harvard
Roy Stuhr, Director	Ann Koehler, Harvard
John Turnbull, General Manager	Nadine Carriker, Harvard
Jay Bitner, Projects Engineer	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Jim Kraus, Public Information	
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor	<u>ABSENT</u>
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary	Bob Hawthorne, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published April 11, 1-978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Directors absent at roll call of Hegeholz and Schneider arriving later in the meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison Officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of March, 1978. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Schneider

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the March 16, 1978, meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Schneider

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ronne made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the March, 1978, financial statement as presented and approve publication of and payment of accounts

payable as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Schneider

A discussion was held concerning the status of the Accounts Receivables.
Statements on accounts due have been sent.

Vice-Chairman Moore welcomed and introduced the guests.

FILLMORE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS PRESENTATION

Kuska reported that no formal presentation would be made this evening by the Fillmore County Board of Commissioners. Explained that they had not received a summary of the expenditures spent in the counties across the District and therefore were not prepared to give their presentation. Also reported that the Fillmore Co. Commissioners are going to approach the NRD on the O'Connor Project and on keeping the taxes down. Would like a later date to present their concerns and interests to the Upper Big Blue NRD Board. Jensen made the motion (Motion #4) to grant the Fillmore County Commissioners a presentation to the Board of Directors at a later time. Seconded by Peterson. Kuska suggested that the summary of the cost-share expenditures be more detailed and report by fiscal year, also show the percentage of each County in the District. Burke made the motion (Motion #5) to have the Fillmore Co. Commissioners present their interests and concerns to the Projects and Programs Sub-Committee prior to their formal presentation to the Board of Directors as an amendment to motion 1/4 Amended motion seconded by Anderson. Question called on amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Schneider

Question called on the original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz

Schlueter gave a report on the Education and Information Sub-Committee meeting held March 29, 1978. Reported that Schlueter was appointed chairman, and Stuhr appointed vice-chairman.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT HEARING TESTIMONY

Schlueter made the motion (motion #6) to have the Groundwater Management Hearing testimony compiled for the Board's review, and at a later date an educational type format will be discussed. Burke seconded the motion. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz

DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

Schlueter made the motion (motion #7) to have the staff look into feasibility and total costs of a newsletter for circulation throughout the District. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Hegeholz

BACKLIGHTING DISTRICT MAP

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #8) to proceed with backlighting the District map in the conference at the NRD office. Stuhr seconded. Hansen asked the details of costs. Stuhr reviewed to make the map more appealing, portable, understandable and back lighted. Motion withdrawn. Ronne made the motion (Motion #8) to refer the details of backlighting the District map back to the Education and Information Sub-Committee as to costs and engineering. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: Jensen
ABSTAIN: Hegeholz
ABSENT: Hawthorne

GRESHAM PUBLIC SCHOOL'S OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Schlueter made the motion (motion #9) to approve the Outdoor Classroom application for Gresham Public School upon receipt. Seconded by Stuhr. Application is enroute. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

SPONSOR YOUTH CAMP

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #10) to have the District sponsor no more than four students to attend youth camps during 1978. Seconded by Stuhr. A discussion was held as to students applied, where the camps are and when held, and how much the sponsorship would be. Participation is to promote high school students to be interested in conservation and natural resources. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

TRI-COUNTY PROJECT TOUR

This summer the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District is offering a tour of the Tri-County project and other various projects in western and central Nebraska, for a date of June 12, 13 and 14, 1978. A group of at least 10 people with a maximum of 20 are needed to go. A number of the Directors and staff have indicated their interest to go on this tour.

Schlueter made the motion (motion #11) to accept the tour of the Tri-County Project with the dates of June 12, 13 and 14, 1978. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

PARTICIPATION AT COUNTY FAIRS

Schlueter made the motion (motion #12) to participate in the County Fairs across the District this summer and to use clerical staff from offices in corresponding counties to help represent the District. Anderson seconded the motion. A discussion was held as to participation, booth rentals, and using FFA & 4-H groups to man the display. Education to the Counties about the

Natural Resources District is needed. Staff also look into the plans for State Fair. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Moore gave a report on the Groundwater Sub-Committee meeting held April 4, 1978. Reported that the Groundwater Management Hearing Testimony transcript from January-31, 1978, has now been completed and distributed to the Committee. At the time of the Sub-Committee meeting only the first half had been typed. Also reported on the 1978 Irrigation Scheduling Program. The program will be conducted essentially the same as last year, scheduling irrigators in Butler and Polk Counties. Mark Stara will again be the technician handling the program. Irrigators will be contacted next month with about 35 cooperators.

IRRIGATION SCHEDULING PROGRAM FOR ADAMS COUNTY

The NRD has been contacted by the Little Blue NRD of cooperating with them on an irrigation scheduling program for Adams County for the summer of 1978. The Little Blue NRD would provide the technicians and administrate the program. The Upper Big Blue NRD would cooperate by reimbursing the Little Blue NRD for expenses incurred. Moore made the motion (Motion #13) to participate and cooperate with the Little Blue NRD in their irrigation scheduling program for Adams County. Schlueter seconded the motion. A discussion was held as to details of the program with an estimate of \$75 per irrigator assuming a 66 day irrigation season. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Moore continued to report that he gave the District's testimony at the Little Blue NRD's Groundwater Control Area Hearing at Davenport, ,March 22, 1978. Reported that the Groundwater Sub-Committee suggested the Board of Directors participate on the Tri-County Project Tour, June 12, 13 and 14, 1978.

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR WATER LAW ISSUES

The Groundwater Sub-Committee expressed the need for an attorney who specializes in Water Law be retained to advise the NRD on rules and regulations pertaining to water issues. The Sub-Committee discussed different firms and recommended the firm of Crosby, Guenzel, Davis, Kessner & Kuester be retained as legal counsel. Moore made the motion (motion #14) that the Board obtain an individual from the firm of Crosby, Guenzel, Davis, Kessner & Kuester as legal counsel to the Groundwater Sub-Committee for the purpose of advising the District on rules and regulations concerning groundwater issues. Seconded by Anderson. A discussion was held as to retaining the firm of Crosby's such as retainer fees and counseling. Kuska amended motion #14 by making the motion (Motion #15) to have the Chairman and/or the General Manager contact the Crosby firm as to details of retainer fees. Jensen seconded the amendment. Further discussion was held as to retaining this legal counsel. Question called on the amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: Obermier
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Legal counsel was reviewed to be retained to advise the Groundwater Sub-Committee that rules and regulations conform with L.B. 577.

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #16) to table motion #14 until such a time that the Groundwater Sub-Committee has reviewed the proposed counsel and brought back to the Board. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Question called on the original motion #14. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr
ABSENT: Hawthorne

ISSUANCE OF WELL REGISTRATIONS

Turnbull reviewed the status of three letters received from the Department of Water Resources concerning wells drilled and registered without a permit. Reported that the construction date of each well had begun before January 1), 1978, the date on which a permit to drill is required. Therefore, all three cases are legal. Moore made the motion (Motion #17) to have the District request the Department of Water Resources not to issue well registrations unless permits have been approved prior to drilling. Seconded by Hansen. A discussion followed as to the criteria for the issuance of drilling permits. Concluded that the District instruct the Department of Water Resources by request to not issue any registration numbers until a permit to drill has been received and approved. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

INTERIM REGULATIONS ON WELL PERMITS

Moore reviewed that the Groundwater Sub-Committee recommended to the Board that the District adopt some interim regulations for the issuance of well drilling permits within the control area as follows: (1) that no irrigation well shall be drilled upon any land within this control area within 600 feet of any other irrigation well, except any well the water from which is used solely for domestic or livestock use; (2) that no irrigation or industrial well, or a well of any other municipality may be located within 1,000 feet of any municipal well and no municipal well may be located within 1,000 feet of any irrigation or industrial well within a control area; (3) that well spacing requirements conform with county zoning requirements; and (4) that irrigation well spacing requirements shall not apply to the location of more than one irrigation well by a landowner on his own farm so long as each irrigation well is at least 600 feet from any other irrigation well located on a neighboring farm under separate ownership. Taken from the Nebraska Groundwater Management Act, except added number three regulation. Moore made the motion (Motion #18) to have the District adopt these interim regulations for the issuance of well drilling permits within a control area as reviewed. Jensen seconded the motion. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

The Groundwater Sub-Committee suggested that a summary of the letters received in testimony for our control are a regulations hearing and the tapes from the informational meetings be prepared and transcribed.

The Groundwater Sub-Committee has been informed that editors of the Nebraska

Farmer want to do an article on the groundwater modeling studies in the Big Blue Basin. The committee had no objections other than to have the NRD staff review the article prior to publication. The committee reported on the recent public presentations on the control area regulations being well received. Also, would like to have the staff investigate the cost of obtaining a set of aerial photographs for each county of the NRD.

Moore reported that the Clay County GWCD has voted to not be involved in the enforcement of irrigation runoff regulations and complaints during the irrigation season.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #19) to grant tentative approval on six cost-share assistance applications as follows: Marvin Carlson, Polk County, an erosion control structure for \$3,102.20; Robert Nelson, Polk County, terraces and a sod waterway for \$7,669.20; David Person, Hamilton County, an irrigation re-use pit for \$1,083.11; Paul Alms, York County, an irrigation re-use pit for \$1,063.32; Mervin Ransom, Sr., Polk County, detention terraces for \$2,506.32; and David Lux, Polk County, an erosion control structure for \$1,643.77 making a total cost-share request of \$17,067.92. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, .Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Stuhr, Hawthorne

FUNDING TASK FORCE STUDY

Burke briefly described proposals of the Funding Task Force Study. The study presents recommendations of possible methods of raising funds for NRD's and their projects. The Projects and Programs Sub-Committee recommended that the Board support the NARD to adopt the study's recommendations. Burke made the motion to adopt the NARD Funding Task Force Study as reviewed and recommended. McLean seconded the motion. A discussion was held as to the Legislature's future activities. Burke withdrew his motion to wait until further legislation is enacted. McLean withdrew his second.

NRD LEGAL DEFENSE FUND

Burke discussed the Legal Defense Fund for court cases involving NRD's. Two cases have been presented to the NARD for consideration. one is from the Lower Platte South NRD concerning the case of Hammer vs. Lower Platte South NRD which was primarily an attack on the NRD law enacted by the Legislature. The second case is from the Lower Big Blue NRD concerning the case of Krauter vs. Lower Big Blue NRD which concerned eminent domain proceedings. Burke made the motion (Motion #20) to have the District support the Lower Platte South NRD case but not the Lower Big Blue NRD case. Seconded by McLean. A discussion was held as to the constitutionality of the District supporting other NRD's court cases. Kuska amended motion #20 by making a motion (Motion #21) to investigate this through legal counsel and refer back to the Projects and Programs Sub-Committee for further review. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called on amendment. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Question called on original motion. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean., Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Stuhr
ABSENT: Hawthorne

L.B. 450 FUNDS

Burke reported that the Projects and Programs Sub-Committee reviewed a draft of the rules and regulations for L.B. 450 funds. The funding will be available on July 1, 1978, and will be utilized after federal cost-share funds are obligated. The funds will be handled by the NNRC and payments made directly to the landowner. The NRD will administer the program on the local level.

SPECIAL COST-SHARE PRACTICE FOR "IN-BASIN STORAGE IMPOUNDMENTS"

Burke reviewed that the special cost-share practice for "in-basin storage impoundments" is to improve drainage situations and problems in Type I wetlands. The cost-sharing basis on basin impoundments 3 be as follows:(4,000 to 8,000 yds.- 25% of actual 3 cost),(8,000 to 12,000 yds.- 30% of actual cost), and (12,000 to 16,000 yds.- 40% of actual cost). Burke made the motion (Motion *22) to adopt the cost-sharing basis for "in-basin storage impoundments" as reviewed and apply only to Type I wetlands. Ronne seconded the motion. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne

SEWARD COUNTY GROUP EXPRESSED CONCERNS

Burke reported that a group from Seward, County attended-the Projects and Programs Sub-Committee meeting and expressed their concerns about different possibilities for management and storage of water.

STAFF ATTENDING "SEDIMENTATION ENGINEERING SEMINAR"

Burke made the motion (Motion #23) to have the District sponsor Jay Bitner to attend a "Sedimentation Engineering Seminar" in Sacramento, California, this June 12-16, 1978. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hansen, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr

ABSENT: Hawthorne

HENDERSON PARK PROJECT

A group representing the City of Henderson presented their concerns about 'the withholding of payment for the dam at Henderson Park. The dam has washed out because of the lack of compaction and other proper construction techniques. The structure was built to the engineer's specifications. The terms of the contract were discussed. The Projects and Programs Sub-Committee recommended to have the City of Henderson present their concerns for consideration to -the Sub-Committee. Stuhr made the motion to recognize the contract, award payment due and declare project complete. Kuska seconded. Discussion was held as to repair and re-construction of the dam. Stuhr withdrew his motion, Kuska withdrew his second, with the intent that the City of Henderson and the District come to an agreement as to proper modifications and completion of this project.

WILDLIFE HABITAT SPECIAL PRACTICES

Feather reviewed two proposals for special practices for the Wildlife Habitat program. One proposal involves the planting of a strip of native grasses, the other proposal involves planting trees, shrubs and grasses as border plantings. Burke made the motion (Motion #24) to adopt the proposals as special practices for the Wildlife Habitat program as reviewed with a \$100 limit per acre. Moore seconded the motion. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Kaiser, Ronne

ABSENT: Hawthorne

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Burke made the motion (motion #25) to grant final approval for payment the cost-share assistance application of Caroline Martin, Seward County, in the amount of \$931.06 for construction of an irrigation re-use pit. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hansen

ABSENT: Hawthorne

BUTLER COUNTY SOIL SURVEY REPORT

Don Kerl and Monte Babcock, SCS Soil Scientists, reported on the status of the Butler County soil survey. Showed a map of the county's progress and sections completed. Surveying planned to be complete by September. A printed and published Butler County soil survey will be in three years.

Peterson gave a report on the Personnel and Equipment Sub-Committee meeting held April 11, 1978. Reported that Peterson was appointed chairman.

SURVEYING AND SOIL TESTING EQUIPMENT

Peterson reviewed the equipment needs requested by Bitner, District Engineer. A discussion was held as to the quality, percision and cost of the equipment. Concluded that the soil testing and surveying equipment is necessary for the District personnel to carry out engineering procedures for NRD projects. Peterson made the motion (Motion #26) to have the staff purchase the soil testing and surveying equipment needed as reviewed for approximately \$3,700. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne

ENGINEERING TECHNICIAN

Peterson reported that the staff has requested the need for a full-time technician to work with the District Engineer and Operations Supervisor. Peterson made the motion (Motion #27) to create the position of an Engineering Technician for the headquarters staff and proceed in taking applications for the position. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne

FINAL SETTLEMENT OF SALARY FOR FLOYD MARSH

Peterson made the motion (Motion #28) to make final settlement of salary to Floyd Marsh. Seconded by Burke. Stuhr made a motion (Motion #29) to convene the meeting into Executive Session at 11:40 p.m. to discuss the final settlement of salary for Floyd Marsh. Seconded by Moore. Question called on motion #29. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne

Moore made the motion (Motional to re-convene the meeting into Regular Session at 12:15 a.m. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Peterson re-stated his motion 428 to include final settlement of salary to Floyd marsh be \$2,493.20. Second agreed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, 'Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Obermier, Stuhr
ABSENT: Hawthorne

White reported that the Executive Sub-Committee had a meeting April 12, 1978.

BUDGET CHANGE

The Executive Sub-Committee recommended that \$1,000 of Account #169, Office Equipment, be transferred to Account #165, Machinery & Equipment, to cover costs of purchasing surveying and soil testing equipment. Anderson made the motion (Motion #31) to transfer \$1,000 from Account #169 to Account #165. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

PER DIEM AND EXPENSES

Moore made the motion (motion #32) to approve the Directors per them and expenses for the third quarter FY 1978. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Hawthorne

NNRC MEETING REPORT

Anderson reported on the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting held April 13, 1978. He also reported that a Big Blue Basin Policy Advisory Committee meeting was held at Milford April 17, 1978.

NARD BUDGET

Burke gave a brief report on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts budget computations for FY 1979. The overall budget increased only 11%. The annual dues for the Upper Big Blue NRD increased \$1,400.

LITTLE BLUE NRD WATER RIGHTS HEARING REPORT

Turnbull reported that the Little Blue NRD Water Rights Hearing began April 17, 1978, before the Department of Water Resources in Lincoln, Nebraska. The Little Blue NRD will notify the Upper Big Blue NRD when they would like us to present our testimony.

STAFF REPORTS

Turnbull briefly reported from the legislative summary previously distributed. Feather reported that the tree planting program is underway and sixteen sites are completed.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

A Nebraska Resources Development Fund meeting is scheduled for April 25th for the Eligibility Committee.

A Central Butler Water Management Project Hearing is being held April 26th.

The Hastings NW Flood Control Project appraisals will be received during the next month. Appraisers making available the land rights map and quotes.

Meeting adjourned 12:45 a.m.

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Max A. Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
March 16, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Rod Egbarts, York County SCS
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Mike Rabbe, Fillmore County SCS
Max Ronne, Secretary	George Remmenga, Clay County SCS
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Bob Pollock, SCS Soil Scientist
Bruce Anderson, Director	Roger Hammer, SCS Soil Scientist
Raymond Burke, Director	Maurice Medaris, District Technician
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ralph Cady, Conservation & Survey Div.
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Marilyn Ginsberg, Con. & Survey Div.
Roger Kaiser, Director	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Jim McLean, Director	Roger Siebert, Henderson
Norman Obermier, Director	George Kroeker, Henderson
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Don Mierau, Henderson
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Rolland Johnson, Harvard
Roy Stuhr, Director	Leonard Dana, Clay Center
John Turnbull, General Manager	Laura Dana, Clay Center
Jay Bitner, Project Engineer	Marvin Carriker, Harvard
Jim Kraus, Public Information	Nadine Carriker, Harvard
Ken Feather, Operations Supervisor	
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary	

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Mel Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public meeting" published March 7, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Directors absent at roll call of Hansen, McLean and Schneider arriving later in the meeting.

White announced that voting by the Directors will be taken alphabetically moving down the roster for each motion with the Chairman being last to vote.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison Officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation-plans throughout the District for the month of February, 1978. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #1-) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Schneider

Egbarts also reported that the York County District Technician, Don Beranek, resigned as of March 3, 1978, and a new SCS Technician, Robert Glidden, will be starting at the Seward County SCS Office March 27, 1978.

Mike Rabbe, D.C., Fillmore County SCS Office, reported that he is going to hold a Conservation School Day for the Geneva School's 5th and 6th graders May 10, 1978. The program is set up to educate the young people about the

conservation practices of agriculture and to learn about their environment. Directors are welcome. Hope to make this program an annual event for the different schools in Fillmore County.

White introduced the NRD staff. Vice-Chairman Moore welcomed and introduced the guests.

MINUTES

Ronne made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the February 115, 1978, meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Schneider

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the February, 1978, financial statement as presented and approve publication of and payment of accounts payable as reviewed. Seconded by Hegeholz.

Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schneider

NACD CONVENTION AND WATER TOUR

Kaiser and Peterson reported on the NACD national convention held at Anaheim, California, and the California Water Tour, February 5-13, 1978. Directors Anderson, Kaiser, Moore, Peterson and White attended the convention. Kaiser showed a number of colored slides taken on the trip. Peterson reported on different events of the convention and tour. Anderson added a summary of the status of the 208 program on the national level.

NARD Meeting Report

Burke reported on the State Association's meeting held March 14, 1978, in Lincoln. Requested to have a Special Projects and Programs Sub-Committee meeting to review the NARD Funding Taskforce Study for consideration of input at the State Association's May meeting. Also need to review the NRD Legal Defense Fund to have a recommendation to the NARD Board. The Regional NACD meeting will be held in Nebraska in 1979. The 1978 regional meeting is in Wyoming this June.

NNRC Meeting Report

Anderson reported on the Commission's meeting held March 2, 1978. Reviewed status of 1 & 6 Year Comprehensive Plans and long range plans of developing a set of uniform guidelines to plan and write future plans. Discussed the state L.B. 450 funds and the federal 208 funds. Requested that the District write the state senators again supporting the Resources Development Fund be increased to \$4 million.

BIG BLUE BASIN MEETING REPORT

Turnbull reported on the semi-annual Big Blue Basin Meeting held February 23, 1978, at Crete. All attending met with Mayor Behrens and listened to a long discussion of the flooding problems of Crete. The 1978 NARD committee members were chosen appointing a director from either the upper Big Blue NRD or the Lower Big Blue NRD as a voting member representing the Big Blue Basin on each Committee. An alternate director was chosen for each Committee also.

GROUNDWATER MODELING STUDY

Ralph Cady and Marilyn Ginsberg, Conservation & Survey Division, UN-L, reported on the status of the Groundwater Modeling Study for the Upper Big

Blue NRD. Ginsberg referred to the large District map set up in the conference room at the office. Five different maps were made and placed on the District base map showing by color code the data collected on the groundwater studies as follows: orange-shows the Base of the Aquifer, green-shows the Transmissivity (transport of water horizontally), blue-shows the water table for predevelopment conditions, yellow-shows the water table in Spring, 1975. A saturated thickness map is shown in shades of blue (thickness of the aquifer): the dark blue showing aquifer over 300 feet, blue shows 200-300,feet, light blue shows 100-200 feet, and the 'White showing 0-100 feet. This finished product shows data collected through 1977. This groundwater modeling study will be put into a publication for distribution. Suggestions were made that in the final analysis of the study that this be put into simple terms and understandable to all. Turnbull gave a summary of the factors affecting the groundwater model and expressed that these maps are the graphic product from the collected data.

REPORT ON SOIL SURVEYS

Bob Pollock, SCS Soil Scientist, reported on the status of county soil surveys across the District. Showed a map of the published soil surveys, the counties in progress, and the soil surveys completed but not in published form as of October 1, 1977, across the entire state of Nebraska. Reported that the counties of the Upper Big Blue NRD are all in progress or complete. Pollock is now surveying Hamilton County. Roger Hammer, SCS Soil Scientist, reported that he is surveying Clay County and is near completion.

LITTLE BLUE NRD CONTROL AREA HEARING TESTIMONY

Turnbull reviewed a draft narrative prepared for consideration to give as the Upper Big Blue NRD's testimony at the Little Blue NRD's Groundwater Control Area Hearing March 22, 1978, at Davenport. Stuhr made the motion (motion f4) to adopt this draft as formal testimony to be presented at the Little Blue NRD's Groundwater Control Area Hearing. Moore seconded the motion. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

Turnbull suggested that a member of the Groundwater Sub-Committee present this testimony at the Little Blue NRD's Hearing. Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to appoint Larry Moore, Chairman of the Groundwater Sub-Committee, present the Upper Big Blue NRD's testimony at the Little Blue NRD's Groundwater Control Area Hearing March 22, 1978, at Davenport. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, white
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

HOLD PAYMENT OF HENDERSON PARK DAM

White recalled that a previous motion approved payment of accounts payable as reviewed. The payment for construction costs of the Henderson Park Dam which has failed and washed out was also included under that motion. Anderson made the motion (Motion #6) to hold payment of the Henderson Park Dam until the NRD staff can inspect the site. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

1978 SUB-COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS

White reviewed the 1978 sub-committee appointments as set up by the Executive Committee and reported that each Director will serve on only two committees. Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to approve the Executive Sub-Committee's 1978 committee assignments. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

PROJECTS & PROGRAMS AND GROUNDWATER SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Turnbull reported on the joint meeting of the Projects & Programs Sub-Committee and the Groundwater Sub-Committee. Dori Comer, Ag. Econ., UN-L, made a presentation on the economic outlook of irrigation and recharge projects in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Dave Thomssen, Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger, gave the committees an update on his work on surface water and its potential storage sites and uses in the District. A discussion period followed each presentation.

A short discussion was held concerning the petition on the trans-basin diversion of water. Turnbull reviewed the Tri-County project, and explained that this petition is to enable other basins the right to transfer and divert water. Further comments on surface water uses and groundwater recharge were made.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS Burke made the motion (motion #8) to grant final approval for payment the cost-share assistance application of Jerry Stahr, York County, in the amount of \$1,240.27 for construction of an irrigation re-use pit. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to grant an extension on the cost-share assistance application of Vern Mullner, York County, for an irrigation re-use pit not complete due to weather conditions for ninety days. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (motion #10) to grant tentative approval for two cost-share assistance applications of Cleo Rabbe, Clay County, for terraces at \$914.00, and water control structures at \$1,988.60. Seconded by Hegeholz. Hansen questioned whether Clay County ACP funds were allocated. George Remmenga, Clay County SCS, responded by reporting that the Clay County funds have been all obligated. A discussion followed as to the cost-share program policies. Stuhr made a motion to grant tentative approval on just one of the practices as an amendment to Burke's motion #10. No second. Amendment to motion #10 dies. Communications between county ASCS offices and the NRD office were recommended. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter
NAY: Obermier, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Ronne, White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to accept the cost-share assistance application of Marv Carlson, Polk County, and hold until receive all planned conservation practices to be included under the ASCS \$2,500 limit. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter
NAY: Hansen, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Obermier, White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

SPECIAL COST-SHARE PRACTICE FOR "IN-BASIN STORAGE IMPOUNDMENTS"

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to adopt the special cost-share practice for "in-basin storage impoundments" with the cost-sharing basis as follows: 4,000,00 cu. yds.=25% of actual cost; 8,000-12,000 cu. yds.=30% of actual cost; and 12,000-16,000 cu. yds.=40% of actual cost, with a limit for FY 78 of \$20,000. Obermier seconded. Discussion followed as to the details of the practice. Moore amended motion #12 to table the provisions of this cost-share practice and refer back to the Projects & Programs Sub-Committee for further discussion and definition. Stuhr seconded. Consultation with Game & Parks Commission and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service were recommended. The provisions for this special cost-share practice will be discussed at the next Board meeting. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr
NAY: Burke, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier
ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska A discussion was held concerning the adoption of the special cost-share practice for "inbasin storage impoundments" which was approved at the February Board meeting. Burke explained that the intent of his motion #12 was to approve the cost-sharing basis as the provisions for this practice. Stuhr recommended that details of the practice be clarified, defined~and made more specific. Therefore, the tabled motion #12 will be reviewed by the Projects and Programs Sub-Committee and provisions recommended for approval be made at the next Board meeting.

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion 413) to re-approve and support the original design of the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Dam including a thirty-two (32) foot top width. Ronne Seconded. Turnbull explained that after the February Board meeting City of Hastings and Adams County decided to widen the roadway to the increased top width of sixty-four (64) feet and asked that the NRD reconsider cost-sharing on the additional costs of widening the structure. Burke amended his motion to include that if the City of Hastings and Adams County wish to re-design the project to a sixty-four (64) top width, so allow and that additional costs be shared by the City and County. Therefore, the NRD will cost-share only on the original design costs. Second agreed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

SCHOOL CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT

Turnbull reviewed the status of the School Creek Watershed project. HDR of Omaha reported that they have provided all the consulting services agreed to in the original contract by their completion of the feasibility study. HDR has requested to have their contract extended to complete necessary negotiations with the committees of the Resources Development Fund Advisory Board for bringing about successful funding for the project. HDR proposes they proceed on the basis of NRD reimbursing salary times 2.5, plus travel and per them to attend necessary meetings for project funding. Ronne suggested that we keep HDR as the consulting agency because of their current involvement and familiarity of the project. Anderson made a motion (Motion 14) to retain Henningson-Durham-Richardson (HDR) as the consulting agency for the School Creek Project and extend their contract for additional engineering services required not to exceed a maximum of \$5,000. Burke seconded. Discussion was

held on the formula of the reimbursement of the expenses. Turnbull reported that this formula is the same basis of reimbursement set up in the original contract which is the usual standard basis for payment of expenses. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, white
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

Turnbull further reported that the Technical Committee of the Advisory Board approved the technical concept of Dam Site #3 of the School Creek Watershed Project. A meeting is being held Friday, March 17, 1978, with the Environmental Committee of which no problem is foreseen for their approval. The third committee, the Economic Committee is very concerned of loan vs. grant, and propose a detailed monitoring system be installed to determine amount of groundwater recharge actually receiving to develop methods and data to be applied on other sites throughout the state. Suggest we determine cost and details of how to set up design of the monitoring system. This would then be included in the application and details are-being developed.

A discussion was held on other sites of the School Creek Watershed project. It is recommended to meet with local landowners of the area to get support of Dam Site #3 and other proposed sites of the project. The feasibility study is a report of proposed sites subject to changes.

CONSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

Turnbull reviewed the construction schedule of the Friesen Watershed of Hamilton County. Two county road structures are involved. The Bergen structure has been designed by SCS and is ready for construction. Easements are being obtained. The Friesen structure downstream of Bergen is also designed. The landowners would like to have this structure built this spring also. Hamilton County has reported that they do not have the funds to build it in FY 78 and would prefer to hold construction until FY 79. However, the committee recommends to have both structures built at the same by one contractor. Schneider suggested that Hamilton County put in writing whether or not they would participate in building a second structure. Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to proceed with both the Bergen and Friesen Structures in the Friesen Watershed for construction in this spring and summer season. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

DESIGN BEGIN ON VANDENBERG STRUCTURE

Burke made the motion (Motion #16) to proceed with design work on a proposed road structure for Fred Vandenberg, Butler, County. Anderson seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

White reported that a meeting will be held next week at David City concerning the Struebing Structure of the Central Butler Water Management Project.

GROUNDWATER SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING REPORT

Moore reported on the Groundwater Sub-Committee meeting. Discussed a preliminary review of the written testimony received after the Groundwater Management Hearing. Transcript of the hearing testimony is in progress. Reviewed the status of the GWCD districts, LOB. 411. Discussed the utilization of the comments received at the hearing and from the written testimony. Reported no changes in the proposals. All information concerning the

groundwater management proposals will be reviewed and a report will be made. 349 letters have been received since the hearing and entered into the record. Each letter has been answered by an acknowledgment of receipt. Stuhr suggested that the letters be condensed into a summary report and referred to the Education and Information Sub-Committee for review.

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Turnbull reported that the legislative report will be a copy of the Commission's weekly legislative report as distributed. Suggested that each Director write a letter to the state senators concerning funding on the Appropriations bill of L.B. 4.50, the resources development fund increased to \$4 million, and increased funding for the state water plan.

WILDLIFE HABITAT SEMINAR REPORT

Feather reported that a seminar was held at the NRD office discussing the wildlife habitat program February 21, 1978. A morning session dealt with concerns from the SCS, ASCS, Game & Parks Commission, the conservation officers and forestry department offices. An afternoon session was conducted with individual cooperators answering their questions and concerns.

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET REPORT

Kraus reported on the Annual Awards Banquet held February 25, 1978. Total costs for the Banquet were \$1,176.48. Ticket sales were \$545.00. Actual Costs were \$631.48.

Kaiser questioned the intent of the legislative bill L.B. 785 related to the designation of a control area. Turnbull reviewed the bill with amendments from the distributed legislative report. Make ourselves very aware of all bills intent concerning the involvement of the District.

INVESTMENTS

McLean discussed the status of the investments, the District's savings and certificates of deposit. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #17) to have the Budget and Finance-- Sub-Committee review the schedule of investments and improve the rate of interest on our certificates of deposit. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
February 16, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Ben Schole, Game & Parks Commission
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Jerry Renaud, York KAWL Radio
Max Ronne I Secretary	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Susan Coon, Seward Co. SCS Clerk
Raymond Burke, Director	Harold Fausch, Seward Co. SCS)
Wayne Hansen, Director	Gene Bergen, Lushton
Bob Hawthorne, Director	George Wochner, Bradshaw
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Alvin Bolte, Fairmont
Roger Kaiser, Director	George Michels, Fairmont
Jim McLean, Director	Dale Siebert, Henderson
Norman Obermier, Director	Don Mierau, Henderson
LeVerne Peterson, Director	Dwaine Friesen, Hampton
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Kenneth Kroeker, Henderson
Roy Stuhr, Director	Edwin Johnson, Shickley
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	Ralph Keil, Fairmont
Ken Feather, Assistant Manager	Bob Bettger, Fairmont
Jim Kraus, Assistant Manager	Larry Schepers, Fairmont
Linda McBride, Admin. Secretary	Don Hofferber, Fairmont
John Turnbull	Robert Siebert, Henderson
Rod Egbarts, York Co. SCS	Carl Buller, Henderson
Dave Mazour, Little Blue NRD	Robert Stuhr, Utica

ABSENT

Bruce Anderson, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Mel Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public meeting" published February 9, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. Vice-Chairman Moore introduced and welcomed guests. Roll call was taken of the members present, with Directors absent at roll call of Hansen, Schneider and Stuhr arriving later in the meeting.

White reported on the Groundwater Management Hearing held January 31, 1978, at the York City Auditorium, that no formal action will be taken concerning the management proposals at this meeting. Hearing record closes February 28.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison Officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of January, 1978. Floyd Marsh reviewed an additional Cooperative Agreement request with the Board of Educational Lands and Funds and Lessee, Lease #82376-85, the SW1/4 SE1/4 Section 16, THAN, RAW, Gerald & Noel Kealiher, Polk, Nebraska, York County. Peterson made the motion (motion #1) to approve all the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None.

ABSTAIN: Hansen

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska, Schneider

Egbarts also reviewed the 1977 Accomplishments comparing to the 1976 report as distributed. (Copy attached to minutes).

MINUTES

Burke made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the January 19, 1978, meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Schneider made the motion (motion #3) to adopt the January, 1978, financial statement as presented and approve publication of and payment of accounts payable as reviewed with change of Lower Big Blue NRD payment of Irrigation Scheduling cooperators to correct account of Special Projects. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

SEPARATION PAY FOR FLOYD MARSH

Ronne questioned a motion (Motion #20) of the December 15, 1977, minutes. The motion was read which concerned the salary separation pay adjustment for Floyd Marsh at termination of employment. After a discussion was held, Kaiser made the motion (Motion #4) to review the content of Motion #20 of the December 15, 1977, meeting against the tapes and refer verification to the Personnel and Equipment Sub-Committee. Schlueter seconded the motion. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Moore, Obermier

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

Mr. Richard Dirmeyer, General Manager, of the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, reported on the conjunctive use of surface water and groundwater supplies in the Tri-County area. The drought of the 1930's really got the Tri-County project underway, consisting of actually four counties -Gosper, Phelps, Kearney and Adams. By the decision of the Osterman case, it was prohibited to transfer water from one river basin to another river basin. Therefore, the Tri-County project was restricted to providing surface -water just to the Platte Basin. Large surface water facilities, such as Lake McConaughy, were built to store water which is accomplished during the winter and spring months by snow melt of Colorado, through irrigation cycles in Wyoming, and return flow water from drains in the North Platte Project area around Scottsbluff. The canal system developed furnished storage water to supplement irrigation to the Central Nebraska District.

The canal system is set up of a stream coming in through a ridge, meeting a dam forming a lake, and cutting through another ridge. Thereby, setting lip a string of lakes and streams which supports and increases the level of the water table. This ground water build-up has almost stopped in some areas of the District and in other areas, while slowed, is still rising many irrigation wells have been drilled in south-central Nebraska during the past ten years. These wells serve as a drainage control necessary to balance the in-flow and out flow of ground water-and surface water uses. If you have wells only, it is possible to pull the water table down to the point of drying up the rivers.

If you have a system with only an irrigation project, without wells, the water table builds up to the point where it causes drainage problems to get the water table from seeping out lands. A balance of wells and canals working together stabilizing the water table is the ultimate system. A question and answer period followed the presentation.

LITTLE BLUE NRD WATER RIGHTS APPLICATIONS

Floyd Marsh reviewed the status of the Little Blue NRD water rights application to the Department of Water Resources to provide a surface water diversion to their Little Blue Water Resources Project. Hearing is scheduled for February 22, 1978. Dave Mazour, General Manager, Little Blue NRD, reported on the support for diversion rights for their project and that four separate applications were required, two appropriation rights and two storage rights, one each on the Platte River and one each on the Little Blue River. Burke questioned the effect of the Upper Big Blue NRD taking a formal position to support the concept of transbasin diversion by stating our needs for development in our Basin in the future. Mazour commented that it would show only as a matter of record in the testimony. Kaiser made the motion (motion #5) to approve the development of a formal position to support the concept of the Little Blue NRD water rights application of providing a surface water diversion to their Water Resources project. Seconded by Burke. Marsh further reviewed an outline of support recommendations to develop a formal written position for testimony. After much discussion, Schlueter suggested that we support the concept without stating our needs. Kaiser then expanded on his motion to include that the District support the Little Blue NRD water rights application concept without stating our needs. Second agreed. Mazour summarized by stating that the Upper Big Blue NRD would support the request by the Little Blue NRD to gain a surface water appropriation from the Platte River for their Little Blue Water Resources Project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATION

Burke made the motion (motion #6) to grant final approval for payment the cost-share assistance application of Maylon Hanson, Hamilton County, in the amount of \$1,110.88 for construction of an irrigation re-use pit. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM (WHIP.) APPLICATIONS

After review, Burke made the motion (Motion #7)~to grant approval of thirty-three (33) Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) applications received during the January, 1978, sign-up period as formal contracts with a total of 344.6 acres and a total payment of 25% of \$5,939 (\$1,484.75) and disapprove three (3) applications (Griess-Site ½ Bailey and Baller) because they did not meet the requirements of the program. Seconded by Hegeholz. After much discussion, applications have been accepted on the basis of expending our funds to improve and develop wildlife areas. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Obermier, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

EXTENSION OF WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM

Burke made the motion (motion #8) to extend the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program sign-up period from March 1 through June 1, 1978, on a "first Come,

first serve" basis utilizing the remaining budget allocation and limiting applications to Practice I and III. Feather explained that approximately \$8,000 total is remaining in the budget to allocate an extension of additional WHIP applications under Practices I and III only. Motion seconded by Peterson. Question Called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

SPECIAL COST-SHARE PRACTICE FOR "IN-BASIN STORAGE IMPOUNDMENTS"

After review of an outlined draft of a special cost-share practice to promote development of "in-basin storage impoundments, Burke made the motion (motion #9) to approve that the NRD add this special practice to the Cost-Share Assistance program, adopt the concept on a demonstrational basis with provisions and allocate for the FY 1978 budget a limit of \$20,000 for this practice. 'A discussion was held concerning provisions of the special practice. The motion was seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White

NAY: Schneider, Stuhr

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to proceed with the proposed Fred Miller Structure located in the NE1/4 Section 7, T14N, R3E, and be placed on the Spring, 1978, construction schedule at a cost-share rate of 75% of construction costs estimated to be \$10,700 (\$8,025) in accordance with guidelines adopted for special projects. Marsh commented that an easement needs to be secured from the landowner. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hawthorne

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) that the proposed overall project of the Central Butler Water Management Project including the Struebing Structure 10e advanced to public hearing and authorize submittal of a formal project application and feasibility report be made for funding through the Nebraska Resources Development Fund. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Obermier, Ronne

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to enter into an agreement with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission establishing eligibility for utilization of L.B. 71 funds to acquire land rights necessary for development of the Struebing Structure. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

Burke mentioned the work being done on the prioritization of hydrologic units and the update of the Comprehensive Plan will be developed for review at the next Sub-Committee meeting and considered advancement at the March Board meeting.

ULYSSES ROAD AND CHANNEL RE-LOCATION PROPOSAL

marsh reviewed the status of the Butler County proposal for the Village of Ulysses. Burke made the motion (Motion #13) that the NRD support the position of Butler County outlined in a formal resolution advancing the proposal to the Nebraska Department of Roads with alternatives (a) re-locating the channel with replacement of existing county bridge and state bridge with one bridge at northeast edge of Ulysses or (b) re-locate county road with placement of state bridge across channel. Seconded by Moore. A discussion was held concerning the alternatives of the road and channel re-location proposal. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Moore, Peterson, White
NAY: Obermier, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Schlueter
ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

White stated that we are on record by action of Board decision to participate in construction costs associated with the proposed channel re-location, bridge replacements and highway realignment northeast of Ulysses subject to NRD review.

Schneider made the motion (Motion #14) to support alternative (b) of the Butler County resolution to re-locate the county road eliminating proposed channel re-location. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. motion failed.

AYE: Burke, Kaiser, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White
NAY: Stuhr
ABSTAIN: Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, McLean, Obermier, Ronne
ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

By this action, the NRD is still in support of alternative (a) on a tentative basis as the project develops by Board action April, 1977.

HOTTOVY-BUTLER COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to proceed with the preliminary project planning on the proposed Hottovy-Butler County road structure. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #16) to support the original project design including a thirty-two (32) foot top width as the basis for the NRD's cost-share participation and that the City the Hastings or Adams County jointly share the additional costs estimated at \$24,000 to revise design by increasing the top width to sixty-four (64) feet. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska

Burke mentioned that a copy of the calendar year 1977 Cost-Share Activities is attached to the Sub-Committee report for your information.

Moore referred back to the prioritization of the Hydrologic Units and suggested that the entire Board review these areas of activity. Advice taken.

Stuhr asked the status of the Weiss structure. Marsh reported that it is on the Spring, 1978, construction schedule. Easements are needed before bids will be let. District waiting on NPPD plans.

Schneider asked whether the NRD will cost-share on flow meters after the County ACP budget allocation for this practice is exhausted. Hanson commented

that there are a lot of County practices that the NRD does not cost-share on, and a formal action must be taken in order to extend this practice under the cost-share program.

NARD-NRD WASHINGTON, D.C. TRIP

The NARD has decided to make its annual trip to Washington, D.C., for visits and briefings with the Congressional Delegation Representatives and Federal Agencies and organizations. This year the Association has invited each NRD to send some representatives to participate in sessions on projects, programs and activities carried out with Federal assistance across the State. A small delegation will make the trip the week of March 19th. Ronne made the motion (motion #17) to send Ray Burke as the representative of the Board and John Turnbull from the staff on the NARD-NRD Washington, D.C., trip. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Burke

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska, Stuhr

Burke reported on the NARD Committee assignments which will be delegated and representatives chosen at the Big Blue River Basin meeting at Crete, February 23, 1978.

NACD Directorship from Nebraska was previously decided at the NACD Convention in Anaheim, California. Warren Pattfield was selected as the representative of Nebraska.

Report on the NACD Convention will be delayed until the March Board meeting.

Status of the current legislation will be sent after the meeting in a written report.

GROUNDWATER PUBLIC MEETINGS

Marsh briefly reported for information that the District did conduct seven public informational meetings; a summary of major comments from those meetings has been made, and conducted a public hearing for the presentation of groundwater management proposals. The hearing record has been left open until February 28, 1978, are receiving various and a number of individual comments by mail as of this date. A general letter will be sent to those people corresponding their comments by mail acknowledging receipt of their comments.,

Turnbull briefly reported on the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service meeting where they provided a written plan on how they propose to operate their wells in the wetland basins in south-central Nebraska for the year of 1978. The wells are listed by legal description and by priority. A current maximum estimate of 3,000 acre feet of water will be pumped into 3,700 wetland acres which is over several counties. A couple locations are within the District. In the event the U.S., Fish and Wildlife Service is proved in negligence or declared to have caused damages to a neighbor of any tract of land, the landowner may seek claim through the federal courts. The diking proposals have been postponed, before design they will go through proper engineering. On any future well drillings, they will work through the State Office of Planning and Programming and then notify the NRD.

Kraus reported on the Annual Awards Banquet that final preparations are underway, the entertainment confirmed, and ticket sales are responding.

Marsh commented on the Lower Platte South NRD Control Area Hearing. The District did testify at the hearing. Reports made did indicate that there is sufficient evidence to grant a control area. A School Creek Project hearing was held February 6, 1978, at Sutton. Preparing the hearing proceeding at this time. The staff has met with the three-committees of the Nebraska

Resources Development Fund Advisory Board to review the project' application and feasibility report. More meetings are scheduled in the near future. The Directors discussed the different proposed sites in the watershed.

Marsh made the announcement that Linda McBride be advanced to Administrative Secretary to fill the vacancy of Marci Azaroff, and that a replacement for the Assistant Secretary has been hired and will start immediately.

A review and selection of the 1978 Sub-Committees will be reported at the March Board meeting.

Marsh commented on the Governor's recommendation for the budget of FY 1979 to appropriate \$1 million for special projects. The Nebraska Natural Resources Commission has requested that \$4 million be appropriated to spend on these projects. Moore made the motion (Motion #18) to support the request of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission of a FY 1979 appropriation of \$4 million to the Nebraska Resources Development Fund in contrast to the \$1 million in the Governor's budget bill, L.B. 939. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter

Obermier made a motion (Motion #19) to enter into Executive Session. Seconded by Stuhr. Moore asked if a matter to be discussed be entered in motion. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, Peterson, Schneider, White

ABSENT: Anderson, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter

Obermier discussed the situation of having two General Managers on board. White reported on the transition date of the managers as being February 27th.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Schneider made the motion (Motion #20) to enter into Executive Session to discuss the status of the General Managers at 4:55 p.m. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter

White called the meeting back to order at 6:10 p.m.

STAFF TRANSITION

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #21) to have John Turnbull assume full managership of the District February 20, 1978, and utilize the services of Floyd Marsh until Marsh be relieved of his duties March 3, 1978. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Burke, Moore

ABSENT: Anderson, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter

Meeting was adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Max A. Ronne, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
January 19, 1978

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD offices in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Marci Azaroff, Administrative Secretary
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Linda McBride, Secretary
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Rod Egbarts, York Co. SCS
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Craig Pipe, Blue River Assn. G19CD
Bruce Anderson, Director	Dory Comer, Water Resources Center
Raymond Burke, Director	Keith Nieman, York Co. Extension
Wayne Hansen, Director	Don Beranek, District Technician
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Alvin Bolte, Fairmont
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Leonard Stone, York
Melvin Kuska, Director	Fred Erks, Waco
Jim McLean, Director	Norman Wellman, Waco
Norman Obermier, Director	Glenn Phillips, Benedict
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Dennis Clark
Max Ronne, Director	Jim Jacobson, McCool
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	
Ken Feather, Assistant Manager	
Jim Kraus, Assistant Manager	

ABSENT

Hans Jensen, Director
Roger Kaiser, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published January 12, 1978, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Vice-Chairman Moore introduced guests. Directors Anderson, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska and Obermier were absent at roll call but arrived later.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans throughout the District for the month of December, 1977. Burke made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, white.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska.

Egbarts reported the design of the Gonnerman-Schmidt Road Structure would be completed and out by March 30, 1978.

MINUTES

Peterson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the December 15, 1977 meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, Ronne.

ABSENT: Jensen, Kasier, Kuska.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the December 1977 financial statement as presented and approve publication of and payment of accounts payable as listed. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to suspend the By-Laws to accept nominations from the floor for each officer and to vote for each officer by written ballot if more than one person is nominated for the office. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White, Kuska, McLean, Ronne.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Chairman. Burke nominated Morris White. Seconded by Schlueter. There being no further nominations, Peterson made the motion (Motion #5) to close nominations for Chairman and cast an unanimous ballot for Morris White as Chairman. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice-Chairman. Anderson nominated Larry Moore. There being no further nominations, Kuska made the motion (Motion #6) to close nominations for Vice-Chairman and cast an unanimous ballot for Larry Moore as Vice-Chairman. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Moore

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Burke nominated Bob Schneider. There being no further nominations, Kuska made the motion (motion #7) to close nominations for Treasurer and cast an unanimous ballot for Bob Schneider as Treasurer. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Schneider

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Secretary. Obermier nominated Roy Stuhr. Stuhr then declined the nomination, and placed in nomination the name of Max Ronne. Anderson nominated LaVerne Peterson. There being no further nominations, Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to close nominations for Secretary. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Ballots were distributed to each Director. Chairman White appointed Rod Egbarts and Jim Kraus to tally votes. After count of ballots, the result was announced as: Ronne - 8 votes and Peterson - 7 votes.

The floor was then opened for nominations for District Representative -to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. Kuska nominated Ray Burke. There being no additional nominations, Schneider made the motion (motion #9) to close the nominations and cast an unanimous ballot for Ray Burke as Representative of the Upper Big Blue NRD to the NARD. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Burke
ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

The Chairman called for nominations for alternate representative to the NARD. Anderson nominated LaVerne Peterson. There being no additional nominations, Kuska made the motion (Motion #10) to close nominations for alternate representative to the NARD and to cast an unanimous ballot for LaVerne Peterson as alternate representative to the NARD. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Peterson
ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

AMENDMENT TO UN-L GROUNDWATER RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT CONTRACT

Marsh reviewed the Amendment and presented it to the Board for approval. He explained the amendment extended the scope of the groundwater management model. District contribution based on budget projections made by the Water Resources Center will be \$28,500, for the contract year ending December 1978. Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to approve Amendment #3 (copy attached to the file minutes) to the Groundwater Research & Development Contract (Master Cooperative Agreement dated November 22, 1974) presently in effect with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, extending said contract through December, 1978. Seconded by Anderson. Brief discussion followed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: McLean
ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to grant tentative approval to application for terraces for Meinberg, Seward County at estimated cost of \$1,500. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Burke made the motion (Motion #13) to grant final approval to cost-share applications totaling \$6,692.74 as follows: Double March Farms, Hamilton Co., erosion control dam (\$857.47); Regier, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,196.94); Eskildsen, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,186.62); Troyer, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,100.56); Oschner Trust, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,110.88); and Gonnerman, Polk Co., re-use pit (\$1,240.27). Seconded by Hawthorne. Question

called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

BAILEY DAM (YORK COUNTY)

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to table Bailey Dam project proposal until the new Project Engineer (who is to take his position March 1, 1978) can review and re-evaluate the preliminary information based upon alternate centerline alignments. Seconded by Stuhr. Discussion followed concerning the proposed location, placement and size of the dam. It was also pointed out the Directors would benefit by inspection of projects prior to vote on and/or support of a project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

KASSIK-FILLMORE COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #15) to proceed with the Kassik-Fillmore County Road Structure as recommended by the private engineering firm providing design with the District assuming responsibility for any damages associated with the Emil E. Kassik property (described as N1/2 SW1/4 Section 15, T6N, R1W), which can be proven as a result of construction of the structure. Seconded by Hegeholz. Discussion dealt with the approach to the build of the dam as designed by the private engineer and the need for moving ahead with the project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

ROADSIDE SEEDING

Feather presented a proposed roadside seeding program for the District to implement. Questions and discussion followed dealing with the need for the program, the species of grasses proposed in the program and the burning of roadsides, resulting in an amendment to modify the original proposal as presented. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #16) to amend the proposed roadside seeding program to add item #4 to prohibit burning of the roadsides per the Game & Parks Commission criteria on their Private Lands Habitat program. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Burke made the motion (Motion #17) to adopt the proposed roadside seeding program (copy attached. to file minutes) as amended with a limit of \$2,000 to be spent during FY 1978 by the NRD, with the District paying for seed after the Game & Parks Commission has exhausted its funds; to discourage use of brome grass; the County being responsible for application or planting of seed; and to prohibit burning of roadsides in accordance with the Game & Parks Commission criteria used in their Private Lands Habitat Program. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.

NAY: Kuska, Obermier, Schneider, Stuhr.

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT AGREEMENT

Marsh reviewed the Agreement and explained the Amendment and its specific points for progressive financing of the project. Burke made the motion (motion #18) to approve an amendment to the basic administrative agreement for the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project, outlining specific provisions for project financing. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hegeholz, Kuska, Obermier.

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Burke reported on the progress of the Shelby-West Drainage Area Project, noting the renewed interest and efforts of local residents to set up a project area.

TREE PLANTING EQUIPMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #19) to approve the purchase of tree planting equipment (tree planter - \$2,000; trailer - \$1,200; and 40-50 HP tractor up to \$1,500), for a total of approximately \$4,700. Seconded by Hansen. Discussion followed concerning the deviation from general procedure in routing equipment purchases through the Personnel & Equipment Sub-Committee and the need for action to authorize the equipment purchase immediately thus waiving the additional time needed to send the request through the Personnel & Equipment Sub-Committee. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: Stuhr

ABSTAIN: McLean, Obermier.

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Brief discussion followed concerning drainage districts and drainage areas, their purpose, advantages and how to use them effectively for water control and storage, also touching on suggested cost and cost-share with agencies. Staff is in the process of drafting criteria for a special practice to deal with drainage areas.

IRRIGATION CHECK VALVE STUDY

Burke made the motion (Motion #20) to participate in the irrigation check valve study proposed by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission as 2108 planning activity (reimbursable study). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.

NAY: Stuhr

ABSTAIN: Schneider

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

ADDITIONAL COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #21) to approve cost-share assistance applications (on tentative basis) received after the Projects & Programs Sub-Committee Meeting, as follows, in the amount of \$3,189.51:

Stahr, York Co., re-use pit (\$1,296.27); Rathje, York Co., re-use pit (\$917.67); and Mullner, York Co., re-use pit (\$975.57). Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Burke made the motion (Motion #22) to grant final approval to cost-share applications received after the Projects & Programs Sub-Committee, in the amount of \$3,232.83, as follows: Bailey, York Co., re-use pit (\$1,003.07);

David, Polk Co., re-use pit (\$1,063.78); and Bish, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,165.98). Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

AWARD FARM FAMILY BANQUET

Anderson made the motion (Motion #23) to send a special letter of invitation to each Director's wife with a complimentary ticket to the Award Farm Family Banquet, in special recognition of her contribution to the District's business and to also issue complimentary tickets to each Director and to each headquarters staff member and his/her spouse. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

STAFF RECRUITMENT

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #24) to offer to R. J. Bitner of Marion, Ohio, the position of Assistant Manager (Project Engineer) beginning as soon as possible, but not later than March 1, 1978, at an initial salary of \$18,000 per annum plus reimbursement of actual and necessary relocation expenses not to exceed \$1,000 to be negotiated by management. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

VEHICLE BIDS

Ronne made the motion (Motion #25) to accept the low bid proposal of Geis Motor Company for a heavy duty 1-2 ton 2WD pick-up truck at \$5,324.28. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: Stuhr

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE BENEFITS

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #26) to declare the District as a reimbursable employer under the Nebraska Employment Security Act. Seconded by Hansen. Marsh explained the law governing the unemployment contribution requirement and option for political subdivisions. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Ronne

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

PROFESSIONAL AND ORGANIZATIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

Stuhr made the motion (motion #27) to approve memberships in professional and trade organizations for staff. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Marsh briefly reviewed the petition by the Little Blue NRD for transbasin diversion and discussion followed concerning the Upper Big Blue NRD's position on the question and the District's statement for presentation at the hearing on the petition to be held in late February or early March. Discussion followed.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

Moore explained in detail the allocation plan (Plan B) as put together by the Groundwater Sub-Committee and Advisors (copy of Plan B attached to file minutes). He also reviewed the objectives and goals of the groundwater management system (copy attached to file minutes) and the proposed features and implementation timetable as a general framework for implementing the management system (copy attached to file minutes). Lengthy discussion followed with questions and answers on alternate plans to allocation with metering plan for control. Additional discussion followed on all phases of the proposed control plan and timetable, touching on acceptance by the public, cost of equipment and availability of equipment and implementation or enforcement of the control system. Moore made the motion (Motion #28) to adopt in concept Plan B, general allocation plan, as the standard ground water management system (copy attached to file minutes). Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz,, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: Hawthorne, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr.

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Burke made the motion (motion #29) to adopt the statement of groundwater objectives as general goals of the future groundwater management system (copy attached to file minutes). Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr.

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser.

Moore made the motion (Motion #30) to adopt the proposed features and implementation timetable as general framework for implementing the groundwater management system (copy attached to file minutes). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: Ronne

ABSTAIN: Obermier

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser, Stuhr.

Moore made the motion (Motion #31) to adopt as interim guidelines and later incorporate into final administrative rules and regulations, the proposed flow meter specifications, installation standards and service responsibilities as revised by comments received from major meter manufacturers. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Obermier, Ronne.

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser, Stuhr.

TESTIMONY FOR CONTROL AREA HEARING FOR LOWER PLATTE SOUTH NRD

Moore made the motion (Motion #32) to present testimony (copy attached to file minutes) to the Department of Water Resources at the control area. hearing for the Lower Platte South NRD scheduled on February 1, 1978, as the formal statement of the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Anderson. Question called.

Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean,
Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser, Stuhr.

Burke briefly reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Conference, noting the resolution which would be of interest to the District. He also noted an upcoming trip scheduled to Washington, D.C. and the committee assignments which would be made on a basin area basis and would be announced in the near future.

The Legislative Report was distributed to the Board and additional reports and briefs on certain bills of interest to the District would be sent -to Board members periodically.

Marsh reported briefly on the meeting with the Fish & Wildlife Service concerning well drilling for wetlands in the District.

STAFF RESIGNATION

Burke made the motion (Motion #33) to accept with sincere regret, accompanied by a certificate of appreciation, the resignation of Marci Azaroff, Administrative Secretary. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Jensen, Kaiser, Stuhr.

Respectfully submitted,

by

Max Ronne, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
December 15, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 10:00 a.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Marvin Carlson, UN-L Cons. & Survey
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Gary Lewis, WRC
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Marshall Taylor, WRC
Bruce Anderson, Director	Neil Morgan, WRC
Raymond Burke, Director	Dori Comer, Ag Econ. Dept.-UN-L
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Ray Supalla, Ag Econ. Dept.-UN-L
Gerald Hegeholz, Director	Terry Stork, Dept. Ag Eng.-- UN-L
Hans Jensen, Director	Gerald Wallen, NRC
Roger Kaiser, Director	John Hanlon, for Rep. Thone
Jim McLean, Director	John Ehlers, Seward Co. Commissioners
Norman Obermier, Director	Mayor Behrens, Crete
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Keith Neimann, York Co. Extension
Max Ronne, Director	George Wockner, Bradshaw
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	Roger Warner, Polk
Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager	Jim Barr, York
Ken Feather, Assistant Manager	Jack Spalding, KHAS-TV
Marci Azaroff, Admin. Secretary	Jerry Renaud, KAWL Radio
Linda McBride, Secretarial Assistant	
Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times	
Jim Kraus, Assistant Manager	
Rod Egbarts, York Co. SCS	
Sherm Throckmorton, Polk Co. SCS	
Ruth Greene, District Clerk	
Lee Baker, HDR, Omaha	
Barry Butterfield, HDR, Omaha	
Ralph Cady, UN-L Cons. & Survey Div.	

ABSENT

Wayne Hansen, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Robert Schneider, Treasurer

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published December 8, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Larry Moore introduced guests.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the District for the month of November, 1977. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hegeholz, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

Egbarts then reported that the position of DC in Fillmore County had been filled, effective mid-January, 1978. Mike Rabbe would be assuming the position. Charles McLain was appointed to replace Lenard Hosack, who is

retiring December 31, 1977, at the Saline County SCS office. Egbarts also noted Saline County soil mapping was scheduled to begin after the first of the year.

MINUTES

Hawthorne made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the November 17, 1977 meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the November, 1977 financial statement as presented and to approve payment of and publication of accounts payable as listed. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT

Moore made the motion (Motion #4) to accept the feasibility report on the School Creek Watershed Project presented by Henningson, Durham & Richardson, advancing the project proposal to public hearing status, authorizing advertisement of the public hearing to be scheduled prior to the next Advisory Board Meeting and authorizing HDR to proceed with preparation of the formal application for funds. Lee Baker, Engineer from HDR, reviewed the feasibility report on the project which had been distributed to the Directors prior to the meeting, pointing up the purpose of the study, the results and the recommendation of the engineering firm. A brief question and answer period followed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

Marv Carlson, Conservation & Survey Division of UN-L, briefly reported on the contract status of the Groundwater Research Program which the Upper Big Blue NRD has with the University, promising additional firm cost figures and new amendment to the Agreement for the Board in January.

Ralph Cady, Conservation & Survey Division of UN-L, then presented several illustrations and computer graph contours of the groundwater simulation model presently being run at the University.

Gary Lewis, Marshall Taylor and Dori Comer of the Water Resources Center of the University each reviewed and illustrated with graphs and comparisons the phases of management model being run at the WRC of the University for the Upper Big Blue NRD. A copy of their report was distributed to the Board.

Terry Stork, Department of Ag Engineering, briefly presented a review of the status of field recharge experimentation being conducted at the South Central Station in Clay Center. A copy of the report on the recharge experiment and data being collected was distributed to the Board.

A period of questions and discussion followed each presentation.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #5) to grant tentative approval of cost-share assistance applications for the following, totaling \$4,358.09: Troyer, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,100.56); Hanson, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,110.88); Eskildsen, Hamilton Co., reuse pit (\$1,186.62); and Lott, Polk

Co., re-use pit (\$960.03). Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to grant final approval of cost-share assistance applications totaling \$8,498.49 for the following: Schmidt, Seward Co., terraces (\$860.25); Miller, Hamilton Co., erosion control (dam (\$2,760.90); Hankel, York Co., reuse pit (\$1,240.27); Swartz, York Co., re-use pit (\$1,134.47); Griess, Clay Co., re-use pit (\$239.00); Friesen, Hamilton Co., re-use Pit (\$1,104.42); Peters, Butler Co., terraces (\$117.00); and Mary Lanning Hospital, Adams Co., re-use pit (\$1,042.18). Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

COST-SHARE POLICY ON COUNTY ROAD DAMS

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to approve as policy on County Road Dams cost-share, the formula of \$3,000 + 30% of the remaining construction cost for the county's share and a lump sum of \$500 from the landowner if the landowner plans to irrigate out of the reservoir pool (the landowner's contribution may be paid in part or whole by either the county or NRD at its option in specific cases) with the NRD paying the balance remaining after county and landowner contributions. The policy to be effective January 1, 1978 on all unconstructed projects except the six pending projects (Bergen & Friesen, Hamilton Co.; Bulgrin & Weiss, York Co.; Kassik, Fillmore Co.; and Gonnerman, Polk Co.) in which case if the county share would have been less under the previous policy (40%), that it would apply, rather than the new policy. Seconded by Ronne. Bode explained and reviewed the policy noting responses received from various Counties. Discussion and questions followed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, white.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

WATTS-POLK CO. ROAD DAM

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to accept Watts-Polk Co. road dam and approve final payment for construction of dam in the amount of \$7900.77 to Haba Construction Company. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

RISING CITY-SURPRISE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROPOSAL

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to proceed with plan for Sub-Area "C" of the Rising City-Surprise Drainage Improvement Proposal to establish specific boundaries and to encourage further comment and direction from landowners in proposed Sub-Areas "A", "B" and "D", prior to establishment of a special project improvement area. Seconded by Hegeholz. Marsh commented this action was primarily to give moral support to the residents of the area to continue their interest and work toward a project area. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

A brief report was given by Burke on roadside seeding programs in effect in

different counties. J. Ehlers of Seward County commented on their program. Anderson commented on the forthcoming impact of the 208 program on the seeding program. General Board discussion followed.

WHIP ANNUAL PAYMENTS

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to approve annual payments totaling \$10,236.25 on 382.8 acres of land to 53 cooperators enrolled in the NRD's original Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program started in 1976. (List attached to file minutes). Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Hawthorne.

PROPOSED WELL DEVELOPMENT IN USFWS HASTINGS WETLAND MANAGEMENT DISTRICT

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to authorize sending of a letter from the District to the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, with copies to U.S. and State legislative representatives, listing concerns and specific requests of the District involved with the construction of dikes and drilling of high capacity wells to pump into and maintain wetland areas for wildlife management production purposes (two such wells and diking to be located in Fillmore County in the Upper Big Blue NRD). Seconded by Jensen. Marsh explained briefly the situation concerning the wells in the area within the District and the recommendation of the Committee. Questions and discussion followed on the proposed well projects and the District's position. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Stuhr

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

HASTINGS NW FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to proceed with the Hastings NW Project by setting hearing date of January 19, 1978; accepting emergency spillway elevation as maximum elevation of land and/or easements needed; and to hire a team of three licensed appraisers to begin appraising the land. Seconded by Ronne. Marsh discussed the status of the project and the schedule for its completion. He pointed out the physical layout of the project, the technical requirements for the dam, and reviewed the administrative procedures and responsibilities for the project (assumed by the Upper Big Blue NRD). Discussion followed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Stuhr

ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider.

Burke reported briefly on the status of the interpretation of L.B. 450, noting the recommended practices, the administration costs and procedures and the projected revenues available.

TOM NUSS DAM (CLAY CO.)

Kaiser made the motion (Motion #13) to accept the Nuss Dam and approve final (total) payment for the construction in the amount of \$15,678.91 to Haba Construction Company. Seconded by Moore. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke.

1977 ANNUAL AWARD FARM FAMILY BANQUET

Anderson made the motion (Motion #14) to hold the award banquet on February

25, 1978 (Saturday) at the Camelot Inn Courtyard Room with tickets priced at \$5.00 each. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean

PUBLICATION OF GROUNDWATER INFORMATION SERIES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #15) to charge Staff with review, update and condensation of information on groundwater resources in the District, previously collected and compiled for the District as a six part informational series and to proceed with publication in booklet/brochure form, to be available for distribution at the public informational meetings scheduled in late January. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

SPECIAL SLIDE PRESENTATION

Anderson made the motion (Motion #16) to proceed as soon as possible with the preparation of a special slide presentation on groundwater management, utilizing any necessary professional assistance, as part of a specifically directed. promotion throughout the District in the coming months. Seconded by Stuhr. It was noted that at this time it is particularly important to acquaint the public (District) with the need for the controls to be imposed in the Control Area as well as the critical situation with groundwater in the area. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT PROPOSALS

Moore made the motion (Motion #17) to adopt the recommendations of the Groundwater Sub-Committee in the development of further details of the overall management Proposal, including adoption of an interim administrative policy, uniform name plate system for identification of all operative wells, cooperative irrigation scheduling program and seven informational meetings scheduled prior to the public hearing (January 31, 1978). (Copy of recommendations in detail attached to file minutes). Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

Moore called to the attention of the Directors the attachment to the Sub-Committee report which listed the management objectives of the program. Discussion followed concerning objectives and allocation systems.

STAFF RECRUITMENT

Moore made the motion (Motion #18) to offer the position of General Manager to John Turnbull, present Manager of the Tri-Basin NRD, effective February 1, 1978 or as soon as otherwise possible at a starting salary of \$20,500 per annum plus reimbursement of actual and necessary moving expenses up to \$750. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

STAFF ADVANCEMENT

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #19) to advance Ken Feather to permanent status in the position of Assistant Manager (Supervisor of Field Operations and maintenance) and to grant a merit increase to \$10,500 per annum effective January 1, 1978. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #20) to grant special separation pay at termination of employment to Floyd L. Marsh as salary adjustment to place salaries of General Manager on par reflecting qualifications and experience, in specific amount to be stipulated at time of separation from employment. Seconded by Anderson. Chairman White stated the gratitude of the District for Marsh's dedication to the best interest of the District during his tenure as General Manager. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

NARD CONFERENCE

Moore made the motion (motion #21) to direct Upper Big Blue NRD directors in attendance to caucus at the NARD Conference and cast votes on behalf of the District at that time concerning the resolutions for consideration at the Conference to be held January 16-18, 1978. Seconded by Stuhr. Marsh briefly discussed specific resolutions of interest to the District and it was decided it would be best to postpone a position on them until the meeting to caucus on the floor. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #22) to oppose the resolution amending Transbasin Diversion policy to be presented at the NARD Conference. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #23) to appoint the Chairman (Morris White) as voting delegate to the NARD Conference to be held January 16-18, 1978 and the Vice-Chairman (Larry Moore) as alternate. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

NACD NATIONAL CONVENTION

Moore made the motion (Motion #24) to approve reimbursement of convention costs at the group rate and all actual and necessary expenses of any Director who plans to attend the Convention and to also reimburse any Director for

actual tour cost based upon the group rate, and necessary expenses of the post-convention water tour as a separate working tour for any Director who would be attending it. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

Stuhr made the motion (motion #25) to rescind the limit prescribed by previous policy on amount allowed for convention expenses and to allow reimbursement of actual convention costs at group rate, plus all actual and necessary expenses of any Directors who plan to attend the NACD convention in 1978 (only). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

Respectfully submitted

by

Roy Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
November 17, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:10 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Ray Griffin, Hamilton Co. SCS
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Leon Draeger, Polk Co. SCS
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Don Beranek, District Technician
Bruce Anderson, Director	Rick Redeker, District Technician
Raymond Burke, Director	Mary Rodene, District Clerk
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Susan Coon, District Clerk
Gerald Hegeholtz, Director	Ralph Cady, UN-L Cons. & Survey Div.
Hans Jensen, Director	Gary Lewis, NWRC
Roger Kaiser, Director	Marshall Taylor, NWRC
Norman Obermier, Director	Marvin Damm, NWRC
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Dori Comer NWRC
Max Ronne, Director	Jerry Wallin, NRC
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Fred Branz, Gresham
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	George Wochner, Bradshaw
Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Ken Feather, Assistant Manager	
Marci Azaroff, Admin. Secretary	
Rod Egbarts, York Co. SCS	
George Remmenga, Clay Co. SCS	
Harold Fausch, Seward Co. SCS	

ABSENT

Wayne Hansen, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Roy Stuhr, Secretary

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published November 10, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman white. After roll call of members, Robert Schneider introduced guests.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison Officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the District for the month of October, 1977. Jensen made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholtz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

Egbarts presented a slide set illustrating personnel structure of the SCS in Nebraska, pointing up the total personnel in different levels of work, in age groups, the mobility of personnel and a comparison of gains and losses in personnel. He informed the Board that twenty-eight people would be added to the State's personnel roster, but did not know how many would be assigned to Area V. The goal of the SCS is to have a D.C. and a technician in each office in each county.

George Remmenga, D.C., Clay County SCS office, offered a slide presentation

titled "Resources Planning", which contrasted soil erosion, flooding, stream erosion, snow water, etc. with proper planning to improve and correct the problems, to point up the need for planning for preservation of natural resources.

MINUTES

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 1977 meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the October, 1977 financial statement as presented and approve publication of accounts payable as listed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT

Marsh reported Henningson, Durham & Richardson was working on the feasibility report on the School Creek Project, using additional information and new conditions by which to add additional features in the report and thus re-evaluating the project. In view of this, they would be presenting the conclusions of the feasibility study at the December Board of Directors meeting. Burke advised there was personal contact by Ronne and Hawthorne with residents of the area. Ronne then reported acceptance and strong support of some of the proposed structures. Moore made the motion (motion #4) to direct Henningson, Durham & Richardson Engineering to prepare the feasibility report on the School Creek Project with the emphasis on developing Site #3 but also recognizing the potential for additional development at several other sites which may become more feasible as economic conditions or criteria change or additional benefits are identified. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

ROGER BAILEY DAM PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #5) to authorize the engineering firm of Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger of Lincoln, Nebraska to conduct a preliminary investigation of the Bailey site to determine foundation conditions and fill material availability and to evaluate feasibility of constructing a dam at this site, as outlined in the proposal received, for the quoted cost of \$1,300 to \$1,600. Seconded by Ronne. Bode reported receiving a cost breakdown estimate of the recommended investigation on the dam site. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to grant tentative approval to seven cost-share assistance applications totaling \$7,013.47 as follows: Griess, Clay Co., re-use pit (\$839.76); Francis, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,100.56); Rohren, Seward Co., re-use pit (\$935.63); Bailey, York Co., re-use pit (\$1,027.17); Roback, Clay Co., re-use pit (\$1,047.48); Snoberger, Adams Co., re-use pit

(\$982.93); and Moore Farms, Inc., Butler Co., erosion control dam (\$1,079.85). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Moore

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to grant tentative approval to four cost-share assistance applications totaling \$4,637.78 as follows: Swartz, York, Co., re-use pit (\$1,134.47); Oschner Trust, Hamilton Co., re-use pit, (\$1,110.88); Gonnerman, Polk Co., flood control dam (\$1,232.55); and Dish, Hamilton Co., re-use pit (\$1,152.16). Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to grant final approval for payment on four applications totaling \$6,753.62 as follows: Peters, Butler Co., dam (\$502.52); Dieringer, Caly Co., re-use pit (\$906.42); Roth, Seward Co., flood control dam (\$1,232.55); and Eichman, York Co., erosion control dam (\$4,112.13) and two applications received after the Sub-Committee meeting, for Burgasen, Polk Co., terraces (\$3,620.50) and Fillman, York Co., dam (\$656.02). Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to accept the two Dunker Road Structures in Butler County, as completed and approve final payment in the amounts of \$5,246.58 for the west structure and \$3,432.18 for the east structure. Seconded by Hegeholz. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

GUIDELINES ON FLOOD CONTROL DAMS

Bode presented a revised plan for guidelines for flood control dams for review by the Directors. The proposal offered a uniform and reasonable cost-share rate by the Counties and offered participation by the landowner at the rate of \$500 if he was to irrigate from the water stored and contribute only the land (no monetary contribution) if he did not plan to use the water for irrigation. This proposal was presented in the form of a draft to be presented to the Counties for their review and comment. Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to formulate a policy statement on the cost-share provisions on flood control dams located on county road right-of-way, presented by Bode and present and explain to the County Commissioners for their review and comment prior to final adoption as policy (draft copy attached to file minutes). Seconded by Schlueter. Brief discussion followed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

GIFT OF APPRECIATION TO OLLIE SCHERER

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to send a letter of appreciation and a token gift (approximately \$25.00) for his presentation at the Special Board Meeting on November 1, 1977. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.,
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

TURKEY CREEK RECHARGE SITE

Bode made the comment that this site was brought to the attention of the Sub-Committee as having potential for recharge and would be good to add to the on-going study presently being conducted by Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger. Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to include the recharge site on Turkey Creek (west of Highway 81) in the current study by Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger Engineering. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

Ralph Cady, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Conservation & Survey Division, reported he was unable to develop runs of the model under different development schemes as had been anticipated and therefore had no formal presentation for this meeting but promised an update for the December Board of Directors meeting. He indicated he planned to have computer reports contoured to produce the most information for the District's use. He explained briefly the program he was working on and the expected information which would be obtained as well as the anticipated results of the programs. He outlined the criteria which is being used as the basis for the program as a point of information for the Directors.

Gary Lewis of the Nebraska Water Resources Center promised a formal report of their progress on work they are performing for the District at the December Board meeting.

Jerry Wallin, Natural Resources Commission, briefly reviewed the activities which are going on in the area, in particular that the Commission has been working on a model of the Upper Big Blue area. This model will be operable and give projections for the area in the immediate future. The Little Blue NRD had requested information from the project and would be receiving it in about one month. Wallin indicated there would be some exchange of information by the different organizations involved in independent but similar projects.

GROUNDWATER CONTROL AREA BOUNDARY

Moore read the Groundwater Sub-Committee report on a Special Meeting held on November 3, 1977, with Mike Jess, DWR, concerning the control area boundary (copy of report attached to file minutes). Moore further explained the basis for the compromise reached and the recommendation of the Sub-Committee on the boundary lines for the control area. Moore then made the motion (Motion #13) to accept the recommendation of the Sub-Committee that the boundary as modified and described by the attached map (map attached to report attached to file minutes) be accepted by the NRD Board as a reasonable compromise at the present time, subject to the condition that the areas of the NRD presently excluded from the control area will be considered as technical data would justify and future groundwater use in these areas warrants that they be included and that this qualification become a part of the record and be included in the formal order of designation. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

STAFF RECRUITMENT

Marsh reported on the interviews held with applicants for the position of Assistant Manager (Director of Public Education and Information) and that the applicant selected was Jim Kraus of Omaha, Nebraska. Ronne made the motion

(Motion #14) to offer the position of Assistant Manager (Director of Public Education and Information) to James Kraus of Omaha, Nebraska, effective January 1, 1978, at a starting salary of \$12,000 per annum plus reimbursement of actual and necessary moving expense up to \$500. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

White reported that interviews for the position of General Manager would be scheduled and a choice made in the next month.

Anderson made the motion (motion #15) to have Staff and the Personnel Sub-Committee contact Duane Chamberlain who will be retiring from the Natural Resources Commission effective December 31, 1977, to discuss the possibility of serving as a part-time advisor to the District staff and directors and the details of schedule, desired degree of involvement and remuneration considerations. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Hegeholz, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

Schneider reported on the Groundwater Taskforce meeting held the week prior. He reported on the discussion which dealt with different groundwater management systems, the review and evaluation of the provisions of the most recent management program proposals considered by the Upper Republican NRD and the comparison made of the management proposals with the criteria which were previously established and developed for the Taskforce's consideration. Some major points discussed were that a major allocation program must be simple; that allocation system provide opportunity for those who have not developed irrigation and are willing and able to develop it, to do so; that a system does not advocate that all development should cease when a control area is designated; and that allocation of water not be the only consideration in the rules and regulations of a control area. The Taskforce Committee chose three groundwater management programs developed by Deon Axthelm and his staff to be used in developing rules and regulations for the control area, which would be forwarded to the Groundwater Sub-Committee. Brief discussion was held on institutional framework and administrative rules of the NRD and the GWCD in the implementation of the proposed management programs. It was pointed up that one of the primary aims of the control area is to allocate water to a desirable and economic need. The program will be geared to aid future development in a logical and orderly manner. Administration of the program will be by the NRD. Brief discussion followed.

Burke called upon representatives to committee meetings held at the NARD Meeting in Fremont, Nebraska, November 13-15, 1977. Peterson reported on the Land Resources Committee Meeting at which was discussed status of the soil surveys throughout the State; roadside erosion and the seeding programs in operation and recommendations for roadside control; and the wildlife habitat improvement program and also, the acres set-aside program and the seeding for wildlife habitat. Moore reviewed the Water Resources Committee Meeting which resulted in twenty recommendations to the Legislative Committee covering the Groundwater Management Act; the basis for the determination of the boundaries of a groundwater control area; additional authorities for runoff management; funding sources for implementation and management of a control area; passage of L.B. 217; permits on wells in a control area, both existing and proposed; development of standards for groundwater use to govern all users to control conflicts which may arise; update of well registrations; set standards in the ACT (Groundwater Management Act) to assist in the development of the control area; a dollar penalty attached to the normal "cease and desist" order for some violations; statement of the impact and effect of groundwater on the

surface water rights as a result of such being addressed in the legislature rather than through the courts; expand the DWR laws to include a judication authorities; realignment of the powers of the DWR to separate special authorities from normal water right laws; amendment of requirements to allow more acres in small structures criteria; legislation defining the legality of illegality of use of water course to convey groundwater to another place or property; the development of a State Watermaster system; and the redefining of the term "groundwater" to include sub-flows, etc. The Committee made one final statement indicating that no action should be considered but if action is imperative, the groundwater resources of the State should be dedicated to the Public to avoid fantastically complicated property challenges under the private rights systems. Burke then reported that the Legislative Committee of the NARD did concur with the recommendations of the Water Resources Committee and added that some other specific areas were added to the recommendations which would be presented to the Legislature.

The Committee was also going to ask for the development of a State Comprehensive Water Plan and that the State fund and staff the study and the evaluation and development of a Comprehensive Water Code.

Burke commented on the meeting of the Advisory Committee for L.B. 450. This Committee would be meeting once prior to their recommendation to the Governor on December 1, 1977. He briefly reviewed the stated goals and benefits of the use of conservation measures proposed by the program, aimed at land treatment program in the upper regions of each watershed in the State. Funds would be available through the NRD's to landowners/cooperators (administration of the program would be through the NRD's). He detailed additional recommendations of kinds of land treatments recommended and the details of the administration of the program.

Anderson reported on the NRD meeting. He indicated the State Water Plan concept would be discussed at the next meeting. He also reported on additional activity on studies which would be made to gather information for use in the 208 Program. He noted the possible choice in the near future of pilot projects involving implementation of the 208 program in specific areas in the State.

Marsh distributed a summary of the Colorado-New Mexico Groundwater Management tour, which reviewed and described the management approaches and methods of implementation of the programs as set up in Colorado and New Mexico. The Directors were asked to review the report individually and discuss at a later time if necessary.

Bode and Feather briefly reported on the discussions and items of importance at the ACP Development Fund meetings held in the surrounding counties which they recently attended.

GROUNDWATER RESOLUTIONS TO GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSN. CONFERENCE

Marsh reviewed two resolutions which have been submitted for consideration and support at the Groundwater Management Districts Assn. conference to be held in Lincoln, Nebraska December 6-8, 1977, and asked the Board of Directors to consider formal favorable support of these resolutions. Burke made the motion (motion #16) to support the two resolutions involving power plant consumptive use of ground and surface water and federal water policies, to be considered at the annual conference of Groundwater Management Districts. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

NSIA AND NWRA DUES

Moore made the motion (Motion #17) to pay the annual dues to the NSIA and the NWRA for the District and the Directors on an annual renewal basis. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hegeholz, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Stuhr.

Feather briefly commented on the preliminary information obtained from well readings in Polk and Butler Counties which were completed in the Fall of 1977, and a comparison with the readings taken the previous year.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Stuhr, Secretary

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MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
November 1, 1977

A special meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD offices in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Roger Kreutz, Hamilton Co. GWCD
Larry Moore, Vice-Chairman	Kenneth Regier, Hamilton Co. GWCD
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Bill Watmore, Fillmore Co. GWCD
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Gerald Ochsner, Clay Co. GWCD
Bruce Anderson, Director	Cleo Rabbe, Clay Co. GWCD
Raymond Burke, Director	Gary Whitely, Fillmore Co. Extension
Hans Jensen, Director	George Woolsey, Clay Co. Extension
Roger Kaiser, Director	Dennis Bejot, Seward Co. Extension
Melvin Kuska, Director	Milo Dier, York Co. Commissioner
Jim McLean, Director	Harley Bergen, York Co. Commissioner
Norman Obermier, Director	Bredenkamp, York Co. Commissioner
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Jon Peckenpaugh, NRC
Max Ronne, Director	Bill Lichtler, USGS
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Marshall Taylor, NWRC
Gerald Hegeholz, Staplehurst	David Stannard, NWRC
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	George Wochner, Bradshaw
Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager	R. L. Johnson, Polk
Ken Feather, Assistant Manager	Boyd Stuhr, Bradshaw
Marci Azaroff, Admin. Secretary	Tom Harrington, Benedict
Ron Fleecs, Lower Big Blue NRD	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Mel Husa, Lower Big Blue NRD	
Milt Moravek, Central. Platte NRD	
Rod Egbarts, York Co. SCS	
Harold Fausch, Seward Co. SCS	
George Remmenga, Clay Co. SCS	
Craig Pope, Blue River Assn. GWCD	

ABSENT

Wayne Hansen, Director
Bob Hawthorne, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

Formal notice of this meeting was sent to each member. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published October 25, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White asked each guest to introduce himself. He then called upon Director Kuska to introduce the guest speaker, Mr. Ollie Scherer. Kuska gave a brief history of Mr. Scherer's work background, experiences and accomplishments, noting Mr. Scherer is a groundwater geologist who worked seven years (1934-1941) for the Conservation & Survey Division of the University of Nebraska investigating underground water throughout Nebraska. The following 31 years he dealt with water resources development while employed by USDA Soil Conservation Service, working with rural water development, foundation investigation of flood control structures and drainage of high water tables in Northeast Nebraska. Mr. Scherer has maintained a special interest in the geology and hydrology of the Big Blue River Basin relating to methods and techniques to accomplish groundwater recharge and development of deep well irrigation in the area.

Mr. Scherer noted he has compiled and collected material dealing in total water management of ground and surface water and felt with the growing population trend, which predicts 8.8 billion people in twenty years, areas like ours must seriously consider making the maximum use of ground and surface

water alike.

He emphasized the purpose of his presentation was to encourage the NRD in the area of groundwater recharge.

After traveling through many large irrigation projects in the mid-western states, he was impressed overall, with the effects of irrigation on the areas. However, he had seen much land going saline -- ending up in salt grass, a result of temporary irrigation agriculture, becoming unreclaimable land.

He defined permanent irrigation agriculture and temporary irrigation agriculture. Mr. Scherer discussed the Riverton, Wyoming irrigation project area, remarking on the drainage from the project caused a high drainage flow and erosion damage. His illustration pointed up that anytime more water is diverted into a watershed than nature designed it to handle, there will result artificial problems such as erosion and inadequate drainage to which there may or may not be any solution. He cautioned against diversion of too much water into a watershed more than is required for consumptive moisture for foliage growth will result in erosion problems. To further prove his point, he explained the situation at Gering Drain, which was a system of gulleys formed by water feeding into the large drain itself. Various solutions were proposed to arrest the increasing erosion and growth of the size of the gulleys and the drain. After investigation of the problem, it appeared there was two and one-half times more water being diverted into the area for irrigation with two and one-half times more runoff into the drain than it could handle, which directly caused the erosion and high drainage problems.

Mr. Scherer felt the Big Blue River Watershed has the potential for permanent irrigation, which he defined as that irrigation which could be continued indefinitely. It must have a highly permeable sand and gravel within a drainage ditch excavation about six foot deep, and-must have gravity drain system to run the water out of. Without these criteria, it would be questionable if permanent irrigation could be set up. The land must have sub-surface drain ability and lands which do not possess these qualifications, support only temporary irrigation agriculture and eventually end up as salt laden, unreclaimable soils. Permanent irrigation must have a base discharge adequate to carry out the products of corrosion(soluble salts) to have an effective irrigation system.

Mr. Scherer was convinced that groundwater recharge in the Big Blue Watershed could be accomplished either through atmospheric water or use of diverted water. All natural processes, soils and hydrology must be considered prior to the diversion of water. Presently sources are predicting water in the Big Blue Watershed has a life of about fifty years (to the year 2020). Therefore, diversion would be a possible way to prolong the life of the water in the area and to accomplish permanent irrigation agriculture.

He suggested Nebraskans seek tax credits or benefits from the Legislature for groundwater recharge to assist in justifying the cost of setting up permanent irrigation agriculture. He felt it was economical to utilize groundwater recharge and promote groundwater recharge. Quality of water used for irrigation must be monitored. Water used for irrigation is good water if it contains 1-2 T salt/A-ft of water and less than 1000 ppm sulfates. Since the Big Blue Basin needs about 30"/year of water to meet crop consumptive use, we would need to consider diverting water from other basins. He pointed out the effects of alkali on the soils and on the vegetation and the crop yield.

On the subject of recharge, he mentioned that since groundwater moves along the hydraulic gradient, flood water retarding reservoirs must be put on influent streams to be effective in groundwater recharge. He pointed out an objective of groundwater recharge should be to build up the base flows to flush salts, thus enhancing and promoting permanent irrigation agriculture. He urged use of all soil survey reports and all data collected concerning the geology of the land in order to place structures in positions to accomplish

recharge. Each recharge structure would require an independent design to reflect local site and subsurface conditions. He suggested the use of ponds for recharge by scarifying the floor of the pond to allow seepage for recharge. He went on to illustrate structures which would seep water into the ground and suggested these be the kind of structures built in the Big Blue Basin He viewed himself as an interpreter of information and data collected by others rather than a researcher of information and data. He urged working and cooperating with everyone knowledgeable in areas involved with groundwater such as the Conservation & Survey Division and the University to accomplish our objective -- recharge and preservation of water (ground and surface) in the Big Blue Watershed.

A period of questions and answers followed.

Kuska thanked Mr. Scherer for his time and for the trip to Nebraska.

Chairman White also thanked Mr. Scherer for the informative and enjoyable evening.

Following brief announcements by Chairman White, the meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
October 20, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:15 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Floyd Marsh, General Manager
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Kenneth Feather, Assistant Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Marci Azaroff, Administrative Secretary
Bruce Anderson, Director	Rod Egbarts, D.C., York SCS
Raymond Burke, Director	Keith Niemann, York Co. Extension
Wayne Hansen, Director	Craig Pope, Blue River Assn. GWCD
Hans Jensen, Director	Tom Harrington, Benedict
Roger Kaiser, Director	Jim Lindburg, Polk
Melvin Kuska, Director	Sigrid Pelto, York News-Times
Norman Obermier, Director	
LaVerne Peterson, Director	
Max Ronne, Director	
Leonard Schlueter, Director	
Jim McLean, Director	

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published. October 13, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White introduced guests. Director Max Ronne was absent at roll call but joined the meeting later.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., York County, SCS Liaison officer, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the District for the month of September. He noted Herb Casey, D.C., Fillmore County, had accepted a transfer to Hebron and therefore, Fillmore County SCS Office would be without a Conservationist for the present. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Ronne

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean.

Jensen made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the September 15, 1977 meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Peterson made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the September 1977 financial statement as presented and approve publication and payment of accounts payable as listed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore,

Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

BALLOTING FOR DIRECTOR (SUB-DISTRICT II)

Schlueter, Director from Sub-District II, distributed a list of four candidates in Sub-District II who would be willing and available to serve as Director to complete the unexpired term made vacant by Gary Obermeyer's resignation. Schlueter had interviewed the people obtaining their comments and views. He reviewed the individuals and their interests for the Directors. The candidates were: Gerald Hegeholz, Staplehurst, Nebraska; Doris Marxhausen, Seward, Nebraska; Lorenz Ocken, Seward, Nebraska; and Gary Shull, Seward, Nebraska. There being no additional candidates nominated, Hansen made the motion (Motion #4) to suspend the By-Laws and vote by written ballot for appointment of a Director to fill a vacancy in Sub-District II from four individuals (Gerald Hegeholz, Doris Marxhausen, Lorenz Ochen, and Gary Shull) recommended by members of the Board of Directors. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

Burke made the motion (Motion #5)'to utilize two ballots: taking two individuals with the highest number of votes from the first round as nominees on second round, resulting in the individual with highest number of votes from the second round appointed as Director. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore,
Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

MEETING TIME

Discussion of the Board centered on the possibility of holding some of the upcoming meetings in the afternoon. The general consensus of the members of the Board was that afternoon meetings for the fall and winter months would be most acceptable. Jensen made the motion (Motion #6) to change the meeting time of the Board of Directors meetings during the fall and winter months to afternoons. Seconded by Kaiser. Stuhr then made the motion to amend the motion (motion #6) to stipulate meeting time at 2 p.m. Jensen seconded the amendment. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Schlueter, Stuhr.
NAY: Burke, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, White.
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

Jensen made the motion (motion #7) to change the meeting time of the Board of Directors meetings during the months of November, December, January and February to afternoon meetings beginning at 1 p.m. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Obermier,
Peterson, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: Moore, Ronne
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR (SUB-DISTRICT II)

Jensen made the motion (motion #8) to appoint Gerald Hegeholz, Staplehurst, Nebraska, who received ten of fourteen total votes on the first ballot, to fill the vacancy in Sub-District II with a term of office expiring January 4, 1979. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore,

Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE: APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to grant tentative approval on the Juranek application for waterways (5400 feet at \$2,006), subject to review and inspection of site by staff. Seconded by Hansen. Bode reported on his site inspection and review of the project with SCS. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: Kaiser

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to grant final approval on eight applications totaling \$18,722.89 as follows: Bartlett, Clay County, re-use pit (866.27); Person, Hamilton County, erosion control dam (2,413.90); Osantowski, Butler County, grassed waterway (210.00); Epp, Hamilton County, re-use pit (1,024.00); Johnson, Clay County, erosion control dam (4,152.10); Rath, Fillmore County, erosion control dam (3,664.59); Burkhardt, Seward County, flood control dam (1,738.35); and Vavra, Fillmore County, erosion control dam (4,653.68). Seconded by Kuska. Discussion followed concerning the cost-share rate and the total actual construction cost of each project in which the NRD participates. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to disapprove application for erosion control dam for Louis Huebert, Hamilton County (\$5,341.61) because applicant has indicated he is unwilling to comply with conservation plan as recommended by SCS at this time. Seconded by Anderson. Director Ronne reported on his and Bode's contact with the applicant. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Kaiser, Stuhr

ABSENT: Hawthorne

Jensen made the motion (Motion #12) to proceed with the Harney application (tentatively approved July 5, 1977 and subsequently determined to be located just outside the Upper Big Blue NRD) and the obligation with tentative approval for the amount in excess of the ASCS limit of \$2,500 or approximately \$1,075.92. Seconded by Hansen. Detailed discussion followed over the location of the land being in another NRD and the right of the Upper Big Blue NRD to expend tax money outside our District. It was pointed out that the commitment was made in July and work begun on the project based upon that commitment. The error in location was not discovered until after work had commenced. Therefore, the feeling was that the Upper Big Blue NRD should honor its original commitment. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.

NAY: Kuska, Obermier, Schneider, Stuhr.

ABSTAIN: McLean

ABSENT: Hawthorne

Burke made the motion (Motion #13) to grant tentative approval to two applications received after the Sub-Committee meeting for total of \$2,241.99 for: Martin, Seward County, re-use pit (1,096.42) and United Methodist Church, York County, re-use pit (1,145.57). Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,

Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to grant, final approval to five applications received after the Sub-Committee meeting for total of \$13,256.75 for: Watts, Polk County, erosion control dam (1,679.29); Erks, York County, erosion control dam 4,027.94); Stuhr, York County, erosion control dam (3,626.31); Softley, Fillmore County, sod waterway (181.57); and Barbie Ponderosa Inc., Hamilton County, erosion control dam (3741.64). Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, .Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Stuhr made the motion, (Motion #15) to tentatively approve the cost-share application revised for Mrs. Mili Bergeson, Polk County, for terraces and waterways (3,775.30), subject to investigation and approval by staff personnel. Seconded by Anderson. Director Anderson briefly reviewed the project and the revisions in the original application. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Stuhr, White.
NAY: Kuska, Obermier, Schlueter, Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne

WHIP APPLICATIONS

Feather reviewed the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program and the applications received during the Fall sign-up period. Burke made the motion (motion #16) to approve twenty-three (23) Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP) applications for a total annual payments of \$5,568 and to disapprove two (2) applications because they did not meet the requirements of the program. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

The recommendations for the implementation and operation (management) of a tree planting program were briefly reviewed. Burke made the motion (Motion #17) to approve a tree planting program for the 1978 spring season, with details of the program to be worked out by staff. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Director Ronne gave a report on the public informational meeting held in Harvard, Nebraska regarding the School Creek project, indicating strong opposition by those attending the meeting. It was pointed out the return cost-ratio based on criteria used by the engineering firm doing the study was not very good, resulting in a low overall interest by those attending the meeting. Discussion followed concerning the contract with Henningson Durham & Richardson Engineering doing the feasibility study. It was noted the contract is progressive and will cost up to a maximum of \$49,850 to complete the feasibility report to submit to the Resources Commission for funding. Director Kuska suggested further investigation into the acceptance and support or non-support of the project by local residents and not to depend wholly on the comments at the informational meeting. It was also suggested additional direct contact with landowners in the area be pursued. HDR was

scheduled to provide an update on the project at the next Projects & Programs Sub-Committee meeting.

CONTROL AREA BOUNDARY

Moore made the motion (Motion #18) to request the Department of Water Resources to set date of December 1, 1977, as date for declaration of a groundwater control area in the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Anderson. It was explained this date gave the most convenient time frame to prepare for public hearing and to follow-up on all the necessary details for implementation of the Control Area. Discussion followed concerning the proposed boundary and the firmness of the boundary. Director Moore indicated the Sub-Committee would further pursue the boundary designation before its finalization. Several Directors commented on the importance of extending the boundary of the Control Area to include all the District.

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

GROUNDWATER SUB-COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

Moore made the motion (Motion #19) to invite a Director from each Groundwater Conservation District in the Upper Big Blue NRD (five total) to serve as an advisory member with voting privilege, on the Upper Big Blue NRD Groundwater Sub-Committee. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #20) to restructure, at the next reassignment of committee membership in February of 1978, the membership of the Groundwater Sub-Committee to include a Director from each of the election subdistricts. Seconded by Obermier. Discussion followed concerning the basic reason and use of sub-committees and the pro and con for enlarging the Groundwater Sub-Committee. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr.
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Schneider, White.
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Mr. Jim Lindburg, a member of the Hamilton County GWCD commented that the GWCD there was most willing to work with the NRD.

Mr. Tom Harrington, Benedict, Nebraska, also commented that the GWCD's, he felt, would be most willing to work with the NRD and were waiting for an invitation from the NRD. He continued by complimenting the NRD on the date of December 1, 1977 for the Control Area designation and asked if there were any definite plans made for the kinds of management controls the NRD would implement. Chairman White reassured Mr. Harrington the Sub-Committee would consider several controls and a schedule for implementation which would be most advantageous for the area, and the NRD planned to work with all involved (including the GWCD's) to accomplish the task ahead.

OLD WEST REGIONAL COMMISSION RECHARGE PROJECT

Marsh reviewed the recharge project and its present stage of development and the fact its contract would expire in the near future. The Commission had requested support in form of letter encouraging continuation of the project. Jensen made the motion (Motion #21) to send a letter of support to the old West Regional Commission for the continuation of the recharge study with the offer of a tentative contribution of \$2,500 for operating expenses. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Obermier,

Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska.

Director Schneider reported on the Old West Regional Recharge Project Tour, earlier in the week, reviewing the site and the general mechanics of the equipment and the data collecting equipment. He distributed a written report for each Director to read at his convenience. He also commented on the results of the pumping and the different data collected at the site. A brief discussion followed.

ADVISORY BOARD FOR L.B. 450

Burke reported on the Advisory Board's work and recommendations to the present: monies would be channeled through the Commission, the NRD's would process the applications and cover administration of the program, sign-up would be at the NRD or the SCS or perhaps the ASCS offices, engineering and technical work would be by SCS or NRD staff or consulting engineering. Practices approved in priority are terraces and retention type terraces with mechanical outlets. The program is geared to promote land treatment and will apply to watersheds with less than 2000 acres. Cost-share would be at 75% of cost. The Committee planned a meeting for public input early in November and then planned to present the recommendation to the Legislative Committee the first of December. It was decided it would be appropriate to send a letter of support to the Advisory Board and Anderson made the motion (Motion #22) to send a letter of support to the Advisory Committee on L.B. 450, for the program as presently (October 1, 1977 draft) recommended by the Committee. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Obermier.

Director Anderson reported on the PAC meeting held early in October, noting the discussion of the meeting centered around water quality in streams and rivers in our area.

COMMISSION STAFF RETIREMENT

Anderson made the motion (Motion #23) to send a letter of appreciation for his service and interest in the NRD's to Duane Chamberlain upon his retirement from the Natural Resources Commission. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Obermier.

NRD STAFF RESIGNATION

Jensen made the motion (Motion 924) to accept, with sincere regret, the resignation of Dennis Bode as Assistant Manager. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Obermier.

Keith Niemann, York County Extension Agent and Rod Egbarts, York County D.C. thanked the NRD for assistance on the meetings on the York County Soil Survey held in late September.

Respectfully submitted:

Roy Stuhr. Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
September 15, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Jim Cook, NNRC
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	Harold Fausch, D.C., Seward Co. SCS
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Ken Franzen, D.C., Adams Co. SCS
Bruce Anderson, Director	Harlan Hendricks, D.C., Butler Co. SCS
Raymond Burke, Director	George Remmenga, D.C., Clay Co. SCS
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Ralph Lubeck, ASCS
Hans Jensen, Director	Owen Perry, Lower Platte South NRD
Roger Kaiser, Director	Harold Sieck, Lower Platte South NRD
Melvin Kuska, Director	Geo. Round, Lower Platte South NRD
Jim McLean, Director	Ben Schole, Game & Parks Comm.
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Mel Noffke, Blue River Assn GWCD
Gary Obermeyer, Director	George Brugh, Attorney, York
Norman Obermier, Director	George Wochner, Bradshaw
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Roger Warner, Polk
Max Ronne, Director	Louis Huebert, Sutton
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	Eugene Glock, Rising City
Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager	Seigrid Pelto, York News Times
Kenneth Feather, Assistant Manager	W. W. St. John, Accountant
Marci Azaroff, Administrative Secretary	Gary St. John, Accountant
Michael Jess, Dept. of Water Resources	
Vince Drieszen, Cons.& Survey Div., UN-L	

ABSENT

Wayne Hansen, Director
Robert Schneider, Treasurer

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public meeting" published September 8, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White introduced guests. Director Gary Obermeyer was absent at roll call but joined the meeting later.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Harold Fausch, D.C., SCS office, Seward County,,presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the District for the month of August, in the absence of Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS Liaison of York. Jensen made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, G. Obermeyer, Schneider.

Ken Franzen, D.C., Adams County SCS Office, presented a slide review titled "Washout", which illustrated soil erosion experienced as a result of lack of correct conservation practices and preventive practices. It pointed up in sharp contrast, the marked effect a good program and control of erosion has on the land. Franzen also commented on the recent flood and resulting damage caused by the rain storm received in~the Hastings area in the week prior. A brief discussion followed on the Hastings situation.

MINUTES

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the August 11, 1977 meeting of the Board of Directors as distributed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, G. Obermeyer, Schneider.

Kuska requested Staff to check if notification of the decision on the Bristol structure had been sent to Mr. Bristol and if not to please notify him of the discussion and decision of the Projects & Programs Sub-Committee, (taken at the July meeting).

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

W. W. St. John, District Accountant, reviewed and explained the financial statement for August 1977 in its new format and form, (computer report of financial statement and supporting information, including budget comparison for the month as well as year to date). Stuhr made the motion (motion #3) to adopt the financial statement for August 1977 as presented and approve publishing the accounts payable as listed. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, G. Obermeyer, Schneider.

AUDIT REPORT FOR FY 1977

W. W. St. John, District Accountant, reviewed the Audit Report for FY 1977. Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to adopt the audit for FY 1977. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, G. Obermeyer, Schneider.

Mike Jess, Department of Water Resources, addressed the Board of Directors concerning proposed boundaries of the control area, illustrating the area on a map. Lengthy discussion followed concerning the areas excluded from the proposed area. Vince Dreszen of the University of Nebraska, Conservation and Survey Division, explained the hydrological basis on which the boundaries were chosen. Jim Cook, Natural Resources Commission, explained the basic intent and interpretation of the Groundwater Management Act in regard to the position of the District and the proposed control area boundaries. Objections to the proposed boundaries were raised by several Directors and members of the District. After all comments were heard, Jess explained he would return to his office and rework the map. He would plan to meet with representatives of the District to further discuss the boundary. The Department planned to reach a resolution and formally declare the control area during November. That time table appeared to be acceptable to members of the Groundwater Sub-Committee during their first meeting with Jess in August. Chairman White thanked Jess, Cook and Dreszen for their comments, time and assistance.

Marsh read a letter from the Blue River Groundwater Conservation District which requested the Upper Big Blue NRD delay its control area boundary decision to coordinate more fully with the Little Blue NRD in their request for a control area hearing. The GWCD does not support the control area which does not include the entire aquifer. Fillmore and Clay County GWCD's requested their counties be omitted from any control area which did not include the entire county and entire aquifer.

Mel Noflke, Manager of the Blue River GWCD Association, urged consideration of these requests pointing out the division of counties (part in and part out of

a control area) could cause serious conflict in the counties.

Cook suggested the Board find out what the plans of the Little Blue NRD are in regard to their schedule for a control area hearing before making a firm decision to finalize the control area in the Upper Big Blue NRD. He informed the Board that after designation of a control area, the maximum time period for taking action is set by the Law at sixty (60) days for a hearing, and adoption of regulations after the hearing must take place within one year -- a total of about fourteen (14) months in which to set the control program. There is no minimum time set for completing the control regulations program.

Marsh noted the Upper Big Blue NRD had met with the Little Blue NRD previously and have scheduled a meeting in the next week to assist in coordinating ideas for preparation for their public informational meetings. The UBBNRD had originally approached the LBNRD to make a joint request for a control area hearing but they declined at that time because they felt they were not sufficiently prepared.

The Groundwater Sub-Committee will be meeting prior to the October Board meeting and these questions will be major items on their agenda for recommendation to the Board of Directors in October.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (motion #5) to grant tentative approval to cost-share applications totaling \$9,646.50 for: Blum, York County, erosion control dam (\$3,874.74); Dieringer, Clay County, re-use pit (\$906.42); Burkhardt, Seward County, flood control dam (\$1,738.35); Hollister, Polk County, reuse pit (\$930.77); and Watts, Polk County, erosion control dam (\$2,196.30) received after Sub-Committee meeting. Seconded by Bob Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Discussion followed on the intentional use of re-use pits and the actual use of the pits throughout the District.

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #6) to return the Huebert (Hamilton County) application for assistance for erosion control dam at \$5341.61, to the Projects & Programs Sub-Committee for additional discussion and reconsideration. Seconded by N. Obermier. Bode explained the application was reviewed by the Sub-Committee and declined due to lack of adequate land treatment upstream from the proposed structure. Mr. Huebert explained his land situation and the proposed structure, illustrating the positions on the chalkboard, and answering questions of the Directors about the land and the purpose of the dam and the benefit of the structure. Bode reported the technician's recommendation was that the project was marginal and required discussion and decision of the Sub-Committee. The Board questioned alternative practices to control the land and attain desired result on the land. The Board then felt further investigation was necessary before a final decision be made. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Kuska made the motion (Motion #7) to grant final approval to three cost-share applications for a total of \$2,686.96 as follows: Medinger, Hamilton County, erosion control dam (\$1,006.45); Strong, Polk County, re-use pit (\$1,082.01); and Herrold, Seward County, terraces (\$598.50). Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Schneider.

ROAD STRUCTURES

Burke made the motion (motion #8) to make final payment to the Contractor on the Moravec Structure, which was previously retained in the amount of 15% of the construction cost, and the contribution agreements between all contributors remain the same (NRD - 50%, Butler County - 20%, Seward County 20%, and landowner - 10%), providing that the additional borrow area be reseeded as compensation to the landowner. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider, Moore.

Anderson made the motion (motion #9) to remit design fees totaling \$736.96 to Ray Icenogle for performance of design and construction services on the Hottovy-Butler County structure. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to approve plans for two Dunker-Butler County structures and that construction begin immediately, with NRD participation in the project by reimbursement to Butler County of 50% of estimated construction costs (50% of \$10,444.83 = \$5,222.42 plus 50% of \$6,864.35 = \$3,432.18, for a total of \$8,654.60), upon completion of the two structures. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Ronne made the motion (Motion #11) to accept the low bid for construction of the Watts Polk County Road Structure, submitted by Haba Construction of Glenvil, Nebraska, at \$7,849.83. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #12) to initiate preliminary planning on two proposed structures in Seward County between Sections 12 & 13, T11N, R3E, and Sections 7 & 18, T11N, R4E. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kaiser

ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

The question was raised by one of the Directors concerning the status of the Bulgrin-York County structure. Bode responded that the preliminary design had been received and reviewed and that additional modification would be required before final plans would be completed. Therefore due to the nearness of the end of construction season, it would be scheduled for next Spring.

The status of the Kassik-Fillmore County structure was also requested. Bode replied the engineering firm was compiling information and was working on the

design.

NUSS RESERVOIR (CLAY COUNTY)

Ronne made the motion (Motion #13) to accept the low bid for construction of the Nuss Reservoir located in Clay County, submitted by Haba Construction of Glenvil, Nebraska, at \$15,907.18. Seconded by Kaiser. A brief discussion followed concerning the ability of the Contractor to complete two projects back-to-back and the amount of his equipment and personnel. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Eugene Glock, member of the District, made a formal statement thanking the Board of Directors for setting up the irrigation scheduling program the past season. He praised the Board for their foresight in setting up the program. He felt this was one answer to the water problem but since it was on a voluntary basis, he could see it would not be totally effective and could understand the need for a control area. He noted he had two wells which ran 2350 hours-in 1976. In 1977, he had four wells (three on scheduling) which ran a total of 1798 hours. Translated into cost, this represented a sizable savings in time and fuel. He commented that he realized he had over watered in previous years and that it was interesting to see how much water crops really needed to produce high yield rather than just guessing and estimating. He felt he had learned a great deal from cooperation in the scheduling program and commended the Board for doing a good job. He also commented he would like to see more terraces on the land and wished there were some way to promote the practice to a greater degree.

Harlan Hendrick, D.C. from Butler County, commented on the excellent proof of design of structures after the heavy rains received in the area during the previous weeks - "...everything designed and built in Butler County worked as it was supposed to." He praised the NRD for their participation in conservation practices in the area and requested additional and continued support for all conservation practices.

Anderson reported on the level detention terraces in Polk County, noting they were very effective after the heavy storms, doing exactly what they were designed to do. He said they found it important to have the spillway designed in the structures.

Burke gave a report on the NARD meeting held in Norfolk, reviewing the major items covered. Burke continued with a report on the Advisory Board on L.B. 450. At their meeting the Board discussed the cost-share program, reaching the conclusion the cost-share should be land treatment and should be a supplement and complement federal funds and district funds.

Anderson reported on the NNRC meeting held earlier in the day, noting the Commission will request additional funds for development. The Budget Committee recommended a request for four million dollars for the development fund. The NRD will now need to support the fund allocation request through the Association.

Bode reported on a meeting held on the review of Crete Flood Plain Study. Anderson then reported there would be a hearing held on October 27th on the flood plain study in the Crete area which would involve not only the city but landowners surrounding the city, at which he would preside as hearing officer.

CALIFORNIA WATER METERING AND MANAGEMENT TOUR

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to send one representative of the District (Director or Staff) on the water metering and management tour to Central California the last week of September, being coordinated by Lee Orton of the NARD. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: G. Obermeyer
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

STAFF RESIGNATION

Moore made the motion (Motion #15) to accept, with deepest regret, Floyd Marsh's resignation as General Manager of the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Chairman White noted with appreciation Marsh's consideration of the ongoing projects of the District which he will plan to see through as much as possible and his willingness to assist the transition of management to a new manager. Marsh reaffirmed this position, which was stated in his letter of resignation.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

G. Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #16) to convene the meeting into executive session. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Schneider.

Ronne made the motion (motion #17) to return the meeting to open session. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Schneider.

DIRECTOR RESIGNATION

Anderson made the motion (Motion #18) to accept, with deep regret and with appreciation for his time and valuable input, the resignation of Gary Obermeyer as Director of Sub-District II, effective October 1, 1977. Seconded by N. Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Schneider.
ABSTAIN: G. Obermeyer

Chairman then announced for the Board's information, the resignation of Mel Noffke from the position of general manager of the Blue River Assn. of Groundwater Conservation Districts.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
August 11, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Floyd Marsh, General Manager
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Marci Azaroff, Admin. Secretary
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS, York
Bruce Anderson, Director	Duane Chamberlain, NNRC, Lincoln
Raymond Burke, Director	George Wochner, Bradshaw
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Roger Werner, Polk
Hans Jensen, Director	Lee Cain, Gresham
Roger Kaiser, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Jim McLean, Director	
Gary Obermeyer, Director	
Norman Obermier, Director	
LaVerne Peterson, Director	

ABSENT

Wayne Hansen, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Max Ronne, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published August 4, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White introduced guests. Director Kaiser was absent at roll call but joined the meeting later.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS Liaison of York, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the district. for the month of July. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter.

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the July 21, 1977 Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: G. Obermeyer

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the July 1977 financial statement as presented and to approve publishing the accounts payable as listed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (motion #4) to grant tentative approval to cost-share applications totaling \$7,683.82, for Miller, Polk County, reuse pit (\$1137.47); Schlechte, York County, reuse pit (\$1145.57); Jacobson, Polk County, reuse pit (\$1124.57) and including the following received after the Sub-Committee meeting: Herrold, Seward County, terraces (\$600.00) and Rath, Fillmore County, erosion control (\$3676.21); and to grant final approval for cost-share applications totaling \$23,251.86, for Jost, Hamilton County, reuse pit (\$1185.32); Andersen, Hamilton County, reuse pit (\$1044.16); Klein, Polk County, diversions (\$604.21); Fassnacht, Hamilton County, erosion control (\$2770.10); Carlson, Hamilton County, erosion control (\$3703.74); Votipka, Fillmore County, reuse pit (\$1110.39); Simacek, Fillmore County, reuse pit (\$1102.77) and including the following received after the Sub-Committee meeting: Anderson, Fillmore County, reuse pits (2) (\$1869.95); Tonniges, York County, erosion control (\$3497.66); Friesen, York County, reuse pit (\$1145.57); Trollope, York County, erosion control (\$1909.49); and Meradith, York County, erosion control (\$3308.50). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter.

COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE PROJECTS

Burke made the motion (Motion #5) to approve final payment on the Hottovy-Butler County Road Structure in the amount of \$3,474.18 for 50% of estimated construction costs, upon receipt of certification of completion from design technician (Ray Icenogle) and claim from Butler County. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter.

DORCHESTER WATERSHED INSPECTION

Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to accept annual-maintenance inspection report on the Dorchester Watershed structures and to follow through with necessary maintenance requirements (checking easement responsibilities) and to seek technical recommendation of SCS regarding alternatives to improvement of Channel R. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G.. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

NUSS FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE

Burke made the motion (motion #7) to proceed with the Tom Nuss Structure as a special project based on the original SCS ten (10) year detention storage design at 90% cost-share rate. Seconded by Kaiser. Bode explained by visual illustration the safety factors of a structure based on the ten year, six hour storm detention storage design which enable it to contain a fifty year, twenty-four hour storm. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE PROJECT PROPOSAL

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to proceed with Hoskins-Western-Sondel7egger (HWS) Scope of Services initially dated August 1, 1977, for groundwater recharge study proposal as amended by the final contract for services dated August 10, 1977. Seconded by Anderson. Marsh reviewed the proposal with the Board and explained some of the expected results of the study. He pointed out the study was to be completed (all three steps) in nine months. Further discussion followed on the quality, quantity and availability of' the water in question. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

TECHNICAL SERVICES AGREEMENT

Burke made the motion (motion #9) to approve agreement for technical services between the NRD and Ray Icenogle, serving as design technician while acting as an "independent contractor". Seconded by Jensen. Marsh briefly reviewed the agreement for the Board, explaining specific points and answering questions concerning the agreement. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermier, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

BENSON BROTHERS ROAD STRUCTURE Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to approve the Special Projects Data Sheet on Benson Brothers Road Structure located in Clay County to establish SCS design priority. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

DUNKER ROAD STRUCTURES

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to proceed with preparation of planning for Dunker Road Structures (two structures) (Section 23-26 and Section 24-25, T13N, R1E), located in Butler County and to request Ray Icenogle to prep-are design for review. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

FY 1978 BUDGET

Schneider made the Motion (Motion #12) to adopt the FY 1978 budget as presented at the Budget Hearing. Seconded by Jensen. Marsh pointed out the budget document was in new form and implemented a '!project sinking fund"' for special projects. Duane Chamberlain, NNRC, commented on the form of the budget and use of the sinking fund. He praised the District for the correct use and implementation of the "project sinking funds". He also reviewed the mechanics of removing the monies from the sinking funds. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Anderson made the motion (motion #13) to establish the mill levy at 0.90 mil for FY 1978. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore. G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

LEGAL RETAINER

Schneider made the motion (motion #14) to renew the annual legal retainer with the firm of Svehla and Brugh to include participation at a minimum of six regular or special meetings as may be necessary throughout the fiscal year at a fee of \$600 per year effective with the current contract year. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Moore

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTING FIRM

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to rescind the motion made at the July 21, 1977 meeting which moved to retain Romans, Weimer and Schulz as District accounting firm. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Moore made the motion (Motion #16) to retain the firm of W. W. St. John as District Accountant for the fiscal year 1978 based on the proposal for such services submitted by Mr. St. John. Seconded by Burke. A brief discussion followed concerning the firms and their services. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: G. Obermeyer

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

RENEWAL OF ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE COVERAGE

Schneider made the motion (Motion #17) to renew the errors and omissions coverage provided by the July 21, 1977 endorsement to the previous policy and authorize payment of the amount currently due. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

FEDERAL WATER POLICY

Moore made the motion (Motion #18) to approve comments on the federal water policy issues, distributed to the Board members, as the Upper Big Blue NRD's formal position regarding federal water policy issues and be formally submitted to the Water Resources Council via letter from the Chairman of the Board of Directors. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

STATE WATER POLICY

Moore made the motion (Motion #19) to approve and adopt the comments on State water policy issues, distributed to the Board members, as the Upper Big Blue NRD's formal position regarding the State water policy, with the deletion of time #10 (Urge that wells used for domestic purposes be drilled into the deepest water bearing formation whenever economically accessible.), and be formally submitted to the NARD Water Resources Committee. Seconded by Anderson. Discussion followed concerning item #10, resulting in general agreement that item #10 was not acceptable and should be deleted from our policy statement. Additional comments were made concerning "minimum stream flow" as stated in item #5. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G.

Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider, White.
NAY: N. Obermier, Stuhr.
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Stuhr made the motion to amend Motion #19 to include the deletion of item #3 (public dedication of groundwater), in addition to deletion of item #10. Seconded by N. Obermier. Detailed discussion followed on the definition of "public dedication" and ownership of groundwater. Question called. Amendment to motion failed.

AYE: N. Obermier, Stuhr.
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider, White.
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Burke reported on a meeting of the Advisory Committee on L.B. 450, reviewing several specific areas which would have to be worked on. He also noted the intent of the bill is to assist in land treatment above sediment, erosion detention structures, small water impoundment structures and recharge of groundwater. The amount of the cost-share and coordination with other agencies is an important area to be discussed and worked out by the Committee.

PERSONNEL

G. Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #21) to convene the Board of Directors meeting into executive session. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Stuhr, White.
NAY: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Moore, Peterson.
ABSTAIN: Schneider
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Moore made the motion (Motion #22) to return the Board of Directors meeting to open session. Seconded by N. Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Peterson made the motion (motion #23) to grant an annual advancement and salary adjustment to \$19,600 per year, to the General Manager, reflecting a combination of annual advancement and vote of appreciation for personal efforts related to performance of job responsibilities. Seconded by N. Obermier. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Peterson, Schneider, White.
NAY: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Stuhr.
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #24) to approve the job description proposed for the position of Assistant Manager (Supervisor of Field Operations and Maintenance) and be authorized as a permanent staff position. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Peterson made the motion (motion #25) to reaffirm the salary adjustments as previously approved for all clerical positions. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Kuska, Ronne, Schlueter.

Discussion followed on Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program which the District has in cooperation with the Game & Parks Commission, pointing up the dissatisfaction in the District for the rates and the program. It was noted the Game & Parks Commission was feeling the dissatisfaction of the public throughout the State and unofficially indicated they may revise their program. It was suggested the Staff make an effort to invite members of the Commission out to visit with the Board.

Roadside seeding assistance for the Counties was placed for discussion by the Board. Chairman White indicated several counties were requesting assistance. Discussion followed on the seed mixtures and on implementation of controls and specifications for the program.

The meeting was then adjourned. Respectfully submitted by:

Roy Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
JULY 21, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Leonard Schlueter, Director
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	Max Ronne, Director
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Floyd Marsh, General Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Marci Azaroff, Admin. Secretary
Raymond Burke, Director	Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS, York
Wayne Hansen, Director	S. W. Throckmorton, D.C., SCS, Osceola
Hans Jensen, Director	Duane Chamberlain, NNRC, Lincoln
Roger Kaiser, Director	Dave Thomssen, Hoskins-Western-Sonderreger, Lincoln
Melvin Kuska, Director	Fred Heiden, Hampton
Norman Obermier, Director	Arnie Joseph, Hampton
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Gary Obermeyer, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published July 14, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White introduced guests. Directors Anderson and Peterson were absent at roll call but joined the meeting later.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS Liaison of York, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the district for the month of June. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

Sherman Throckmorton, D.C., SCS office, Polk County, presented a special report on "Basin Detention Terraces", explaining the need and application of the terraces. Mr. Throckmorton used slides to illustrate actual fields where such practices are in use and areas which would benefit most by the implementation of terrace systems.

MINUTES

Ronne made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the June 115, 1977 Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to approve and-adopt the June 1977 financial statement with correction of the amount of the check to Robert Luthy Irrigation Service to \$17,012.92 and the addition of the following checks not listed on the statement: Custom Quality Studio - 13.20; City of York - 6,336.56; City of Milford - 5,807.59; and Upper Niobrara-White NRD 32.30. Seconded by Kaiser. marsh reviewed the statement and explained the reason for the change in payment to Robert Luthy Irrigation Service was the result of the review of the project by the SCS and their in progress computations on the project and their recommendation of payment of the above amount. The payments to City of York and City of Milford for progress payments on their park projects and the payment to the Upper Niobrara-White NRD for expenses on the NARD Committee and Board meeting and the amount, to the Studio for photographs were the additional checks to be added to the statement. After discussion of-the statement, question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to remove or~charge off account receivable from Larson on NRD invoice 235, dated July 16, 1976, and to defer collection of the bill until after bankruptcy proceedings involving Larson's corporal' ion are completed. Seconded by Anderson. Discussion followed concerning the account and collectibility of the account as well as the possibility of removing the account from the books. It was the consensus of the Directors to leave the account as a receivable on the books and request legal counsel to review the situation and give his opinion on collection of the account and to proceed according to his opinion for collection. A formal statement of opinion will be requested from Counsel, a copy of which will be sent to the accountant with instructions to keep the account receivable on the books. motion #4 was then withdrawn.

HAMPTON PARK PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #5) to approve NRD participation in the Hampton Park Project at the rate of 25% of local costs (estimated total project costs at \$70,000) and to enter into an appropriate cooperative administrative agreement. Seconded by Ronne. Discussion followed. Representatives of the Village of Hampton were available to explain the plan and answer questions from the Board. It was pointed out the estimated cost by the engineering firm drawing up the plans was set at \$70,000. The project was to receive 50% federal funds, 25% state funds and local funds to cover the remaining 25%. The NRD would participate in the local costs at the rate of 25% (25% of 17,500) or \$4375. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, N. Obermier, Stuhr.
NAY: Anderson, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter.
ABSTAIN: Schneider, White.
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to approve NRD participation in the Hampton Park Project at the rate of 25% of local costs (estimated total project costs of \$70,000) not to exceed \$4375 and to enter into an appropriate cooperative administrative agreement. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

WEST FORK RECHARGE PROJECT

David Thomssen of Hoskins-Western-Sonderreger, reported to the Board of Directors on the West Fork Recharge Project investigation he conducted, indicating the project is feasible but in a different area than originally requested. He explained the process of recharge and methods to facilitate it as would be applicable in the West Fork area. He enumerated possible recharge

areas and methods applicable to the West Fork area. Copies of a formal technical report were distributed to the members of the Board. A question and answer period followed the presentation of the report.

Burke made the motion (motion #7)-to proceed with Step #2 of the investigation of the West Fork Recharge Project in accordance with the recommendation of the technical report made by Hoskins-Western-Sonderreger of Lincoln, and to include revision of the scope of the investigation to include potential of acquiring supplemental water for recharge from the abandoned Tri-County canal in Adams County. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N., Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to approve tentative applications for: Friesen, York County (1145.57); Osantowski, Butler County (280.00) and Person, Hamilton County (2564.62) and to approve final applications for Rech, Butler County for grassed waterway (210.00); Harmon Farm, Inc., Adams County for reuse pit (425.00); Nuss, Clay County for reuse pit (220.22), Lampshire, Hamilton County for reuse pit (1164.68), Nelson, Polk County for terraces (1469.14) and Miller, Fillmore County for flood control dam (3034.32) for a total of \$3990.19 for tentative applications and \$7723.36 for final applications. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.
NAY: Kuska, Schneider, Stuhr.
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE PROJECTS

Burke made the motion (motion #9) to approve second progress payment on Larson Hamilton County Road Structure (total payed approximately 90%) and to approve final payment subject to computation of final quantities. Seconded by N. Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to approve partial payment of \$8944.45 (approximately 85% of quoted cost) on the Moravec-Seward/Butler County Road Structure and to defer final payment subject to negotiations with all parties involved concerning borrow areas. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

O'CONNOR PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to discontinue further detailed investigation of O'Connor recharge project at this time subject to future identification of any supplemental benefits in addition to recharge. Seconded by Obermier. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

IRRIGATION SCHEDULING PROGRAM

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to approve cooperative scheduling

agreements with twenty-six irrigators in Polk and Butler Counties for the 1,977 irrigation year. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Anderson, Moore, White.

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

CENTRAL BUTLER WATER MANAGEMENT PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #13) to approve the agreement for engineering services preparing the feasibility report and application to the Resources Development Fund for the Central Butler Water Management Project with participation at the rate of 40% of fees totaling \$36,810. Seconded by Moore. Marsh pointed out the engineering services includes survey, hydrology, soils, geological investigation, design, land acquisition easements, benefits determination and complete report with construction plans and specifications on the Struebing structure. The agreement has been signed by the three other co-sponsors and needs our approval to continue. Engineering firm is to supply the application and feasibility report for the project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

IRRIGATION RUN-OFF AGREEMENT

Moore made the motion (Motion #14) to approve an irrigation run-off agreement between two landowners (Phillips and Miller) to allow water run-off to cross diagonally - corner to corner - at the road intersection, subject to the concurrence of the York County Board. Seconded by Peterson. Discussion followed concerning the use of the County road ditch to transport the water from one property to the other and whether or not the County had granted approval for such use. It was pointed up that the responsibility for obtaining County Board approval was that of the landowners and the NRD was only approving the runoff agreement for use of the run-off water. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

Marsh reported the School Creek Project Proposal has been approved by the Advisory Board and the Natural Resources Commission and the NRD is now authorized to proceed with the feasibility report and formal application for the project for funds through the Resources Allocation Fund. It was also announced there would be an information meeting on the School Creek watershed Project on Monday, July 25th, at 8 p.m. held at the Sutton Legion Club Meeting Room.

Chairman White made reference to an article in the Seward Independent newspaper concerning a landowner in the Ulysses area-who was pumping water into the river, transporting it downstream via the river and selling it to downstream users. At present the legality of the situation appears to be somewhat unclear and technically no direct violation of water law. However, State and local agencies and the NRD's Directors are aware of the situation. A request was made of the landowner to stop misuse of the groundwater and -the stream and he indicated cooperation but has not completely stopped pumping. A brief discussion followed.

Kuska told the Board of a retired geologist, Mr. Ollie Sherer, now living in Arkansas, who has much knowledge of groundwater and geological conditions and recharge of groundwater. Mr. Sherer had lectured in the area and had been heard by several of the Directors and would be interested in coming to speak to the Board of Directors in the near future. Several

members suggested a special meeting, inviting the Groundwater Association to attend, be held to hear Mr. Sherer.

Jensen made the motion (Motion #15) to invite Mr. Ollie Sherer, retired geologist from Midway, Arkansas, to present a special report to the Board on sub-surface hydrology and geological considerations involved with groundwater recharge in the Big Blue River Basin. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer.

A brief report of the Education & Information Sub-Committee was presented by Anderson. Points covered included complimentary photos to be given to "No-Till Night" hosts and a radio promotion on water conservation tape was heard. County Fair dates and association activities, the Education SubCommittee meeting schedule of the Papio NRD and an advertising proposal. In the Lower Platte South NRD were agenda items to be discussed at a later date. A brief discussion followed concerning the NRD display and participation at the local county fairs.

ANNUAL PROMOTIONS

Marsh reviewed the recommended and revised salary increases and promotions for employees. A summary sheet was provided to each Director. Discussion followed. Jensen made the motion (Motion #16) to approve the Personnel and Equipment Sub-Committee's revised recommendations for annual promotions and salary increases. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, ! Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Peterson.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #17) to approve the Personnel & Equipment Sub-Committee's recommendation of proposed equipment for budgetary purposes for purchase during FY 1978. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Peterson.

BUDGET HEARING

All Directors had received a copy of the draft of the proposed FY 1978 budget and worksheets for their information and study. Marsh reviewed the timetable for formal budget hearing, approval of budget and filing with the State on or before August 15th. This necessitated moving the August Board of Directors meeting and Budget Hearing to August 11th, one week prior to the regular scheduled meeting date. A brief discussion followed concerning the mill levy and valuation for past years as well as for FY 1978 and explaining some of the listed items on the budget. Mr. Duane Chamberlain of the NNRC briefly commented on the budget document, the changes in the document and requirements for placing monies into project sinking funds, and the mechanics involved in preparing the document. He stressed the necessity for allocating funds into special accounts or project sinking funds. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #18) to approve FY 1978 Budget Draft as presented and advance it to public hearing on August 11, 1977, immediately prior to the re-scheduled regular Board of Directors meeting on the same date. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Jensen.

DISTRICT ACCOUNTING FIRM

Marsh reported on the proposals received from two accounting firms for services incorporating computer service as well as the interest expressed by the present accountant to supply comparable services at a competitive cost. Discussion followed on the proposals, the expected work load of the NRD and advantages of automated services in accounting. Staff had no firm recommendation. Burke made the motion (Motion #19) to approve the proposal for services offered by Romans, Wiemer & Schulz as District Accounting Firm. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White. White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Stuhr

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Peterson.

Marsh reported he had visited with our legal counsel. Discussion followed on the renewal of the annual retainer, anticipated additional work load in legal area, attendance at some Board meetings and expected increased activity as a result of anticipated Groundwater Control Area. Marsh was to meet again with legal counsel and asked no action be taken until after his meeting with counsel.

Kaiser briefly commented on the need for the Board to make some statement on the Federal Water Policy Reforms and State Water Code. He pointed up certain policies and laws upon which he felt the Board needed to take a position. Status of the Federal and State Water Policies was referred to the Groundwater Management Sub-Committee for their review and recommendation for action or position to be taken.

NARD LEGAL FUND

Moore reported the NARD approved the formation of a legal defense fund which would be used in situations which would ultimately involve all Districts. The fund would be initially set up by blanket assessment of \$100 per District and thereafter assessments in an amount set by the NARD Board to each District. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #20) to approve support of the proposed NARD legal counsel fund and to approve contribution of special assessment to initiate the fund. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Peterson.

Anderson briefly reported on the NNRC meeting.

Marsh reported on the Big Blue Rive Basin Compact which toured the Basin and met at the NRD offices on Tuesday, July 19, 1977. The group will plan to meet in the future with the three NRD's in the Big Blue River Basin to look at the matter of surface water management as it relates to Nebraska and Kansas.

Marsh also reported he had received a call from the Department of Water Resources requesting a meeting be set up with the Sub-Committee to go through an informal review of the groundwater control area boundaries. The Department of Water Resources is in the process of drawing up tentative boundaries and would like to consult with the NRD informally now and later return to a Board of Directors meeting to finalize their computations with the Board before issuing the order to establish a control area in the District. Therefore, the Groundwater Management Sub-Committee will be meeting early in August with the Department of Water Resources and later in the month with the Little Blue NRD Groundwater-Sub-Committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 12:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy E. Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
June 16, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Floyd Marsh, General Manager
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	William Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Marci Azaroff, Admin. Secretary
Bruce Anderson, Director	Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS, York
Raymond Burke, Director	Keith Niemann, York County Extension
Wayne Hansen, Director	Roger Werner, Polk
Bob Hawthorne, Director	George Wochner, Bradshaw
Hans Jensen, Director	George W. Swartz, Grand Island
Roger Kaiser, Director	Don Swartz, Aurora
Melvin Kuska, Director	Ralph O'Connor, Fairmont
Jim McLean, Director	Fred Scheele, Waco
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Norman Obermier, Director	Dennis Bode, Assistant Manager
LaVerne Peterson, Director	
Max Ronne, Director	
Leonard Schlueter, Director	

ABSENT

Robert Schneider, Treasurer

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published June 9, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White introduced guests. Directors Anderson, Obermeyer, Stuhr, Peterson and Ronne were absent at roll call but joined the meeting later.

Chairman White officially thanked Ray Burke for his representation of the District in the presentation of the District's testimony at the Groundwater Control Area Hearing held May 24, 1977.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS Liaison of York, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the district for the month of May. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new co-operators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Schlueter, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr.

ADDITION OF EMERGENCY ITEMS TO AGENDA

Moore made the motion (Motion #2) to add three items to the agenda (School Creek Project Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project and Saline County Soil Survey Agreement), as emergency items under the Projects & Programs Sub-Committee Report. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Schlueter, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, Stuhr.

MINUTES

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to approve Minutes of the May 19, 1977, Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, .Ronne, Schneider.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to approve and adopt the May 1977 financial statement as presented and to authorize publication of bills payable in the York News-Times. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

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NAY: None
ABSENT: Anderson, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider.

COST-SHARE APPLICATIONS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #5) to approve cost-share applications for final approval for a total of \$6,631.11, including two applications received after the Sub-Committee meeting (Keller, Clay County, reuse pit -- \$704.80; Watts, Polk County, erosion control dam - \$328.55; Pollat, Hamilton County, reuse pit -- \$1149.20; Ransom, Polk County, diversion - \$3448.56). Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Schlueter, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Ronne, Stuhr.
ABSENT: Anderson, Peterson, Schneider.

TRANSFER OF BUDGET CODE ITEM FUNDS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #6) to approve the transfer of \$70,000 from budget code 471 (inter-government cost-share) to budget code 470 (land treatment cost-share) to cover tentative obligations involving cost-share applications currently totaling \$68,345.73. Seconded by Burke. Marsh explained this amounted to a line item transfer in the budget to cover the tentative cost-share applications pending at the present time. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Anderson, Peterson.
ABSENT: Schneider

O'CONNOR RECHARGE PROJECT PROPOSAL

Hansen made the motion (Motion #7) to approve the NRD's advancement of preliminary investigation of the proposed O'Connor recharge project site in the following manner: Step 1A - Engineering Firm to present technical report based on examination of existing sub-surface and hydrological data from various sources (USGS water survey papers, test hole logs and irrigation well logs) with maps and drawings of the geology of the area, relationship between physical features and the proposed recharge structure, and the position of the water table. Step 1B - If conclusions and recommendations of the technical report warrant it, perform additional geologic exploration at proposed site, including sub-surface borings to determine thickness of aquifer and position of water table. Step 2 - If Step 1B is not necessary, use the review of published data and the technical report to evaluate potential recharge sites throughout the NRD based upon criteria defined in the technical report. Above scope of-work is proposed by Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger Engineering of Lincoln at a cost no to exceed \$1000.00. Seconded by Kuska. Ralph O'Connor directed comments to the Board regarding his views and support of the proposed project and answered questions from the Directors. Messrs. George and Don Swartz also commented on the backup of water from the dam in the channel and questioned the possible effect on their land which borders the O'Connor property. Marsh reviewed the engineering firm's proposal for the investigation of the recharge site. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Schneider

HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL SURVEY AGREEMENT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #8) to approve the reconsideration of the initial cost-share proposal on Hamilton County Soil Survey to reflect cost-share division on the following basis: Hamilton County - 33%, Upper Big Blue NRD - 60%, and Central Platte NRD -7%, and that the necessary administrative agreement be prepared and approved. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Schneider

AGREEMENT FOR ENGINEERING SERVICES

Hansen made the motion (Motion #9) to approve the agreement with the engineering firm of McGaughy, Marshall and McMillan of Grand Island to provide

the NRD with "on request" engineering services. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Schneider

ROAD STRUCTURES

Hansen made the motion (Motion #10) to approve the cost-share participation in the Bergen-Hamilton County (Friesen Sub-Watershed) Road Structure located between Sections 2 and 3-95W, on the basis of NRD - 50%, County - 40% and landowner - 10% to authorize the preparation of the necessary contribution agreements, easement and contract documents. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Schneider

Hansen made the motion (Motion #11) to approve participation in the Kassick Fillmore County Road Structure located between Sections 15 and 22-6-1W, through the private engineering services provided by the "on request" agreement with McGaughy, Marshall and McMillan with final design subject to negotiation of an upstream easement. Seconded by Kuska. A brief discussion followed concerning the structure and the desire of the upstream landowner. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Schneider

REVISED SCS ENGINEERING DESIGN STANDARDS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #12) to recommend the NRD express concern and state its position concerning the impact of the revised SCS engineering design standards through formal communication with appropriate SCS officials. Seconded by Peterson. Marsh explained a letter was drafted for the Chairman's signature to the SCS office. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Schneider

ASCS COST-SHARE ON BURIED PIPELINE

Hansen made the motion (Motion #13) to recommend that the NRD support the inclusion of fittings and other materials necessary for proper installation of buried pipeline systems as a cost-share item under the Drought-Flood Conservation Program practice DC-3, and that such position be formally communicated to the appropriate State ASCS officials. Seconded by Peterson. Discussion followed concerning the present limits of the federal cost-share for the practice DC-3 and its effect on the local cooperator, and the basis for the federal expenditure in the area of buried pipeline. It was pointed out the NRD is not cost-sharing on the practice DC-3 on which the ASCS is cost-sharing. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.

NAY: McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Stuhr.

ABSENT: Schneider

A brief discussion followed concerning the Irrigation Runoff Agreement and its

implementation, the parties involved, violation of the agreement, and the need for the agreement.

SALINE COUNTY SOIL SURVEY

Hansen made the motion (Motion #14) to approve entering into an administrative agreement for acceleration of the Saline County Soil Survey on a cost-share basis which was previously approved by the NRD Board of Directors. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Schneider

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT

Anderson made the motion (Motion #15) to approve the adoption of a tentative draft of the School Creek Project Proposal for submittal to the NNRC, subject to comments to be received from the NNRC staff and after a public hearing meeting. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried..

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Ronne, Schneider.

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Burke made the motion (Motion #16) to approve the re-evaluated cost-share basis for the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project as follows: Adams County - \$30,000 lump sum; City of Hastings - 45% of remaining project costs; Little Blue NRD - 40% of remaining project costs and Upper Big Blue NRD - 15% of remaining project costs with percentage contributions totaling 100% of project costs remaining after Adams County's lump sum contribution. Seconded by Hawthorne. Marsh reported on an emergency meeting of all participants in the project in Hastings on June 16, 1977. The County presented the position that it felt it would be able to contribute only \$30,000 lump sum. The remaining participants then discussed their position and agreed to cost share on the above listed basis. The estimated costs were: construction - \$100,000 and land rights - \$350,000, including some operating and maintenance costs. A portion of the land right costs would qualify for funds from the Small Watershed Flood Control Fund of the NNRC. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Schneider

George Wochner offered his comments and opinion on the operation and effectiveness and results of procedures of the District.

SAFETY EQUIPMENT FOR DISTRICT OWNED VEHICLES

G. Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #17.) to equip the District owned vehicles with adequate safety equipment and miscellaneous tools. Seconded by Stuhr. A brief discussion followed on the kind and cost of equipment to be placed in the vehicle. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Schneider

G. Obermeyer presented a report on the items of business covered at the Education & Information Sub-Committee meeting, including budget request, award farm family awardees, promotion of minimum tillage field days, and promotion of good conservation practices and opposition. to bad conservation practices.

Several comments were heard on the "sale bill" poster distributed earlier in the spring, both in support and in opposition to the poster.

Moore reported on the Personnel & Equipment Sub-Committee meeting which dealt with four primary areas: job descriptions and if they adequately describe the jobs for which they are written; personnel assignments; change of emphasis of job of Program Director, Conservation Information; and the possibility of creating an additional position. The Sub-Committee recommended no action at this time on the above.

Marsh briefly commented on the status of the Control Area Hearing, indicating the procedure for a decision would be moving slowly. The Department of Water Resources is in the process of compiling record of the Hearing (copy of which will be supplied to the NRD). The Department of Water Resources plans to work with the Upper Republican NRD on the control area in their district before working with the Upper Big Blue NRD in this area. The question of boundaries of the control area would delay the decision until after January 31, 1978.

White and Anderson briefly reported on the Northern Plains Regional Meeting held at Helena, Montana, pointing up the main theme of the meeting was "208" and water quality. In Nebraska, the Lower Elkhorn NRD has set up a voluntary compliance program of 208 policy as a pilot project for possible presentation of the program for the State. White and Anderson reported there is a strong movement by the EPA toward implementation of 208 policy on a nationwide basis and urged the Directors to be extra attentive to any State legislation dealing with water quality. Rod Egbarts, D.C., of the York SCS office reported! their office had received a national directive placing 208 mapping in each county on top priority.

A final legislative report summary was presented by Marsh, with review of legislation held for the next session, which would be of interest to the NRD.

Marsh commented on the revisions to the federal water policy, indicating the Upper Big Blue NRD was requested to offer comments and recommendations for federal policy. Marsh advised the NRD proceed with review and study of policy and present recommendations on policy to the Association and the Federal Water Policy Committee. Kasier requested comments and opinions of the Directors on specific items on the agenda of the Water Resources Committee of the Association which is scheduled to meet July 11-12th.

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy E. Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
May 19, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	William Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	Marci Azaroff, Admin. Secretary
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS, York
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Barbara Maus, SCS, Lincoln
Bruce Anderson, Director	Glen Buchta, Area Engineer, SCS, Grand Island
Raymond Burke, Director	John Overing, SCS, Grand Island
Wayne Hansen, Director	Ray Hartung, NNRC, Lincoln
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Bill Bamesberger, Henderson
Hans Jensen, Director	Boyd Stuhr, Bradshaw
Jim McLean, Director	Dan Jantzen, McCool Junction
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Tom Harrington, Benedict
Norman Obermier, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
LaVerne Peterson, Director	
Max Ronne, Director	
Leonard Schlueter, Director	
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	

ABSENT

Roger Kaiser, Director
Mel Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published May 16, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White introduced-guests. Director Wayne Hansen was absent at roll call, but joined the meeting after the first motion was voted upon.

Chairman White commented briefly thanking the Directors for their cooperation with him as Chairman, and reminding the Board members of the need for attending to the business at hand directly to aid in holding the meeting times to a minimum.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS Liaison of York, presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans in the District for the month. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G., Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kaiser, Kuska

Egbarts then showed slides of various areas in the District after heavy rains received earlier this season. The slides presented evidence of the loss of land treatment in the District and the removal of some of the conservation practices in the District. He also pointed up the contrast between good land treatment and bad land treatment. Glen Buchta, Area Engineer of Grand Island, presented an explanation of the Washington Technical Release #60, dealing with dams. He utilized several overhead transparencies to illustrate basic information on dams and the specifications governing various dams (primarily Class A structures -- 50 year 24 hours storm criteria), which the SCS will be

designing and working with. A question and answer period followed Mr. Buchta's presentation.

A brief discussion among the Directors followed concerning several projects (road structures and dams) which have been in the planning and design stages for many months to years, due to lack of time and the backlog of work at the SCS offices. The general consensus of the Directors was that too long a time had elapsed on these projects and the Chairman then charged the Projects and Programs Sub-Committee to give high priority to the task of determining an avenue to complete the projects both old and current.

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #2), to approve the Minutes of the April 21, 1977, Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hansen
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Ronne made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the financial statement with deletion of item #413 - Dues, in amount of \$1049.20, pending formal action later on agenda. Seconded by Burke. Burke also pointed up to the Board the listing under account #407 - Directors Expense, item #3, should read 1/12 rather than 1/2. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

HENDERSON PARK STRUCTURE

Burke made the motion (Motion #4) to recommend NRD cost-share participation in the Henderson Park Structure on the basis of 25% of actual local cost (not to exceed 25% of \$18,000 - estimated construction costs) and to enter into an inter-local cooperative agreement with the City of Henderson in order to proceed with development of the project. Seconded by Hansen. Bill Bamesburger, Henderson City Clerk, offered comments and answered questions concerning the structure. He explained the \$18,000 figure was estimated cost and at present several citizens had offered to donate their labor and equipment for a portion of the project. Therefore, the cost to the NRD would be 25% of actual expended monies. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

COST-SHARE POLICY FOR FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURES

Burke made the motion (Motion #5) to approve guidelines for cost-share policy on flood control structures located on private property, as amended, to encourage upstream land treatment whenever feasible and necessary. Seconded by Schlueter. A draft of the "Guidelines for Cost-Sharing of Flood Control Dams" had been distributed to the Directors. The draft was reviewed and briefly discussed. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

Burke made the motion (Motion #6) to approve guidelines for cost-share policy involving road dams on County right-of-ways, per draft submitted to Board, effective May 19, 1977 to supercede existing policy and to apply to any new project applications as well as to project applications not in final agreement stage. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

ENGINEERING AGREEMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to approve agreement with Price, Johnson & Erickson for engineering services and design services to be used principally after the SCS has found their office will be unable to fill our request for service. Seconded by Ronne. Burke explained that two other firms were invited to work up engineering agreements for the NRD's review and approval and will be discussed in the future after additional negotiations of details have been completed. It was further pointed up that this is a working agreement, not an exclusive contract, with the engineering firms, (in effect forming an approved engineering firms list), to work on projects which the NRD would choose to authorize them to do. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to charge the Staff to develop details for an independent agreement for services with Ray Icenogle as design technician. Seconded by Anderson. Mr. Icenogle would be employed only in reference to design of dams and small structures which fall under the 50 acre foot storage and 15 acre-foot permanent pool and design height specifications. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Moore

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURES

Burke made the motion (motion #9) to participate in cost-share, acquisition of necessary easements, instigate contracting procedures and any other necessary administrative procedures applicable to the following road structures: Watts-Polk County Road Structure; Hottovy-Butler County Road Structure; Bulgrin-York County Road Structure; and Benson-Clay County Road Structure. Seconded by Peterson. The Watts-Polk County Structure was recommended for participation per cost-share policy and to proceed with the acquisition of easements and contracting procedures; the Hottovy-Butler County structure was recommended for cost-share participation on the basis of NRD reimbursement to Butler County since construction is to be done by the County based upon engineer's cost estimate of \$6,948.36 and to obtain the necessary easements; the Bulgrin-York County Structure was recommended for placement with private engineering firm to develop plans and specifications; and the Benson.-Clay County Structure was recommended for placement with SCS for planning and design if possible or if not then through a private engineering firm. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

TOM NUSS FLOOD CONTROL DAM

Burke made the motion (motion #10) to proceed with the Tom Nuss flood control dam with revised design for 50 year-24 hour storm and cost-share participation based upon cost-share policy at 90% cost-share rate. Seconded by Schlueter. Dam to be located north and west of Sutton. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

COST-SHARE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to approve cost-share applications as follows: tentative approval for a total of \$5760.18 (Votipka, Fillmore County, reuse pit - \$1110.39; Simacek, Fillmore County, reuse pit -\$1110.39; Rech, Butler County, grassed waterway - \$705.00; Miller, Hamilton County, erosion control structure - \$2834.40); and for final approval for a total of \$3362.02 (Schultz, Hamilton County, reuse pit -\$1057.98; Schoch, York County, reuse pit - \$1145.57; First Trust Co., York County, reuse pit - \$1158.47). Above list includes applications received after Sub-Committee meeting. Marsh also suggested that the applications for tentative approval be accepted with the condition that they be referred to the ASCS to make use of the Emergency Flood and Drought Control Funds if the applicants qualify. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, Jensen.

Moore made the additional point that the NRD would cooperate in cost-share on larger costly projects on amounts above \$2500 (limit set by ASCS) if the ASCS was interested and had no objection to cooperating on that basis.

SOIL SURVEY AMENDMENTS

Burke made the motion (Motion #12) to approve amendments to Master Cooperative Agreements for soil survey in Butler and Clay Counties to extend agreement through June 30, 1978, including projected FY 1978 expenses of \$3644 and \$4500 respectively. Seconded by Anderson. Per an SCS progress report in March, Butler County is three months behind schedule and the SCS personnel has assured the NRD no additional funds would be required and the project would be completed in the next mapping season, by October 1, 1978. Clay County is on schedule and will be completed by July 1, 1978. This amendment is final to complete the surveys. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

Jensen questioned the basis on which the agreements for soil surveys with the Counties were made. Marsh explained that each agreement is made separately with each County and the percentage figures for contribution are based on the interest and willingness of the County to contribute. There is no rule or guideline outlining the percent of contribution on which the agreement is based.

Burke commented briefly on the additional items of information:

-Struebing Structure: plans are to proceed with the structure. The NNRC has given tentative approval of funds for the project.

-O'Connor Project: negotiations are underway with an engineering firm which has expressed an interest in doing a preliminary investigation and evaluation of the feasibility of the project.

Ray Hartung, representing the NNRC, reaffirmed the Commission's Advisory Board's tentative approval of funds for the Central Butler County Water

Management Project. He noted the Commission requested certain clarification of specific points or parts of the project and then charged the NRD's to proceed with the final application for funds. He also explained a resolution passed at the Committee meeting which applied to projects in which a portion of the project is economically unfeasible and which therefore jeopardized the entire project, could qualify for review of the situation by the Commission and perhaps be allowed a grant for the project rather than a loan.

NRD POCKET HANDBOOK

G. Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #13) to authorize publication of an NRD Pocket Handbook in the amount of 500 copies at a cost not to exceed \$600. Dunavan reviewed the outline of the booklet at he had laid it out for the Sub-Committee. Seconded by McLean. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, Anderson.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM (McCOOL JUNCTION)

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G. Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #14) to accept the application of McCool Junction Public School for an outdoor classroom and allow funds for material and work in an amount up to \$300.00. Seconded by Peterson. Dan Jantzen of McCool Junction School was present to explain the layout and location of the project, the estimated cost and the projected schedule for the project. He utilized a map prepared by Dunavan and indicated the school would begin in the Fall of 1977 and continue on as an on-going project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska, Anderson.

G. Obermeyer pointed up the fact that project signs were distributed to each Director to be erected in his area, which has not been done. He requested the signs be returned to the office to be put up by staff.

LENGTH OF MEETINGS

N. Obermier made the motion (Motion #15) to limit the Board of Directors meetings to three hours only. Seconded by Jensen. Comments were offered by several Directors both in support and in opposition to the motion. After additional discussion, Stuhr made the motion (Motion #16) to table Motion #15. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, McLean, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: Jensen, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier.

ABSTAIN: Hawthorne

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

Ray Burke and Keith Neiman reported on their participation in a tour (California Water Management and Recharge Tour) put together by Deon Axthlem of the University of Nebraska, of southern California water projects and management procedures. Mr. Neiman, York County Extension Agent, then presented a slide review of the tour, explaining specific points and procedures observed on the tour.

TESTIMONY FOR GROUNDWATER CONTROL AREA HEARING

Moore announced the Control Area Hearing would be held as scheduled, Tuesday, May 24, 1977 at 2-5 p.m. and reconvening again at 7 p.m. at the York City Auditorium. He informed the Directors the Hearing would be conducted to accept testimony during the Hearing only and not be held open to receive additional testimony, cross examination, or rebuttal at a later date.

The Directors were given specific information to update their copies of the testimony which was drafted to be presented at the Hearing. Moore indicated

Burke was to present the testimony in behalf of the Board of Directors.,

Moore then made the motion (Motion #17) to adopt the draft testimony with the updated information as the position of the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors to be presented at the Groundwater Control Area Hearing on May 24, 1977. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

The Board received comments from Tom Harrington, resident of Benedict, concerning his opinions and his position on the needs and guidelines for water management in the District.

PERSONNEL

Marsh reported on the procedure used to recruit for the position of Assistant Manager (Projects), the applications received and the personal interviews with the Personnel & Equipment Sub-Committee, as well as their impressions and recommendations. Burke made the motion (motion #18) to make a formal offer of Assistant Manager position to Dennis Bode on the salary basis of \$17,000 annually with allowance of \$500 for relocation expenses. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

NACD DUES

Burke made the motion (motion #19) to make a total contribution of \$400 to the NACD toward 1977 quota, including \$200 for membership dues. Anderson seconded the motion. The quota assessed by the NACD to the twenty-four Districts and the NARD in Nebraska was \$17,000. The NARD recommended each District pay \$200 and contribute additional if willing. Burke recommended an additional \$200 for a total contribution of \$400. It was further explained the money is used for various items, primarily for lobbying. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, McLean, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, white.

NAY: G. Obermeyer

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

SUPPORT OF PROGRAM AT CURTIS TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Dunavan reported on the NARD Sub-Committee (Education) meeting two weeks earlier, at which was discussed the possible discontinuance of the programs of the Tech School of Agriculture at Curtis. The NARD Committee requested the NRD's support the programs and write to the University to urge the continuance of the programs. Burke made the motion (Motion #20) to support by letter from the Board of Directors to the University of Nebraska, the programs of the Technical School of Agriculture at Curtis, Nebraska, in the Agriculture, Land and Water Technology Department and urge their continuance. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: McLean, G. Obermeyer.

ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

Marsh reported on the Blue River Basin Groundwater Management Task Force Meeting held May 17, 1977.

Marsh reported on the Drought-Flood Conservation Program Development meetings held in the Counties throughout the District and the impact which it could

have on this area.

Jensen made the motion (Motion #21) to extend a special invitation to the newly appointed State ASCS Committee to meet with the NRD Board of Directors and to invite their cooperation with the NRD. Seconded by Moore. Jensen requested the invitation be extended to Dale Sampson and his two colleagues on the Committee to attend a meeting for the general purpose of laying the groundwork to set up a working relationship with the NRD. After further discussion, it was felt that the NRD needs to work with the ASCS Committee more closely and to build the relationship, but through special contact and perhaps at a special meeting with specific items to discuss, rather than at a general Board of Directors Meeting. Therefore, the majority of the Board members felt it more equitable to approach the suggested meeting through these alternative avenues. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Jensen, Moore, N. Obermier.
NAY: Anderson, Hansen, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.
ABSTAIN: Burke, Hawthorne, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
ABSENT: Kaiser, Kuska.

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
April 21, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:45 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman
Roy Stuhr, Secretary
Robert Schneider, Treasurer
Bruce Anderson, Director
Wayne Hansen, Director
Bob Hawthorne, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Gary Obermeyer, Director
Norman Obermier, Director

Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Gary Morgan, Assistant Manager
William Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Marci Azaroff, Administrative
Secretary
Leonard Hosack, D.C., SCS, Wilber
Harold Fausch, D.C., SCS, Seward
Maurice Medaris, Technician,
Aurora
Joann Gocke, Waco
Ben Schole, Game & Parks Comm.
Ralph O'Connor, Grafton

LaVerne Peterson, Director
Max Ronne, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Roger Kaiser, Director

Robert Kaliff, McCool Junction
Dan Jantzen, McCool Junction
Albert Kliever, Lushton
Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT

Ray Burke, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published April 14, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White introduced guests.

Bill Dunavan, Assistant Manager, then introduced Joann Gocke. Miss Gocke was sponsored by the NRD to attend the Range Youth Camp. Miss Gocke won second place in the State with her presentation and went on to attend the Convention of the Society of Range Management in Portland, Oregon, in 1976. She presented a slide review with comments covering use of roadside grasses for grazing of livestock. A brief question and answer period followed the slide presentation.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Harold Fausch, D.C. of the Seward SCS office presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans, in the absence of Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of York. Moore made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider,
Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

Leonard Hosack, D.C., of the Saline County SCS office, presented a report on parallel terraces. He illustrated the advantages and results of the terraces with color slides, contrasting the erosion-prone unterraced hillside with that land having a parallel terrace system and conservation planning. He also pointed up the necessity for conserving and protecting soil in relation to water purity and pollution.

MINUTES

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the March 15, 1977, Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Ronne.

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider,
Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Following a brief discussion and review of the financial statement, Stuhr made the motion (Motion #3) to approve and adopt the March 31, 1977 financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in the York News-Times. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kasier, Kuska, McLean, Moore,
G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider,
Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

HENDERSON PARK STRUCTURE

Hansen made the motion (Motion #4) to recommend the NRD proceed with cost-share participation on the basis of 25% of total cost (estimated at \$18,000) on Henderson Park Structure on the revised and modified design incorporating no stream restriction and providing thirty acre-feet of instead water storage. Seconded by Ronne. Marsh reviewed the revised plan submitted by the engineering firm, Benjamin & Associates of Grand Island, for the park structure, exhibiting the plans for the Board to review. The plans showed the proposed park layout, the structure and water storage area. The technical soundness of the design, the feasibility and practicability of the structure were discussed at length. The question was also raised concerning the development of surrounding and adjacent residential areas and the effect the park water area would have on the value of property. After detailed discussion on the concerns and questions of several of the Directors, involving the perimeter of the park and the adjacent real estate, G. Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #5) to table Motion #4 until more sufficient information concerning projected development of park area and adjacent areas is obtained. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schneider, Stuhr.

NAY: Kaiser, Ronne, Schlueter.

ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, McLean, White.

ABSENT: Burke

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #6) to grant tentative approval to eight reuse pits and one erosion control structure for a total cost of \$10,157.32 and to grant final approval to three re-use pits and one flood control structure for a total of \$6,533.06 (Sell, Seward County for \$853.70; Rosene, Polk County for \$1,157.10; Saathoff, Adams County for \$783.65; Nedrow, Fairmont State Airfield, Fillmore County for \$3,738.61), which included those applications received after the Sub-Committee meeting. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

DAVIS CREEK PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #7) to proceed with demonstration of level detention terraces systems in Davis Creek Watershed, designed to provide minimum of twenty-five (25) year level of protection, with cost sharing rate of 80% of construction costs and release rates to be determined on project by-project basis for three demonstrations sites. Seconded by Anderson. A brief discussion followed concerning the rate of cost-sharing with the Board agreeing to approach the project at the 80% rate on the twenty-five year level of protection with the understanding a future review was in order if that approach proved to be unacceptable and unworkable. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

CHANNEL RE-LOCATION NEAR ULYSSES

Hansen made the motion (Motion #8) to participate on tentative basis not to exceed 30% cost-share of estimated \$50,000 construction costs associated with channel re-location subject to review and approval of project plans by the Department of Roads, following a public hearing to be scheduled in the future. Seconded by Stuhr. Marsh provided a map of the area, pointing out the work which would be involved in the proposed project, such as road realignment by

Butler County, bridge replacement/relocation by the Department of Roads, and channel relocation. The original cost estimate was approximately \$162,000. With the relocation of the bridge, realignment of spur and realignment of the channel, the total cost estimate is \$368,000. Marsh reported the NRD requested the Department of Roads estimate the cost of the channel realignment portion of the project., Their estimate was \$50,000. The County would then be responsible for the road realignment: and the Department of Roads would be responsible for replacing two old bridges with one new one. The Game & Parks Commission also had expressed an interest in the old channel for one of their programs. White reported the County Commissioners had given approval to move ahead and are exploring federal cost-share for their portion of the project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

O'CONNOR PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (motion #9) to rescind previous action on O'Connor Project which was a request to the SCS to provide further planning and development of technical information concerning a recharge dam on West Fork of the Big Blue River and to place this item on priority. Seconded by Moore. Mr. Ralph O'Connor, owner of the property on which the dam is to be placed, commented on the project, the desire of his brother and himself to have the structure placed on their property and the value of the project. The project would involve about one hundred acres of cleared land of which the lake proper would be about eighty acres. Additional discussion followed concerning the project. Kuska commented on the need and value of the project which would control a 526 square section watershed area. He urged the Board to investigate the proposed project through use of outside professional services to lay a firm basis for a decision on the project. Further discussion pointed out the fact the SCS refused the project because it is beyond their capabilities and therefore the NRD must move to rescind their original request to the SCS for assistance on the project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM AGREEMENT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #10) to participate in private lands wildlife habitat program with the Game and Parks Commission and to approve the habitat plan including a special Practice IV to serve as a transitional practice to incorporate all existing contracts feasible into the newly initiated cooperative program. Seconded by Jensen. Moore commented in opposition to the proposed program by the Game-.-& Parks Commission on the basis that it did not offer enough pay, the acreage size did not fit most operations in this area and it was designed with little or no flexibility and does not fit our District. Plan basis is that future contracts will be made "as money is available" and on the contracts put into effect by the NRD in 19761 the NRD is responsible for payment. The program offered by the Game & Parks Commission for participation by the NRD would begin July 1, 1977 with funds being paid out on the first anniversary date (July 1, 1978). The Agreement is set up to offer three practices and a fourth practice in which the NRD can include all existing contracts which will not qualify for placement into one of the first three practices and on which the Game & Parks Commission would cost-share 50%. Moore then questioned the attractiveness and salability of the first practices in the District, resulting in the majority of agreements falling under Practice IV. Mr. Ben Schole of the Game & Parks Commission, explained the Commission's approach and basis of the program and answered questions raised by the Directors. The Directors felt the Commission's program should be geared more toward each NRD on an individual basis. Morgan explained that the

Commission would cost-share on the basis listed in the program agreement and if the District wished to pay an increased amount to the Cooperator, it (the District) would have to assume all additional costs but in order to obtain the basic participation of the Game & Parks Commission, the Board must approve the agreement submitted. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: Moore, Ronne, Stuhr.

ABSENT: Burke

L.B. 71 ADMINISTRATIVE AGREEMENT WITH NNRC (Hastings Northwest Project)

Hansen made the motion (motion #11) to approve the administrative agreement with the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission to establish eligibility for use of L.B. 71 funds for the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Project.

Seconded by~Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kasier, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

POLICY ON AGREEMENTS TO UTILIZE RUNOFF

Hansen made the motion (motion #12) to authorize District Compliance Representatives to approve agreements for utilization of irrigation runoff water between immediately adjacent landowners only with monthly listing of approved agreements provided to the Board of Directors and all other agreements subject to Board action. Seconded by Stuhr. The policy would go into effect immediately. The agreements are written agreements which must be entered into by all parties involved (adjacent landowners and the NRD). Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

TOM NUSS DAM (Clay County)

Hansen made the motion (Motion #13) to table this item (recommendation by the Committee to proceed with fifty (50) year design and 100% cost-share on the basis of such design using SCS efforts if area office approval is possible, otherwise to pursue through private engineering) pending completion of the revised design and proposed revisions in cost-share policy. This motion was made after Morgan recommended the postponement of action for one month to enable the staff to prepare and present further information on recent developments on the project to the Sub-Committee next month. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

MORAVEC DAM (Seward/Butler County Line Road Structure) Hansen made the motion (Motion #14) to accept Hartman Construction Company's bid for construction of the Moravec Dam (Seward/Butler County Line Road Structure) with a second low bid of \$10,232.12. Seconded by Anderson. Due to irregularities in the low bid and the Engineer's recommendation, the Sub-Committee recommended the low bid be rejected and the second low bid be accepted. This second low bid was also in the range of the Engineer's estimate of \$10,300. In the discussion that followed, it was pointed out the low bidder did not follow the prescribed form for submission of bids and there was also some question as to his bid being to exact specifications as written by the engineering firm designing the dam, (located 1 ½ mile west of highway 15 on the Seward/Butler County Line, with a drainage area of over 100 acres and permanent storage of about sixteen

acre-feet). In the interest of shortening the time involved in producing the design (a period of possibly two years if designed by the SCS), the NRD engaged the engineering firm of Price-Johnson-Erickson of Wahoo, to design the dam. Several contractors interested in bidding the project questioned the SCS technician originally on the job as well as Chairman White concerning Plans and design of the dam. The design point in question involved compaction of the dam (contract specs called for 95% compaction). This requirement involved certain building procedures and techniques for strength and durability of the structure. However, apparently some contractors fell under the impression these procedures need not be included in the structure and bid accordingly. This question on the discrepancy of the two low bids led the Sub-Committee to select the second low bidder.. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson,~Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT

Kuska made the motion (Motion #15) to accept the Special Planning Sub-Committee Report and proceed with contract execution for the Scope of Services outlined with Henningson, Durham & Richardson of Omaha on the School Creek Project. Seconded by Hansen. Staff prepared a draft of the scope of services expected and reviewed it with representatives of the State SCS Watershed Planning Staff and also with representatives of the primary consulting firm, Henningson, Durham & Richardson of Omaha, who prepared the final draft of the SCOPE of Services, executed the contract and presented it to the NRD for approval by the Board of Directors. The Board briefly reviewed and discussed the proposed Scope of Services and contract for services. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson,~Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, white.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

McCOOL JUNCTION PARK PROJECT

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #16) to participate with McCool Junction on their park and recreational project on a cost-share basis of 25% of local costs, not to exceed \$5937.50 to be made in two progress payments and to enter into an agreement to that effect. Seconded by Ronne. Marsh reported that in July of 1976, the Board of Directors approved participation with McCool Junction on their park and recreational development. The original total project cost estimate was \$80,000 which was to be shared on the basis of 50% -Federal, 25% -State and 25% - local. Originally the Board of Directors approved 25% cost-share of local costs and~budgeted,\$5000 based on the \$80,000 total project cost. The total project cost has now been increased to \$95,000 due to some refinements and changes in the project plan and also to overall increase in construction costs. This increase in cost has been taken into consideration in the administrative agreement drawn up by the City of McCool Junction's attorney, which has been executed by the City officials and presented for the Board's approval. The sum stipulated as 25% of local costs would be a sum not to exceed \$5937.50. Representatives of the city of McCool Junction were present to answer questions of the Board of Directors and explain the project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

ROADSIDE SEEDING

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #17) to place the roadside seeding program

on the agenda as an emergency item as requested by representatives of the Seward County Board. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #18) to approve participation in a roadside seeding program for Seward County, which would include the NRD providing seed for forty to fifty miles of freshly graded roadside. Seconded by Moore. The Board of Supervisors of Seward County indicated they were interested in receiving assistance with their roadside seeding project. The NRD had set-up a program for roadside seeding which listed the types of grass mixtures to be used. It was suggested that if Seward County would be willing to follow these specifications, the NRD would cost share by providing the seed for the roadside. Seward County anticipates forty to fifty miles of roadside to be seeded per year (about three acres per mile). After further questions and discussion, the Board felt there was not enough information and current cost figures available to grant approval to Seward County's request.

Hansen made the motion (Motion #19) to table Motion #18 pending the receipt of additional information including costs. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Kuska.

Dunavan reported on Minimum Tillage Field Days for each county. In York, Fillmore, and Seward Counties, as well as Hamilton and Butler Counties, the plans are progressing well, with the program being planned for early summer.

Dunavan reported on the financial results of the Awards Banquet, pointing out the net NRD expenditure was about \$298.00 with an additional \$120.00 expended for special photography.

RANGE YOUTH CAMP

Anderson made the-motion, (Motion #20) to sponsor and award scholarships to up to four young people to attend the Range Youth Camp the summer of 1977 at Halsey. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

A brief report was given by Anderson and Dunavan as follows:

- Close cooperation is planned with the Groundwater Sub-Committee to promote the Groundwater Control Hearing, May 24th, and to assist in making citizens aware of the method of presentation of testimony;
- The NRD would not sponsor any teachers at summer camp on use of -the outdoor classroom;
- An outline for an Annual Report for publication is in progress; and
- An inspection tour will be scheduled of the progress and condition of the Arboretum at Central Tech in Hastings, by Staff.

Moore reported for the Groundwater Sub-Committee. The Groundwater Control Area Hearing will be in York on May 24th at 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.. The SubCommittee is working on the testimony to be presented. Burke is presently attending a Recharge and Metering Tour in California and will report at the next meeting. Testimony will be prepared prior to the next Board meeting for the Board's

review and approval. Anderson complimented Marsh for his presentation at the Program Committee in Lincoln. Stuhr also complimented the News-Times for their excellent water articles. Marsh reported the Upper Republican NRD has not as yet received a decision from the Department of Water Resources on their hearing.

STAFF RESIGNATION

Moore made the motion (Motion #21) to accept with regret, the resignation of Gary Morgan, Assistant Manager. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke

Marsh reported the position announcement for Assistant Manager, with emphasis placed on technical and engineering background, had been circulated and we had received some response to it. Applications would be accepted until May 6th.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #22) to approve the purchase of a wireless P.A./portable podium system in the \$850 to \$900 cost range, as recommended by the Personnel & Equipment Sub-Committee. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, N. Obermier.

REIMBURSEMENT FOR MILEAGE EXPENSE

Schneider made the motion (Motion #23) to raise the reimbursement for mileage for directors and staff to \$0.20 per mile retroactive to the beginning of the second quarter of the calendar year. Seconded by Moore. Lengthy discussion followed. G. Obermeyer opposed the increase on the basis of actual cost of operation of an automobile being lower and the actual percentage of automobile cost and maintenance the District owes to the Director is not 100%. Several Directors challenge these statements, quoting sources who offered evidence of higher cost for operation and maintenance of automobiles. The question was also raised as to the scope of the responsibilities of each Director to travel throughout his Sub-District to project sites per the request of the land owner or operator. The Directors also discussed the difficulty they encounter in choosing which services and time should be considered in the interest of the District and should be authorized. It was suggested the Board needs to develop guidelines as to what is considered authorized for presentation for reimbursement. G. Obermeyer proposed an amendment to charge the Executive Committee with the preparation of guidelines and limitations and definitions of reimbursable mileage prior to the time the mileage rate goes into effect. No second was offered, therefore, the motion for the amendment died. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Peterson, White.

NAY: Hansen, G. Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter.

ABSTAIN: Schneider, Stuhr.

ABSENT: Burke, N. Obermier.

Marsh gave a brief legislative report covering the current status of bills relative to the District's interests.

Respectfully submitted

Roy Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
March 15, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Lee Orton, NACD
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	John Hanlon, Representing
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	Congressman Thone
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Mel Noffke, Blue River Assoc. GWCD's
Bruce Anderson, Director	Bill Watmore, Fillmore Co. GWD
Raymond Burke, Director	Sam Gibbs, Jr.
Bob Hawthorne, Director	John Buller
Hans Jensen, Director	J. E. Shrigley, York
Roger Kaiser, Director	Robert Budnick, Hampton
Melvin Kuska, Director	George Wochner
Jim McLean, Director	Tom Harrington
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Edgar Klute
Norman Obermier, Director	Jim Lindburg
Max Ronne, Director	Arthur A. Buechle, Clay Center
Leonard Schlueter, Director	J. D. Hirschfeld, Benedict
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	Roger Kreutz, Giltner
Gary Morgan, Assistant Manager	Roger Werner, Polk
William Dunavan, Assistant Manager	Robert Brozda, Polk
Marci Azaroff, Administrative Sec.	Mitch Werner, Polk
Kenneth Feather, Technician	Fred Branz, Waco
Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS, York	Walter Janzen, Henderson
George Remmenga, D.C., SCS, Clay Center	Ray W. Siebert, Lushton
Roger Hammer, Soil Scientist, Clay Center	Lee Caine, Gresham
Don Kerl, Soil Scientist, David City	Jerry Renaud, KAWL
Monte Babcock, Technician, David City	Mike Schilling, Grand Island Indep.
Keith Niemann, Extension Agent, York	Dominick Costello, Lincoln Journal
Ted J. Sabata, Little Blue NRD	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Senator Maurice Kremer	
Gordon Peterson, Public Works Comm.	

ABSENT

Wayne Hansen, Director
LaVerne Peterson, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman White. After roll call of members, Chairman White called to the attention of those attending, the Rule governing "Public Participation at official meetings of the District", as adopted by the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District, which outlines procedure to be followed by individuals wishing to address the Board of Directors. Chairman White then proceeded to introduce guests.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Burke made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,

Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

Marsh presented for approval, a cooperato agreement between the Board of Educational Lands & Funds, Leasee (Vernon Cook, Juniata) and the District on land located in Adams County W1/2NW1/4 14-8-10 -- 80 acres). Anderson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the co-op agreement with the Board of Educational Lands & Funds and Leasee in Adams County. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

Marsh offered a special comment regarding a meeting held on March 3rd between the Executive Board, Bruce Anderson, Representative to the NRC, Ray Burke, Representative to the NARD and Benny Martin, State Conservationist, and Rod Egbarts, District Conservationist to discuss areas of common problems and mutual concerns to make our working relationship more effective. The meeting produced better understanding for everyone of the problems facing us and resulted in some commitments from Mr. Martin and some conclusion as to how we can improve our working relationship. Chairman White added 'his support for increased cooperation and understanding between SCS and NRD and invited all Directors to actively work toward a better working relationship.

Chairman White introduced Roger Hammer, Soil Scientist for Clay County, who presented a progress report on the soil survey being conducted by -the SCS in Clay County. Mr. Hammer reported they were keeping close to their projected schedule for completion of the survey, having completed all soil sampling and were awaiting receipt of the aerial photographs. Mr. Hammer gave the completion date for the survey as June of 1978.

Chairman White then introduced Don Kerl, Soil Scientist for Butler County, who presented a progress report on the soil survey being conducted in Butler County. Mr. Kerl reported they are also progressing according to schedule with the soil sampling and are presently probing but have not yet received the aerial photos. Their completion date for the survey is also June 1978. He indicated the map will be ready for use sometime in 1978.

As a point of information for new Directors and an update for the Board, Marsh reported the Upper Big Blue NRD is cooperating with the County Board of Supervisors and the adjacent NRD's in these counties (Clay and Butler) to supplement SCS efforts by supplying additional Soil Scientist to assist and accelerate the completion of the soil surveys. He indicated the NRD will also consider similar arrangements with Saline, Fillmore and Hamilton Counties to assist in completion of the soil surveys in those counties.

MINUTES

Burke made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the Minutes of the February 15, 1977, Board of Directors meeting as distributed. Seconded by Anderson.. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Schneider made the motion (Motion #4) to adopt the February 1977 financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in the York News-Times. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

MEETING DATE

Stuhr made the statement that it was the consensus of the Executive Board that the meeting date remain the second Tuesday as is currently stated in the bylaws. After review of past attendance records, it was found that there was 85% attendance on the second Tuesday nights. The Executive Board felt this was a very good record and realizing that to have total attendance of all (seventeen) Directors at all meetings was virtually impossible, therefore, recommended to retain the present second Tuesday as regular meeting date. Stuhr also commented on each Director's efforts to consistently make the meetings and to arrange personal priorities to be in attendance. Anderson spoke in favor of a later meeting day in the month so as to be more effective in dispensing information to the news media. Conflicts for various days of the week and the month were discussed. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #5) to retain the second Tuesday night as regular meeting date as presently specified in the By-Laws. Seconded by Burke. Further discussion followed. Stuhr withdrew his motion. Hawthorne made the motion (Motion #6) to amend the By-Laws to change the meeting date to the third Thursday of each month. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne.

NAY: Burke, Jensen, Moore, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr.

ABSTAIN: White.

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

Stuhr then changed his vote to aye.

AYE: Anderson, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Stuhr.

NAY: Burke, Jensen, Moore, Schlueter, Schneider.

ABSTAIN: White

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Burke made the motion (Motion #7) to grant tentative approval to ' cost-share applications listed in Sub-Committee report (seven re-use pits, one terrace and waterway, and one dam) totaling an estimated cost of \$16,326.92. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

Burke made the motion (Motion #8) to grant tentative approval to two additional cost-share applications received after the Sub-Committee meeting, for one re-use pit (Harry Henkle - 1245.57) and one erosion control dam (Floyd Tonniges - 3339.37) for an estimated total cost of \$4584.94. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

Aye: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

Burke made the motion (Motion #9) to grant final approval to two cost-share applications for re-use pits (Carrol Peterson - 777.70; Harlan Toline 759.64) for a total cost of \$1537.34. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,

Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

SCHOOL CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT

Proposals were received from twelve firms in answer to our request for quotation/proposal for the School Creek Watershed Project. The Staff reviewed the proposals and narrowed the field to five firms. A Special Planning

Sub-Committee composed of Hawthorne, Kuska, Ronne, Herb Casey, SCS, and George Remmenga, SCS, interviewed the five firms and recommends three firms with whom to negotiate: Henningson, Durham & Richardson, Omaha; Kirkham, Michael & Associates, Omaha; and Boyle Engineering Corporation, Lincoln. Staff is to negotiate with these firms in the order listed and report to the Board at the April meeting. Burke made the motion (Motion #10) to approve the Special Planning Sub-Committee recommendation to proceed with the negotiations with three engineering firms, in relative order, concerning proposals for development of School Creek Watershed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

ENGINEERING CAPABILITIES FOR DISTRICT'S SPECIAL PROJECTS

Burke made the motion (Motion #11) to adopt a policy statement outlining operating procedures for design responsibilities on structures and to develop a working agreement for use with a private engineer who will provide design upon request. Seconded by Kuska. A point of clarification of intention was made that the engineer would be a licensed professional engineer who would provide professional backup as necessary for design and work on larger structures. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean,
Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

FILLMORE COUNTY SOIL SURVEY AGREEMENT

Burke made the motion (motion #12) to approve agreement which provides for cost-share of Fillmore County Soil Survey at 50%-Upper Big Blue NRD; 33%-Fillmore County; and 17%-Little Blue NRD. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean
Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

HASTINGS NORTHWEST FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE

Burke made the motion (Motion #13) to approve participation in the Hastings Northwest Flood Control Structure at rate of 10% of local project costs (estimated at \$400,000) and to assume primary project sponsorship role for administrative purposes. Balance of cost to be shared proportionately by City of Hastings -30%; Adams County -30%; and Little Blue NRD -30%. Administrative costs are estimated to be minimal. Upper Big Blue NRD will be the contracting officer primarily because the structure will be in the District. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean
Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

ROAD STRUCTURE (SEWARD-BUTLER COUNTY LINE)

Burke made the motion (Motion #14) to proceed with the Seward-Butler County Line Road Structure and to award a contract as soon as project administrative details are completed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean
Moore, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

RUN-OFF AGREEMENT

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to approve an irrigation run-off water

agreement between Moore Farms and Warren Noble, Ulysses, Nebraska. Seconded by Ronne. A brief explanation was made by Marsh of the provision of LB 577 which allows an agreement be made between adjacent landowners for the use of water by downstream landowner. Provided the run-off water is used properly, by the downstream landowner, then the upstream landowner allowing the run-off is in compliance with the rules and regulations governing irrigation run-off water. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Moore
ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

HAMILTON COUNTY SOIL SURVEY AGREEMENT

Burke made the motion (motion #16) to approve agreement which provides for cost-share of Hamilton County Soil Survey at 50%-Hamilton County; 45%Upper Big Blue NRD; and 5%Central Platte NRD. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson.

Moore made the motion (Motion #18) to recommend to the Department of Water Resources in the request for a control area hearing the hearing be scheduled during the last two weeks of May 1977. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, Obermier, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson.

As a point of clarification, Marsh pointed out this is a request for a control area hearing to be held. This hearing is conducted by the Department of Water Resources. It is an opportunity for public opinion to be expressed and testimony given by individuals or organizations. The NRD will prepare a statement of testimony to present at the hearing. If as a result of the hearing, an order is issued to declare and designate the boundaries of a groundwater control area, the NRD then holds a second hearing to determine the method of regulation to be employed in the area. This second hearing provides an additional opportunity for public input.

A short discussion period followed covering the definition of a groundwater hearing and the method of its conduction. Further discussion followed concerning laws governing groundwater usage by all residents of the districts including urban dwellers. Many comments were then given concerning the hearing and need for the hearing, the basis for requesting the hearing and the publication for the informational meeting held in the past and the upcoming hearing.

OUTDOOR CLASSROOMS

G. Obermeyer, made the motion (Motion #19) to supply materials to Henderson School's Outdoor Classroom, phase I, this spring with later funds and materials to complete the project as requested but not to exceed \$300.00, total. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson, Kuska.

G. Obermeyer, made the motion (motion #20) to supply materials for Centennial High School's Outdoor Classroom this spring, including about \$80.00 for grass seed required, and additional assistance supplied as requested to complete the

project but not to exceed a total of \$300.00. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Kuska
ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson.

A brief reference was made to the Land Judging Contest, noting we would not be interested in hosting the area contest but would like to host the State Contest.

Bill Dunavan reviewed the Road Structure Tour which took place March 10th. He noted all counties in our District were represented except Hamilton County. About thirty people rode the bus and the discussions and exchange of ideas and opinions among the participants was a valued benefit of the tour.

Dunavan also reminded the Directors of the need to sell tickets for the Awards Banquet scheduled for March 26th. Each Director received a block of tickets he was asked to sell.

Jim McLean made several comments on news articles and information concerning the NRD and publication of such information. He particularly pointed up the image of the NRD presented by the news media. Discussion followed concerning the news media and the NRD, source of news releases and control of news releases.

Anderson made the motion (motion #21) to request the Executive Board and Staff to work out a schedule for a meeting of the Education & Information and the Projects & Programs Sub-Committees for a brief period of time prior to the regular Sub-Committee meetings. Seconded by Ronne. Extensive discussion followed concerning the intention of such a meeting, the benefit of such a meeting and the reason for such a meeting. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson
NAY: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson.

EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

Moore made the motion (motion #22) to purchase a 3-M automatic copier at a net cost of \$1295.00. The model would be a VQC - SE by 3-M. It was recommended to be purchased in view of the fact the present copier was not in operation and repair costs had totaled approximately \$200.00 during the past year. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson.

PERSONNEL

Burke made the motion (Motion #23) to hire one full-time technician for the York Field Office to relieve the part-time (sharing) situation with Aurora Field Office as soon as possible. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Legislative Report which updated the status of the current legislative bills

of interest to our District, was circulated to the Board Members. Marsh briefly reported on bills and amendments on which action was expected in the near future. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #24) to support L.B. 217, as amended. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson.

Discussion followed concerning L.B. 298, concerning riparian rights. The Board decided not to lend formal support to this bill as it was written.

Burke reported on the NARD Board Meeting which he recently attended, including personnel change, budget and programs proposed.

Marsh briefly commented on the Nebraska Water Conference which he attended, pointing up the theme and approach of the conference as being the active involvement of public to reverse current trends against water development projects and to bring citizens groups and planning agencies together to resolve the problems.

Marsh read the suggested reappointments and the new appointments to the NARD Committees and asked agreement of proposed appointees to serve.

The announcement of the California Water Management Tour (April 17-24, 1977) was made. It was decided to send a representative on the tour. Burke made the motion (Motion #25) to send one representative of our Board/District to participate in the California Water Management Tour (April 17-24, 1977) arranged by Deon Axthelm of the University of Nebraska, Cooperative Extension Service. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

Absent: Hansen, Peterson, N. Obermier.

There being no further business, Schlueter made the motion (Motion #26) to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kaiser, Kuska, McLean, Moore, G. Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson, Obermier.

Respectfully submitted by

Roy Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
February 15, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS, York
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	Harold Fausch, D.C., SCS, Seward
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Steve Nichel, Hoskins-Western Sonderegger, Lincoln
Bruce Anderson, Director	Dave Snyder, Agri-Management Inc.
Wayne Hansen, Director	Claude Walkup, York
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Eleanor Bohaty, Seward
Roger Kaiser, Director	Leo Aldrich, Rising City
Norman Obermier, Director	George Wochner, Bradshaw
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Roger Wemer, Polk
Max Ronne, Director	Don Hanquist, Stromsburg
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Royce Bellows
Floyd Marsh, General Manager	Paul J. O'Connor
Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager	W. W. St. John, York
William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager	Lewis Badger Halsey, Fairmont
Marci Azaroff, Administrative Secretary	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Linda McBride, Secretarial Assistant	
Mel Noffke, Blue River Assoc. GWCD's	

ABSENT

Raymond Burke, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Jim McLean, Director
Gary Obermeyer, Director
Roy Stuhr, Secretary

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The meeting was called to order by Chairman White who welcomed the guests and asked they introduce themselves to the Board and all present.

Chairman White introduced Steve Nichels of Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger of Lincoln, Nebraska, who spoke on storage dam structures. Mr. Nichel highlighted his presentation with illustrations, pointing out the difference in dam design for different purposes. He discussed the efficiency of water retention and comparative cost of different dams. A short question and answer and discussion period followed the presentation.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Peterson made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, Obermeyer, Stuhr.

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the January 11, 1977, Board of Directors' meeting as distributed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Schneider made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the January 1977 financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in the York News-Times. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser,, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

Marsh reviewed the details of an account receivable from a Clay County resident for trees and planting and spraying purchased in 1975, reading the correspondence concerning the account from the Clay County Attorney. He noted an affidavit needed to be completed by the NRD concerning receipt of a non-sufficient fund check and be submitted to the Clay County Attorney to authorize him to proceed with necessary action on the collection of the account. Anderson made the motion (Motion #4) to proceed with follow-up necessary for prosecution for collection on the account receivable from the resident of Clay County. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

MEETING DATE

Comments in favor of changing the regular meeting date to the third week of the month were heard from St. John, District Accountant, for convenience in preparation of financial statement. After thanking him for the comment, Chairman White placed the topic to the Board members present for discussion. Several different days of the month which would possibly be convenient for all members were suggested. It was noted-that a change of the regular meeting date required an amendment to the By-Laws. It was also pointed out that to arrive at one day commonly convenient to all seventeen members was a near impossibility. Therefore, the members present, by show of hands, arrived at the third Tuesday of the month as being most convenient date for most members present. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #5) to amend By-Laws the third Tuesday of the month as regular meeting date. Seconded by Hawthorne Further discussion was called for pointing up the amount of absent members, suggesting the next meeting date be set and a decision on revision of regular date be postponed until then. Schneider made the motion to table Motion #5 (Motion #6) and requested each director be notified of this agenda item and be requested to advise of his preference of meeting date if he did not plan to attend the next meeting and to set next meeting on the third Tuesday or March 15, 1977. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

HASTINGS FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #7) to proceed with Hastings Flood Control Project by cooperating with three other co-sponsors to develop a financial and administrative plan of development, including acquisition of land rights and easements in the near future. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE. Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

O'CONNOR PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #8) to request SCS proceed with the O'Connor Project (57 acres located near Grafton) with additional planning and placement of the project on high priority. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen., Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Schneider.
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Hansen made the motion (motion #9) to approve James Vandenburg cost share appeal concerning terrace system in Butler County and grant additional monies of \$223.75, an amount which should have been included in original application but was not due to error in reporting of work. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

Hansen made the motion (Motion #10) to tentatively approve Department of Aeromautics application for flood control dam at cost of \$3738.61 located at Fairmont airfield. This project would be handled on the basis of cost share with another governmental agency. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

Hansen made the motion (Motion #11) to tentatively approve Mary D. Carlson of Aurora application for erosion control dam at cost of \$4240.43. This project would be a 7,000 cubic yard erosion control dam located in section 9, township 11, range 5 of Hamilton County. Additional information and additional investigation and contact with owner for expansion of purpose of dam was recommended. Seconded by Kaiser. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Kaiser, N. Obermier, Peterson, White.
NAY: None
ABSTAIN: Hawthorne, Moore, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider.
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

RISING CITY-SURPRISE PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #12) to advance the Rising City-Surprise Drainage Project to public hearing to establish a special project improvement area before engineering is obtained and boundaries finalized. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

SHELTER BELT IMPROVEMENT DEMONSTRATION

Hansen made the motion (motion #13) to sponsor five demonstrations of shelter belt improvement in cooperation with Nebraska Department of Forestry and SCS at a cost of \$2000.00. This project encompasses one demonstration in each of the five counties adjacent to York and involves renovation of a portion of

established shelter belts. Different methods of renovation, all according to Forestry Regulations, are to be demonstrated. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

CONSULTING AGREEMENT

Hansen made the motion (motion #14) to enter into an agreement with Dan S. Jones, Jr., Special Consultant, for consulting services needed to develop an application for surface water rights. Fees will be at \$15.00 per hour or \$100.00 per day, whichever is less. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

WEISS-YORK COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Anderson made the motion (motion #15) to approve the project data sheet for SCS planning assistance on the Weiss-York County Road Structure. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

Harold Fausch, D.C., of the SCS office in Seward presented a special report on "Minimum Tillage and Crop Residue Management". His program included examples of methods with the results and benefits of minimum tillage via color slides. A short open discussion followed the presentation.

RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP WEEK

Anderson made the motion (motion #16) to support Resources Stewardship Week (May 15 to 22) by letter to each church in District and to make available to each Church inserts concerning Resources Stewardship Week for the Church's bulletin, if the Churches wish to use them. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

Moore presented the Groundwater Sub-Committee Report on the summary of the Groundwater Management Informational Meetings held in surrounding communities in late January and early February. General consensus of the meetings was acknowledgment of a problem and concern for preservation of water. Since all information had not been compiled and studied and since all members of the SubCommittee had been unable to meet for such study, the Committee respectfully reserved judgment in reaching definite conclusion and development of a specific recommendation until such time as all significant information before the Sub-Committee has been evaluated and would defer any related action until the regular March meeting before which time the Sub-Committee will have met again. Moore also mentioned the Subcommittee reviewed the policies of the Groundwater Association and the Little Blue NRD regarding groundwater but are not in a position to make any recommendations to our Board concerning those policy statements.

TECHNICIAN FOR COOPERATION IN IRRIGATION SCHEDULING

Schneider reviewed the concept of irrigation scheduling and noted a need to support irrigation management practices and an irrigation scheduling program in cooperation with local extension service in Polk, Butler and Saline

Counties for the 1977 irrigation season. Moore discussed further details of such a project. Additional comments were heard from Mel Noffke, Blue River Association of GWCD's and several Board members. Moore made a motion (Motion #17) to support funding of technician for a twelve week period to work on cooperative irrigation scheduling program on the basis of one well per cooperator within the District in Polk, Butler and Saline Counties, in cooperation with extension service. Further general discussion followed covering information on irrigation scheduling and general concerns on use and misuse of controls. Anderson seconded the motion. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

Dave Snyder of Agri-Management, Inc., Columbus, Nebraska gave a brief presentation of his farm management firm's irrigation scheduling service. He reviewed their objectives and approach and method employed.

LEGISLATIVE BILLS

Marsh briefly reviewed current legislative bills coming up for hearing which are of interest to District's interests. He read L.B.#149 and L.B.#313, and discussion followed concerning both bills and their intent. Moore made the motion (Motion #18) to not support L.B. #149 and L.B. #31.3, and to direct the Staff to prepare testimony to that effect. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Schlueter, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr,

Anderson made the motion (Motion #19) to support the concept of L.B.#277 with specific qualifications which would provide that:

- present administrative and technical expertise be retained to provide leadership and organization within the functions transferred into the NNRC;
- a "semi-independent" division or department with some degree of individual identity be retained for administration of all current regulatory functions, including the Nebraska Groundwater Management Act (LB 577) and surface water appropriations; and
- adequate staffing and funding be included in any transfer of function such that all current and future responsibilities can be exercised effectively.

Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr, Schneider.

Moore made the motion (Motion #20) to authorize the Legislative Sub-Committee to collectively represent the views and position of the District on legislative activities which would come for hearing between regular meetings. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr, Schneider.

Anderson made the motion (motion #21) to support by letter, signed by the Chairman, the position of "District Conservation Engineer" for South-Central Station, included in the University of Nebraska-Lincoln budget. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson,

Ronne, Schlueter, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr, Schneider.

Mel Noffke commented on L.B.#255 which refers to GWCD's procedures, and on L.B.#411 which refers to dissolution of GWCD's and requested the NRD support L.B.#255 and oppose L.B.#411.

White gave a brief report of the NARD Conference and Board Meeting.

Marsh commented on the NACD Convention and invited all Directors present who attended to add their comments. They brought out comparisons of projects and practices between different states, as well as the position Nebraska takes among Conservation Districts throughout the nation.

LEASE FOR OFFICE SPACE

Peterson made the motion (Motion #22) to approve and put into effect revised lease agreement with the County of York for office space, effective February 1, 1977, and authorizing signatures of Chairman and Secretary on said document. Cost figure is raised to \$400.00 per month. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr, Schneider.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Moore made the motion (Motion #23) to adjourn to Executive Session for discussion of Sub-Committee assignments. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr, Schneider.

Moore made the motion (Motion #24) to approve the addition of Jensen to Legislative Sub-Committee, Kaiser to Groundwater Sub-Committee, and Ronne to Personnel and Equipment Sub-Committee. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kaiser, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Jensen, Kuska, McLean, G. Obermeyer, Stuhr.

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
January 11, 1977

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 1:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Morris White, Chairman	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Larry Moore, Vice Chairman	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Roy Stuhr, Secretary	William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Robert Schneider, Treasurer	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Bruce Anderson, Director	Linda McBride, Secretarial Assistant
Raymond Burke, Director	Mel Noffke, Blue River Assoc. GWCD's
Wayne Hansen, Director	Rod Egbarts, D.C., SCS, York
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Rae Beins, York State Bank
Hans Jensen, Director	Norman Behrens, Mayor, Crete
Melvin Kuska, Director	Marci Azaroff, York
Larry Moore, Director	Gerald Beaver, York
Norman Obermrier, Director	Jerry Reno, KAWL Radio
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Leonard Schlueter, <u>Director</u>	

ABSENT

Gary Obermeyer, Director
Roger Kaiser, Director
Jim McLean, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published January 4, 1977, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Burke who introduced guests, including Marci Azaroff the new Administrative Secretary and Rae Beins, guest notary. Mr. Beins administered the Oath of Office to all newly elected directors.

CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION

White made the motion (Motion #1) to bestow Certificates of Appreciation to retiring Directors Orval Eikenhorst, Boyd Stuhr, and Norman Wellmann. Seconded by Jensen. Amended to include Administrative Secretary Carolyn Budler. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: G. Obermeyer,

APPOINTMENTS TO FILL VACANCIES

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #2) to appoint Roger Kaiser to serve as Director from: Sub-district VI. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr,, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: G. Obermeyer,

Anderson made the motion (Motion #3) to appoint Jim McLean to serve as Director from Sub-district VII. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: G. Obermeyer,

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Moore made the motion (Motion #4) to suspend the By-laws to provide for election of officers by written ballot with nominations from the floor, one office at a time. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

Morris White and Larry Moore were nominated for Chairman. Kuska made the motion (Motion #5) that nominations for Chairman cease. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer

White - 11 votes; Moore - 3 votes. Morris White was elected Chairman by ballot vote. White assumed Chairmanship of the meeting and proceeded with the election of officers by entertaining nominations from the floor for vice chairman.

Nominated for Vice Chairman were Larry Moore and Roy Stuhr. Burke made the motion (Motion #6) that nominations for Vice Chairman cease. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer

Moore 9 votes; Stuhr - 5 votes. Larry Moore was elected Vice Chairman by ballot vote.

Nominations were opened for the office of Treasurer. Robert Schneider was nominated. Kuska made the motion (Motion #7) that nominations cease for Treasurer and the rules be suspended in order that, by roll call vote, a unanimous ballot may be cast for Robert Schneider. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried and Robert Schneider elected Treasurer by roll call vote.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Stuhr, White.
NAY: Schneider
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

Upon opening nominations for the office of Secretary, Roy Stuhr and Wayne Hansen were nominated. Moore made the motion (Motion #8) that nominations for Secretary cease. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,
Stuhr - 8 votes; Hansen - 6 votes. Roy Stuhr was elected Secretary by ballot vote.

MEETING DATE

After considerable discussion on a convenient meeting date, Burke made the motion (Motion #9) that a decision on any changes in meeting date be delayed one month. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,

N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #10) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

MINUTES

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #11) to approve the minutes of the December 14, 1976, Board of Director's meeting as distributed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND BILLS PAYABLE

Marsh reviewed replies received from Fillmore and Polk Counties regarding their statements for election expenses. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #12) to pay Fillmore and Polk Counties' statements for election expenses and to refer a summary of election expenses to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

Dunavan summarized the events preceeding and following the purchase of the Display. After questioning and the consideration of a letter from Hutcheson Displays, Inc. requesting additional payment of the UBBNRD Display purchased from them, Kuska made the motion to deny Hutcheson Displays' request for an additional \$90.00 as payment for the Display and request staff 'to write Hutcheson Displays, Inc. to that effect. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

Jensen made the motion (Motion #14) to authorize transfer of respective bonds to the new Secretary, Roy Stuhr, and the new Treasurer, Robert Schneider. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

Burke made the motion (Motion #15) to adopt the December 1976 financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in the York News Times. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
MAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

UBBNRD-UNL MASTER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT AMENDMENT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #16) to approve Amendment #2 to the Master Cooperative Agreement between UBBNRD and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln including projected funding of \$49,000 for the current contract year extending through December 1, 1977, and the initiation of a fourth project proposal to develop a detailed inventory and ongoing monitoring program of groundwater quality in the NRD and that \$18,000 of this amount which is currently budgeted (FY 1977) be committed to the contract account. Seconded by Burke. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE APPLICATIONS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #17) to approve final payment of three cost-share assistance applications totaling \$4,138.19 (Kauffman Farms - \$773.46; Howard McKeag -\$2,591.27 and Walt Goertzen - \$773.46). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

W.H.I.P. COOPERATORS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #18) to approve payment of WHIP cooperators totaling \$11,949.07 as listed in the Projects and Programs Subcommittee Report and that April 15, 1977, be designated as the deadline for completing fencing. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

SCHOOL CREEK PROJECT

After Ronne had reiterated to the Board that this project has a great deal of local support, Hansen made the motion (Motion #19) that the District solicit proposals for a project investigation of the School Creek Project from interested consultants. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

MILFORD PARK PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (Motion #20) that the District enter into a cooperative agreement with the City of Milford for the Milford Park Project and authorize signing of the agreement. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
MAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

LARSON-HAMILTON COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Hansen made the motion (Motion #21) to appoint the Assistant Manager as Contracting Officer for the Larson-Hamilton County Road Structure and the General Manager as alternate. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore,
N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

ROAD STRUCTURE PROJECTS TOUR

Hansen made the motion (Motion #22) that tile Projects and Programs and Education and Information Subcommittees work together to develop a tour of road structure projects for county governing boards and that the road structure program be presented in each county through a joint meeting. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Questions were raised as to liability on road structures. It was Schlueter's suggestion that the NRD legal counsel be contacted to clarify this point. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

GONNERMAN-SCHMITT-POLK COUNTY ROAD DAM

Moore made the motion (Motion #23) to submit the special project data sheet for the Gonnerman-Schmitt-Polk Co. Road Dam to SCS to be placed on their priority list for special planning assistance. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

ONE AND SIX YEAR COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

Ronne made the motion (Motion #24) to adopt an updated version of the One and Six Year Comprehensive Plan for the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

CONSERVATION FARM AWARD PICTURES

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #25) to pay \$1,165.43 to Vincent Wright for Conservation Farm Award pictures. Seconded by Burke. Dunavan pointed out that the major portion of the cost of these pictures will be recovered from organizations sponsoring the awards. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

RECEPTION DESK

Peterson made he motion (Motion #26) to authorize purchase of a desk for the reception area costing approximately \$275. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

MEMBERSHIPS

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #27) to authorize payment of membership in the Nebraska State Irrigators Association for all Directors and principal administrative staff. Seconded by Burke. After Marsh reviewed the professional memberships desired by staff, Stuhr amended the motion--including payment of staff memberships in professional organizations as follows: Marsh National Water Res. Assn., Groundwater Management Dists. Assn.; Morgan National Recreation and Park Assn., National Wildlife Federation; Dunavan Soil Conservation Soc. of America. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

NARD REPRESENTATION

Stuhr made the motion (Motion #28) to appoint Chairman White and Vice-Chairman Moore as UBBNRD's voting delegate and alternate, respectively, to the 1977 NARD conference to be held in Kearney. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, N. Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

ABSTENTION: Moore, White

Moore made the motion (Motion #29) to appoint Raymond Burke as UBBNRD's representative to the NARD Board of Directors. Seconded by Anderson. Moore amended the motion--to include Chairman White as alternate director. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

ABSTENTION: Burke, Hansen, White

AMENDMENT TO NARD POLICY

Anderson made the motion (Motion #30) that the proposed amendment to one and six year comprehensive plan policy be amended on the floor at the NARD conference to include a request that the State Office of Planning and Programming, Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, and Game and Parks Commission cooperate to prepare a suggested format for NRD's comprehensive plans. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermier, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer,

While reviewing NARD policy, Jensen expressed concern that more attention was not being accorded the problem of the Platte River navigability proclaimed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

ATTENDANCE AT NACD CONVENTION

Burke made the motion (Motion #31) to approve attendance of one additional staff member at the 1977 NACD Convention in Atlanta to include Bill Dunavan, Programs Director. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Burke, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier.

Regarding the Groundwater Management Task Force meeting, Schneider reported the task force had adopted a five point plan for implementing a groundwater management program in the Blue River Basins. In addition, it had been decided to use the well registration number as the identification number for wells in such a system, Schneider noted.

Marsh presented a brief legislative report of bills currently being considered that would be of interest to Directors.

RESOLUTION HONORING RAY BURKE

Moore made the motion (Motion #32) to adopt a formal resolution of recognition for Raymond Burke's years of service as Chairman of the UBBNRD Board of Directors and present him with the gavel and sounding block. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Stuhr, White.

NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kaiser, McLean, G. Obermeyer, N. Obermier, Ronne
ABSTENTION: Burke

Mayor Behrens of Crete addressed the Directors reminding them that federal funds were not available and projects must therefore be funded locally. He also encouraged Directors to decrease administrative costs while increasing project outlay.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Roy E. Stuhr, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
December 14, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Duane Chamberlain, Nebr. Nat. Res. Comm.
Morris White, V. Chairman	Marvin Carlson, Cons. & Survey Div., UNL
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Marilyn Ginsberg, Cons. & Survey Div., UNL
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Ralph Cady Cons. & Survey Div. , UNL
Bruce Anderson, Director	Gary Lewis, Water Res. Center, UNL
Wayne Hansen, Director	Marvin Damm, Water Res. Center, UNL
Larry Moore, Director	Marshall Taylor, Water Res. Center, UNL
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Terry Stork, Univ. of Nebr., Hastings
Max Ronne, Director	Sharon Berry, League of Women Voters, York
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Dwight Walkup, York
Boyd Stuhr, Director	Larry Lueders, Seward
Roy Stuhr, Director	Richard Bohaty, Seward
Norman Wellmann, Director	Fred Heidtbrink, Gresham
Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager	Jim Lindburg, Polk
Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager	Tom Harrington, Bradshaw
William Dunavan, Assistant Manager	Ken Herrold, Phillips
Carolyn Budler, Admin. Secretary	Edgar Klute, Hampton
Mel Noffke, Blue River Assoc. GWCD's	Gerald Ochsner, Saronville
Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York	Carl Hansen, Edgar
Maurice Medaris, Dist. Technician	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Norman Obermier, Waco	

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director	Melvin Kuska, Director
Hans Jensen, Director	LaVerne Peterson, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published December 7, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Wellmann made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson.

Egbarts reviewed the "1976 Accomplishments" which included a comparison of accomplishments in specific areas, as well as, a comparison of the dollar amounts of SCS technical assistance provided to the Upper Big Blue NRD during 1975 and 1976.

Chairman Burke introduced Mr. Marvin Carlson of the Conservation and Survey Division at the University of Nebraska Lincoln campus. Carlson laid the groundwork for review of the progress on the Groundwater Research Program being conducted by the University of Nebraska under a Master Cooperative Agreement initiated in November 1974. The Agreement consists of Proposal No. I regarding the physical characteristics of the District's aquifer; Proposal No.

2 regarding the development of a management model; Proposal No. 3 regarding investigation of methods of artificial recharge; and a new Proposal No. 4 regarding water quality. Carlson introduced personnel in attendance who are involved in the research program from Conservation and Survey Division, the Nebraska Water Resources Center and the Department of Ag. Engineering.

Marilyn Ginsberg exhibited maps that have been drafted for use as transparent overlays for the wall display. When completed these overlays will illustrate the pre-development water table conditions, aquifer thickness, the aquifer base and transmissivity (which is related to the projected yield of wells) as outlined in proposal no. 1 of the Agreement.

Ralph Cady suggested that once the history of the aquifer, an estimate of amount of water being pumped, and the preliminary calibration runs had been made, it would be possible to "push into the future" with various alternatives. Approximately eight months will be required for calibration and testing of the simulation model at that time the Directors are to have 7-10 alternatives ready to be tested, Cady indicated. So that these alternatives will be ready, he will meet with the Directors early this spring to furnish suggestions. Cady pointed out during questioning that the data can be provided on a Basin-wide basis, but not pinpointed to a specific area.

Gary Lewis described the management model as one which linked the physical characteristics of the aquifer with economics. He explained that proposal no. 2 would assist in the development of a management model for the District's total water resource by consideration of groundwater-surface water linkages, artificial recharge, conjunctive development, as well as other alternatives. A "Report on Artificial Recharge for the Upper Big Blue NRD" was distributed for Directors' perusal.

It was revealed that the University had contributed \$48,560 in man-power and resources toward the program. The funding required for Amendment #2 (upcoming contract year funding) to the Master Cooperative Agreement will amount to \$49,000. The amounts budgeted include: \$4,000 for Proposal No. 1, \$35,000 for Proposal No. 2, \$12,000 for Proposal No. 3 (with no additional funding required for the upcoming contract year), and \$10,000 for Proposal No. 4. This Amendment was referred to the Projects and Programs Sub-committee for consideration.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT

After review of the Groundwater Management Sub-committee report, Moore made the motion (Motion #2) to adopt the Groundwater Management Subcommittee Report as submitted. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson

DAVID CITY PROJECT

Moore made the motion (Motion #3) to authorize the acquisition of final planning on the David City Project and submittal to the Nebraska Resources Development Fund, along with the design for the Struebing Dam. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson

LARSON-HAMILTON COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Moore made the motion (Motion #4) to approve Robert Luth.'s bid of \$40,631.99 for the Larson-Hamilton County Road Structure with work to begin May 16, 1977, and to be completed by June 30, 1977; subject to the approval of the Hamilton County Commissioners. Seconded by Schneider. Question

called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson

MENTINK DAM

Moore made the motion (Motion #5) to approve the payment of \$21,743.22 to Theisen Bros. as payment in full for the construction of the Mentink Dam. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson

NEW ROAD STRUCTURE PROGRAM POLICY

Moore made the motion (Motion #6) to approve adoption of cost-sharing 'rates for road structures as follows: NRD = 50% plus private engineering when needed; County = 40%; Landowner = 10% to be collected by the county.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Moore made the motion (Motion #7) to approve payment of final cost-share assistance applications totaling \$4,461.86 (LeMoyne Anderson, Arvin Faig, Jean Peterson, Richard Klein and Vern Konzak); and tentative cost-share assistance applications totaling \$2,280.76 (Kaufmann Farms, Donald Detamore, and Neal Sell). Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson

MINUTES

Moore made the motion (Motion #8) to approve the Minutes of the November 10, 1976, Board of Directors' Meeting as distributed. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

After discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #9) to adopt the November 1976 financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in -the York News-Times with the exception of bills from Fillmore and Polk Counties for election expenses which should be further investigated. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson.

NATIONAL RANGE JUDGING

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #10) to approve sending Janet Gocke to the National Range Judging "Winners Society for Range Management" in Portland, Oregon and furnish transportation assistance in the amount of \$255. Seconded by B. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson.

Bill Dunavan presented a summary of the results of the Groundwater Issues Survey conducted by the District. In answer to the question of the amount of water necessary to grow corn, Mel Noffke responded with findings produced through their scheduling-metering program in various counties.

PERSONNEL POLICY STATEMENT

Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #11) to approve the revisions to the Personnel Policy Statement as recommended by the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee (copy attached to minutes on file). Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson.

NARD AND NWRA MEMBERSHIP

Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #12) to authorize blanket membership,, including all directors and principal administrative staff, in the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and Nebraska Water Resources Association effective with the membership year beginning January 1977. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: B. Stuhr

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson.

RECOMMENDED APPOINTMENTS TO BOARD

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #13) to cast secret ballots for the election of recommended appointees to fill the vacancies on the Board of Directors. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: B. Stuhr

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Peterson.

Persons recommended for appointment as Sub-district VI director included: Dale Obermeier, Aurora; Ed Ediger, Hampton; Roger Kaiser, Bradshaw; and Bob Kremer, Aurora (withdrew). Roger Kaiser was elected to represent sub-district VI as recommended appointee by secret ballot.

Persons recommended for appointment as Sub-district VII director included: Orval Eikenhorst, Osceola and Jim McLean, Benedict. Jim McLean was elected to represent sub-district VII as recommended appointee by secret ballot.

Reporting on the Groundwater Management Conference, Schneider observed that it seems we will run out of fuel before water, thus solving our water problems. White stated that it appeared possible for steam powered irrigation to be part of the future. In conclusion, it appeared that scheduling was the main theme of the conference the directors reported.

Brief reports on Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and Nebraska Association of Resources Districts' activities were presented by Anderson and Burke respectively.

Directors were urged by Marsh to support the establishment of a District Conservation Engineer position in Extension District IV.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:40 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
November 10, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:15 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office in York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Morris White, V. Chairman	William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Sen. Maurice Kremer, Aurora
Bruce Anderson, Director	Harold Edwards, Nebr. Game and Parks Comm.
Wayne Hansen, Director	Bruce Sachett, Nebr. Game and Parks Comm.
Hans Jensen, Director	Gary Lewis, Water Resources Center, Lincoln
Larry Moore, Director	Mary Ann Ellsworth, Water Res. Center, Lincoln
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Dave Aiken, Ag. Econ., UNL, Lincoln
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Ray Supalla, Ag. Econ., UNL, Lincoln
Max Ronne, Director	Arley Larson, Ag. Econ., UNL, Lincoln
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Boyd Stuhr, Director	Leonard Hosack, SCS, D.C., Wilber
Roy Stuhr, Director	Mel Noffke, Blue River Assoc. GWCD's
Norman Wellmann, Director	John Ehlers, Seward Co. Comm.
Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager	Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published November 2, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans, Wellmann made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter, Question called, Motion carried,

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Schneider, R. Stuhr.

MINUTES

Jensen made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the October 12, 1976, Board of Director's meeting with the inclusion of Hansen's name as an "aye" vote in Motions 5 through 11 and the addition of the following oil page 4 under Groundwater Management Task Force Report., "Chairman Burke announced the appointment of a four-member Groundwater Management Sub-committee consisting of Burke, Kuska, Moore and Schneider to study and coordinate the details of a cooperative allocation plan proposed by the Blue River Association of Groundwater Conservation Districts." Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Schneider, R. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Marsh remarked that the District's legal counsel had prepared letters to-most persons who have had outstanding accounts for greater than six months.

Anderson made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the October 1976 financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in the York News-Times. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Schneider, R. Stuhr

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Hansen made the motion (Motion #4) to approve payment of final cost-share assistance applications totaling \$5,721.82 (Norman Behne \$2,588.23; James Vandenburg \$555.50; Jessie T. Langworthy, Est. \$857.32; David Lux \$1,711.77). Seconded by Moore, Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schneider, R. Stuhr

LARSON-HAMILTON COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Hansen made the motion (Motion #5) to approve plans of the Larson-Hamilton County Road Structure and solicitation of bids which are to be opened November 23. Seconded by Jensen, Jensen pointed out that the bids are subject to approval of the Hamilton County Board of Commissioners who may elect to reject the bid if it is too high. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: Schneider (absent during portion of discussion)

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, R. Stuhr

1977 CLARKE-MCNARY TREE PLANTING AND SPRAYING PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (Motion #6) to approve the 1977 Tree Planting and Spraying Program as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub committee (copy attached to minutes on file). Seconded by Anderson, Question called Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, R. Stuhr

Moore reported that the Butler County Board of Commissioners are investigating a road structure site on the Lyle Dunker farm with the hopes of completing it this fall and may ask the UBBNRD for assistance in sharing the costs.

Anderson noted that the Mentink Flood Control Dam was proceeding to an early completion; however, there would be additional costs involved for earthmoving,

CONSERVATION CAMERA TOUR

After announcement of a Conservation Camera Tour to be held on November 19, Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #7) that \$350 not be exceeded for the Conservation Camera Tour. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, R. Stuhr

Chairman Burke introduced Harold Edwards and Bruce Sachett of the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission who presented a special report on Nebraska's Wildlife Habitat Plan. Mr. Edwards explained that by working with Lee Orton an inter-local "base agreement" (which does not vary from NRD to NRD and contains

seven items) has been developed. The "habitat plans," on the other hand, will vary throughout the NRD's. Four possible plans with minimum/maximum boundaries have been established by the Game and Parks Commission:

- I. Establish permanent cover (on marginal lands)
max. payment \$25.00
max. acres 80 - min. acres 10/5
- II. Protect existing cover (on wetlands)
max. payment \$15.00/\$7.50
max. acres 40
min, acres 3/1
- III. Sweet Clover with oats
max. payment \$20.00
max, acres 80
min. acres 10
- IV. Special (write your own)

Upon questioning of Mr, Edwards by Directors, the following facts were disclosed:

1. July 1, 1977 will be the first expenditure of funds, The expenditure of these funds is subject to approval of the NRD's plan by the Game and Parks Commission, approval of the Commission's budget by the Legislature, and funds collected from Upland Game Stamp sales.
2. Of the funds collected from the stamp sales, one-half will be divided among all NRD's participating in the program and the other half divided on the basis of needs, potential, geographical area, and NRD size. If the anticipated \$862,000 is collected, the Upper Big Blue NRD is scheduled to receive \$56,461. Notification of estimated funds is to be made in March with partial payment to be made in August. Payment is to be on a cost-share basis of 75% Game and Parks Commission/25% Upper Big Blue NRD.
3. The "escape" clause, "assuming available funding," was written into the contracts to protect NRD's in the event funds from the Game and Parks Commission were unavailable or less than anticipated.
4. A Game and Parks representative is assigned to assist and advise each NRD Board.

Marsh expressed concern that the Upper Big Blue NRD's Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program, which had been developed with guidance from Game and Parks staff, had initially been set up to dovetail into the Game and Park's plan and now appeared not to be as compatible as intended. Mr. Edwards indicated that the Upper Big Blue NRD's program would probably fit under Plan IV (Special).

A break for coffee concluded with a slide presentation by Bill Dunavan.

Chairman Burke introduced Senator Maurice Kremer or Aurora. Sen. Kremer reported that the Public Works Committee Hearings thus far held in Alliance, Imperial, Holdrege and York had produced a variety of concerns which were dependent upon the location. Concerns over these complex water problems included: relationship of ground to surface water, allocation of water, increased water storage, transbasin diversion, and attention to fish and wildlife needs. Sen. Kremer suggested the choice seems to be to either limit development or to manage the resource (including recharge and conjunctive development). He also stated that the chance that transbasin diversion would become a reality appeared to be remote because of the tremendous opposition; however, he would introduce a bill to the Legislature this next session calling for transbasin diversion providing damage to the basin of origin did not result.

ADVANCEMENT OF INFORMATION

DIRECTOR Peterson made the motion (Motion #8) to advance the Information

Director to permanent employee status with compensation of \$12,000 per annum effective Nov. 1, 1976, as recommended by the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, White, Burke

NAY: Schneider, R. Stuhr

ABSTENTION: Eikenhorst, B. Stuhr

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Wellmann

PERSONNEL POLICY STATEMENT

After brief reconsideration of portions of the Personnel Policy Statement which would possibly require additional revision, Eikenhorst made the motion (Motion #9) to send the revised Personnel Policy Statement back to the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee for further consideration and possible revision. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter
Schneider, B. Stuhr.

NAY: Obermeyer, Ronne, R. Stuhr

ABSTENTION: White, Burke

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Wellmann

Regarding the NNRC meeting, Anderson reported that the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of the PAC's from each basin throughout the state met and exchanged reports on their activities. Also discussed at the NNRC meeting were SCS land treatment requirements above watersheds.

Marsh commented that the Rural Water Seminar recently held in Lincoln dealt with water quality as well as water quantity. It appeared that there is a need to expand the state's roll in planning and financing, he observed. While reviewing the upcoming meeting schedule, Marsh called the Directors' attention to the Nebraska Agri-Business Awards Banquet to be held Nov, 19 honoring Chairman Raymond Burke.

Morgan summarized the ACP Group Development meetings held by concluding that the practices will remain similar to those developed last year except in York and Polk Counties which have adjusted cost-sharing on re-use pits from 60% to 75% and windbreak renovation special practices have been instituted in all counties except Fillmore and Butler Counties (75% actual

He also noted that the county committees can approve co-operative cost-sharing between the NRD and ACP if the practice is in excess of the \$2,500 limit.

Marsh reviewed the election results; all incumbents were re-elected and Norman Obermeier elected as a new director. Appointments to fill the two vacant positions will be made at the January Board of Director's meeting.

It was announced that the Groundwater Management Sub-committee will meet to entertain a request to initiate a hearing for a control area,

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, (and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
October 12, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office At York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Raymond Burke, Chairman
Morris White, V. Chairman
Robert Schneider, Secretary
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer
Bruce Anderson, Director
Wayne Hansen, Director
Larry Moore, Director
Gary Obermeyer, Director
LaVerne Peterson, Director
Max Ronne, Director
Roy Stuhr, Director
Norman Wellmann, Director

Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Robert Pollock, SCS, S.S., Aurora
Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Herb Casey, SCS, D.C., Geneva
Maurice Clark, Fairmont
Clayton Norquest, McCool
Keith Niemann, York Co. Ext. Agent
Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Hans Jensen, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Boyd Stuhr, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published October 5, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

Bob Pollock, SCS Soil Scientist, was introduced by Chairman Burke. After presenting the land classification scheme and sample soils, Mr. Pollock introduced the wetland typing scheme and attempted to correlate land classes with wetland types. Five of the twenty wetland types are found in Nebraska according to Pollock. SCS, Pollock pointed out, is not able to furnish technical assistance or cost-share assistance on practices that will drain type 3 wetlands (Scott and Marsh soil classes); however, it may do so on type I and 2 wetlands (Butler and Fillmore soil classes). Although progress is being made to coordinate these schemes, both on a state and federal level, problems still exist Pollock added.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr.

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the September 14, 1976, Board of Director's meeting as distributed. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,

Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Ronne made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the September 1976 financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in the York News Times. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronnie, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Moore made the motion (Motion #4) to approve tentative cost-share assistance applications totaling \$8,518.42 (copy attached to minutes) and payment of final cost-share assistance applications totaling \$1,696.57 (Cyril Urbanek and Raymond Engel) as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee and tentatively approve by full Board action six applications totaling \$5,758.33 (copy attached to minutes).

Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr.

WATER QUALITY NEEDS AND PRIORITIES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #5) to forward a list of water quality needs and priorities to the respective Big Blue Basin PAC sub-committees as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee (copy attached to minutes on file). Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke, Hansen
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr.

AUTOMATIC RECORDING GAGE WELL

Morgan read bids submitted by Pieper's Inc. and by McGowen Well Drilling with the lower bid being submitted by Pieper's Inc. R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #6) to approve awarding the automatic recording gage well contract to Pieper's Inc. for \$1,960.00. Amended to add: contract to be completed by December 1, 1976. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried as amended.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke, Hansen
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr.

AURORA LANDFILL-DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Moore made the motion (Motion #7) to authorize final payment of \$4,370.50 to the City of Aurora to complete the District's participation in assisting with 30% of the total costs of the Aurora Landfill-Drainage Improvement Project. Seconded by Hansen. This final payment represents the District's total contribution of \$8,741 toward the project. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke, Hansen
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr

ADVANCEMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY

Peterson made the motion (Motion #8) that Carolyn Budler be advanced to permanent status with administrative responsibilities in the position of Administrative Secretary effective September 1, 1976, and that this

advancement reflect a salary increase to \$8,500 per annum effective September 1, 1976. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke, Hansen
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr

PURCHASE OF MAP FILE

Peterson made the motion (Motion #9) to authorize purchase of a five drawer unit for a map file from Buckley Office Machines of Lincoln at an estimated cost of \$291.00. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke, Hansen
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr

OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Schneider made the motion (Motion #10) to approve plans submitted for Osceola High School's Outdoor Classroom with the UBBNRD supplying trees and shrubs through the Clarke-McNary program and providing funds for grass seed and seeding (not to exceed \$200) and additional nursery stock or tree moving expenses (not to exceed \$100). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke, Hansen
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr

MEMBERSHIP IN GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSN.

Marsh explained the advantages and types of membership available to the Ground water Management Districts Association. He indicated the \$75.00 membership fee had been included in the 1977 budget and membership would be from October 1, 1976 to October 1, 1977. Moore made the motion to approve membership in the Groundwater Management Districts Association and payment of the \$75.00 membership fee. Seconded by Wellmann. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke, Hansen,
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B. Stuhr

NARD RESOLUTIONS

Two resolutions were proposed by Marsh for Directors' consideration and possible submittal to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts for deliberation at their annual NARD meeting in January.

The first resolution on Dedication of Groundwater evoked considerable debate on "private ownership" vs. "public ownership with private right to USE! for beneficial purposes" of groundwater. R. Stuhr queried the Directors on the responses they had received from their electorate; while other Directors frankly admitted they had not decided which direction was "correct", Confusion over "public ownership with private right to use for beneficial purposes" seemed to be the result of a lack of precise definition and spelling out of inclusions and restrictions contained in the term "public owner-ship", It was suggested that before any type of control area could be initiated in the future, a "public ownership" determination would need to be made by the Legislature, Currently, the Legislature appears to be looking to the NRD's for guidance in this area of resource conservation,

Moore made the motion (Motion #12) that the Upper Big Blue NRD not forward the proposed resolution on Dedication of Groundwater to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (copy attached to minutes), Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Hansen, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, R. Stuhr, Wellmann
NAY: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Obermeyer, Schneider, White, Burke
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B, Stuhr

Questions were raised as to the necessity of the second resolution regarding Riparian Water Rights. Marsh commented that since riparian water rights were not currently registered there are no records available as to the number of and individuals who presently hold such water rights. R, Stuhr made the motion (Motion #13) that the Upper Big Blue NRD not forward the proposed resolution on Riparian Water Rights to the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (copy attached to minutes). Seconded by Moore, Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Ronne, Schneider, R, Stuhr, Wellmann
NAY: Obermeyer, Peterson, Burke
ABSTENTION: White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Schlueter, B, Stuhr

Marsh reported on the Groundwater Management Taskforce meeting, The Taskforce will be meeting jointly with executive boards or sub-committees and groundwater districts to review their recommended goals and objectives which were recently adopted and are similar to those adopted by the Blue River Association of Groundwater Conservation Districts, The Taskforce also adopted a four-point policy statement which included "public ownership of groundwater with private right to use for beneficial purposes", Chairman Burke announced the appointment of a four-member Groundwater Management Sub-committee consisting of Burke, Kuska, Moore and Schneider to study and coordinate the details of a cooperative allocation plan proposed by the Blue River Association of Groundwater Conservation Districts.

Anderson noted that the BBBPAC had held its second meeting and had appointed three sub-committees (special studies, point, non-point) which would be meeting prior to the November 11 PAC meeting,

Regarding the North Platte NRD Control Area Hearing, Burke reported that the situation appeared to be a local one in which the installation of wells by an irrigator had lowered the artesian pressure affecting domestic wells.

The Hearing would be held open for 30 days for written testimony.

Marsh reviewed the meeting notices and activities.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
September 14, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Norman Wellmann, Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Wayne Hansen, Director	William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Hans Jensen, Director	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Melvin Kuska, Director	Jim Foster, SCS, A.C., Grand Island
Larry Moore, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Harold Fausch, SCS, D.C., Seward
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Rennie Walt, Alexander & Alexander Inc., Lincoln
Max Ronne, Director	W. W. St. John, Accountant
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Boyd Stuhr, Director	Richard Struebing, David City
Roy Stuhr, Director	

ABSENT

Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer
Bruce Anderson, Director
Bob Hawthorne, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published September 7, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

Chairman Burke introduced Mr. Rennie Walt of Alexander and Alexander Inc. Mr. Walt reviewed the District's insurance coverage beginning with the Errors and Omissions coverage which he described as "any wrongful act by an elected or appointed official or employee, not criminal or fraudulent in nature, with monetary loss." Directors expressed concern that they were not covered under the District's Workmen's Compensation insurance in the event they were injured while on District business. Mr. Walt responded that he would check to see if per diem is technically a salary and see what provisions could be suggested.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. White made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Wellmann. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, B. Stuhr. R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

MINUTES

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the August 10, 1976, Public Budget Hearing and Board of Director's meeting with correction of the minutes on page 3, changing reference in last paragraph from Education and Information Sub-committee to Personnel and Equipment Subcommittee. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

B. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #3) to adopt the August financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in the York News-Times. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

W. W. St. John, accountant, presented the 1976 Audit Report. R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #4) to adopt the 1976 Audit report as presented by W. W. St. John. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

MENTINK STRUCTURE

Moore made the motion (Motion #5) to approve award of contract for construction of the Mentink Structure in the Beatty-Burke watershed to Theisen Bros. of Norfolk, Nebraska for \$24,934.90. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

AUTOMATIC RECORDING GAGE WELL

Moore made the motion (Motion #6) to approve awarding the automatic recording gage well contract to John R. Friesen for \$1,680.00. Directors questioned the quality of the services that would be provided if this contract were awarded. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Hansen, Moore, Schlueter.

NAY: Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White,
Burke.

ABSTENTION: Kuska, Ronne

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

Jensen made the motion (Motion #7) to request the Projects and Programs Sub-committee to further pursue the solicitation of bids for construction of the automatic recording gage well by making additional contacts with qualified well drilling contractors. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B.
Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: Moore

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Jensen made the motion (Motion #8) to authorize the limit on re-use pit Earth moving be raised to \$800 effective January 1, 1977. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #9) to approve guidelines to be used by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee for approving tentative cost-share applications without full Board approval as follows: Re-Use Pits -\$800 to Dec. 31 (\$1,100 thereafter); Erosion Control Dams - \$5,000; Flood Control Dams -

\$5,000; Grassed Waterways - \$1,000; Terraces - \$1,500; Diversions - \$1,000. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider

Kuska made the motion (Motion #10) to approve tentative cost-share assistance applications totaling \$12,673.47 and payment of final cost-share assistance applications totaling \$3,232.25 (Mark Alt, Grass Valley Farms, Rose Lux) as recommended by the Projects and Programs Subcommittee and tentatively approve by full Board action two applications totaling \$2,247.04 (Carrol Peterson \$738.78 and Cyril Urbanek \$1,463.26). Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider.

WILDLIFE HABITAT IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

Kuska made the motion (Motion #11 to approve tentative W.H.I.P. applications totaling \$10,573.75 as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee and no other applications be accepted for the remainder of the 1977 fiscal year. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: Moore (conflict of interest)

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider

MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT

Subsequent to Chairman Burke reading the Memorandum of Agreement, Jensen made the motion (Motion #12) to authorize adoption of the Memorandum of Agreement between the Corp of Engineers and the District. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Schneider

HROMAS ROAD STRUCTURE

Moore made the motion (Motion #13) to authorize payment of \$1,104.63 for tubing for the Hromas Road Structure, Butler County. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Obermeyer, Schneider

AURORA DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

B. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #14) to authorize progress payment of \$4,270.50 to the City of Aurora for 50% of the District's obligation to the Aurora Landfill Project. Seconded by Kuska. The progress payment represents the District's agreed participation in the construction of drainage improvements which are associated with an interim landfill area to be used ultimately as a community recreational park facility in accordance with the City's comprehensive plan. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Obermeyer, Schneider

POTENTIAL DAM - NORTH FORK, BIG BLUE RIVER

Hansen made the motion (Motion #15) to have the Bureau of Reclamation assist with additional investigation of a potential structure site on the north fork of the Big Blue River near David City. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: Wellmann (temporarily absent)

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider, Hawthorne

IRRIGATION RUNOFF AGREEMENT

White made the motion (Motion #16) to approve an agreement between Harlan Toline and Gerald Mentink allowing runoff of irrigation water from Toline's land onto Mentink's land in conjunction with the Mentink flood control dam and authorize the Chairman to sign the agreement. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schneider

R. Stuhr presented the Education and Information Sub-committee report. Dunavan commented that the NARD Education Committee had tabled the Youth Council Program at its meeting so no action would be required on that recommendation.

NARD AWARDS

Dunavan noted LaVerne Peterson's accomplishments in the field of agriculture after which R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #17) to submit the name of LaVerne Peterson as a nominee for the NARD Awards Program in the Agricultural category. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson

With regard to the NARD meeting, Chairman Burke commented that among items considered were: a resolution to support stream flow gaging stations, public hearings to be held on LB800 (Co. Extension Board reorganization), and announcement of the Jan. 17-19 NARD Conference in Kearney.

White briefly summarized the NACD Regional Meeting in Sioux Falls. Then Marsh reviewed the meeting notices and activities including an October 5 hearing on a proposed control area in the North Platte NRD.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
August 10, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Roy Stuhr, Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Hansen, Director	Duane Chamberlain, NNRC, Lincoln
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Melvin Kuska, Director	Harold Fausch, SCS, D.C., Seward
Larry Moore, Director	Harlan Hendricks, SCS, D.C., David City
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Keith Niemann, York Co. Ext. Service, York
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Ray Ratliff, York Co. Taxpayers Assn.
Max Ronne, Director	Claude Walkup, York
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Boyd Stuhr, Director	

ABSENT:

Hans Jensen, Director
Norman Wellmann, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published August 3, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

Chairman Burke introduced Harlan Hendricks, SCS District Conservationist, Butler County. Mr. Hendricks summarized his Pasture and Range Management Report by saying that just as the pasture in the UBBNRD was 'short' so would be his report.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Schlueter made the motion (Motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (Motion #2) to approve the minutes of the July 13, 1976, meeting as distributed. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Discussion of the financial statement disclosed an error in the reporting of

the amount paid IBM. In light of this, R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #3) to approve the bills payable and publication in the York News-Times and request St. John to furnish an amended financial statement at the September 14 Board of Director's Meeting. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

FY 77 BUDGET

Eikenhorst presented the FY 77 Budget for Board approval and comment. Questions arose regarding the necessity of setting aside funds in special restricted project accounts. Mr. Duane Chamberlain responded to these concerns advising directors to look to the future as projects increase in costs and in numbers. Eikenhorst made the motion (Motion #4) to adopt the FY 1977 Budget as presented at the August 10, 1976 Public Hearing. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Burke.

NAY: Obermeyer, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

Eikenhorst made the motion (Motion #5) to authorize a mill levy of 0.89 for FY 1977. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Burke.

NAY: Obermeyer, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

AUDITING-ACCOUNTING SERVICES

Eikenhorst made the motion (Motion #6) to approve retaining W. W. St. John to perform month-to-month accounting, quarterly financial reports and annual auditing services for the District during FY 1977 at a fee of \$2,100 per year. Seconded By Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke. Obermeyer

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS INSURANCE

Marsh discussed the options available to the UBBNRD regarding errors and omissions insurance. Schneider made the motion (Motion #7) to adopt errors and omissions insurance totaling \$1,461.00 with one million per occurrence and one million per year coverage retroactive to July 21, 1976, and signing of the affidavit by the Chairman. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

In order to expedite the processing of cost-share applications, it was agreed that the process should be revised; however, final disbursement of payment would be reserved for Board action. Schneider made the motion (Motion #8) that cost-share applications be tentatively approved by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee without Board action being necessary and that the Board approve both tentative and final applications without prior Sub-committee review. Final disbursement of payment will be reserved for Board action. Schneider amended the motion to add and a cost-share ceiling table for each

practice is to be developed by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee and recommended to the Board for approval. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried as amended.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

Moore made the motion (Motion #9) to authorize final approval of cost-share applications totaling \$7,472.46 (Harold Carlson, Bruce Anderson, Werner Roehrs, K.D. Strong, Louis Zima); approve the installation of 92 ft. of 18 in. pipe on the Adolph Hromas Road Structure in cooperation with Butler County; and approve tentative applications totaling \$5,575.50 (James Vandenburg, Grass Valley Farms, Ray Warner (2), and Louis Zima). Seconded by Peterson.

Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: Anderson (conflict of interest)

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #10) to adopt the project policy recommended by the Comprehensive Planning Sub-committee (copy attached to Minutes). R. Stuhr amended the motion to add: to approve publication of 100 copies of the Comprehensive Plan and to approve a York Public Informational meeting to Explain the Comprehensive Plan. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried as amended.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

PERSONNEL Obermeyer reported that the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee had reconsidered its recommendations made at the July 13 and decided to resubmit the recommendations for Board action. Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #11) to adopt a revised Uniform Pay Schedule effective July 1, 1976 with a letter of transmittal to be sent to all field office employees; to approve FY 77 salary adjustments for field office employees retroactive to July 1, 1976, as initially proposed by the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee; and to adopt the revised job description and salary adjustment for the position to be titled Secretarial Assistant effective July 1, 1976. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

EDUCATION

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #12) to participate in S.C.S.A. and F.F.A. programs, or those of similar organizations, based upon Education and Information Sub-committee recommendation to the Board of the amount to be contributed. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Obermeyer, R. Stuhr, Burke.

NAY: Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, B. Stuhr.

ABSTENTION: Hawthorne, Schlueter, White

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

NARD DUES

White made the motion (Motion #13) to authorize payment of NARD dues of

\$3,300.00. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: Hansen, R. Stuhr

ABSTENTION: Moore, Ronne

ABSENT: Jensen, Wellmann

Anderson reported that the Policy Advisory Committee would hold their organizational meeting August 12, at 10:00 at the Merchants National Bank in Milford.

Marsh noted that two of the eight sub-districts had no candidates file election petitions; therefore, the Board of Directors would be appointing a person from each of the two sub-districts to serve as a director beginning January 1, 1977. Directors not filing for re-election are: Eikenhorst, B. Stuhr, Wellmann.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
July 13, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:20 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York,, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Boyd Stuhr, Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Norman Wellmann, Director
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Larry Moore, Director	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Hal Schroeder, Lower Platte South NRD
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Max Ronne, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Leonard Schlueter, Director	

ABSENT:

Wayne Hansen, Director	Melvin Kuska, Director
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Roy Stuhr, Director
Hans Jensen, Director	

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" forwarded for publication on July 8 and published July 10, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 8:20 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

SCS WORKLOAD ANALYSIS

Rod Egbarts presented the Upper Big Blue NRD with a set of Outdoor Classroom slides on behalf of the SCS. Announcement of a tour of the Plant Materials Center, in Manhattan, Kansas on September 8 was made. Egbarts then reviewed the SCS Workload Analysis of the UBBNRD. He summarized the report by suggesting that according to the data collected they were 18 man-years short. Egbarts asked the Directors to consider what areas they desired to be emphasized by the SCS.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS also presented the NRD Progress Report and reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. White made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

MINUTES

Moore made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the June 81, 1976, meeting as distributed with spelling corrections to the names of cooperators "Cyril Rhodes" and "Philip Friesen." Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #3) to adopt the financial statement and

bills payable and approve publication in the York News-Times. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Moore made the motion (motion #4) to authorize final approval of cost-share applications totaling \$5,340.40 (Richard Klein, Louis Reimer, Ludvik Lavicky, Orville Neelsen, Stanley Wynegar, Elmer Wynegar, and Ronald Ochsner) and tentative application for \$2,788.21 (Ron Sedlack). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

ROAD STRUCTURE PAYMENTS

Moore made the motion (motion #5) to approve payment of \$5,860.35 to Robert Bryan for completed work on the Watts-Larson-Polk Co. Road Structure and payment to Seward County of \$3,490.83 for work on Langworthy-Reinmiller-Seward Co. Road Structure. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

DISTRICT COMPLIANCE REPRESENTATIVES

Moore made the motion (motion #6) to appoint Floyd Marsh and Gary Morgan as District Compliance Representatives effective July 1, 1976. Seconded by Anderson. Moore amended the motion to add: "and distribute complaint and agreement forms to SCS field offices." Amendment seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

MENTINK STRUCTURE DESIGN

Anderson made the motion (motion #7) to approve preliminary plans to pursue final design and engineering of Mentink Structure; and also, final easements be drawn up as soon as possible based on final design information provided by the engineer. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

DAVID CITY STRUCTURE

Moore made the motion (Motion #8) to request staff to prepare a letter requesting survey assistance on the David City Structure from NNRC. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

MCCOOL JUNCTION PARK PROJECT

Ronne made the motion (Motion #9) to fund 25% of the local share of McCool Junction Park development. Seconded by Wellmann. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

Obermeyer read thank you letters from Kim Siebert, Henderson and Joann Gocke, Waco, whom the District sponsored at the 1976 Nebraska Range Camp.

SEWARD-SALINE COUNTY IRRIGATION CONSERVATION TOUR

Peterson made the motion (Motion #10) to fund meals for farmers attending the Irrigation Conservation Tour in Seward County on August 4th with a total limit of \$230 to be paid for meals. Seconded by Anderson. It was recommended by Directors that farmers be encouraged to order the "daily special" or a meal of comparable or less price. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

NARD EMPLOYEE BENEFIT PROGRAM

Moore made the motion (Motion #11) to adopt a revised group employee benefit program sponsored by NARD effective July 1, 1976, for all eligible employees with the provision that the District pay premiums for all coverages except dependents medical insurance and optional life insurance. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSTENTION: Schneider, White
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr.

REVISED UNIFORM PAY SCHEDULE AND CLERICAL AND TECHNICAL SALARY INCREASES

Moore pointed out that while the Revised Uniform Pay Schedule seemed to be adequate the clerical and technical salary increases were not. The salaries appeared to need an increase of 5% to 1.0% above what had been recommended, Moore suggested. Moore made a motion (Motion #12) to send the clerical and technical salary increases and Uniform Pay Schedule back to the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee for further study and revision. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, B. Stuhr,
Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSTENTION: Obermeyer, Schlueter
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

ADMINISTRATIVE SALARY ADJUSTMENTS

Peterson made the motion (Motion #13) to approve annual salary increases effective July 1, 1976 as follows: General Manager - \$19,000; Assistant Manager - \$13,000; and Information Director - \$11,500 (effective November 1, 1976). Seconded by Schlueter. When questioned about the differences in the amount of the salary increases, Director White responded that two raise periods for the General Manager had been missed since October of 1974 as well as the fact that the average salary of surrounding districts, general managers (excluding LPSNRD) was currently \$20,600. It was reported the Assistant Managers' salary increases also included probationary salary adjustments. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, White, Burke,
Anderson (abstention vote changed to aye vote)
NAY: Ronne, B. Stuhr, Wellmann
ABSTENTION: Moore, Obermeyer
ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

ADMINISTRATIVE SECRETARY INTERIM ADVANCEMENT

Peterson made the motion (Motion #14) to approve interim advancement and salary increase from \$3.30 to \$3.50 per hour for Administrative Secretary effective June 1, 1976. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

REVISION TO PART-TIME SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION

Peterson made the motion (Motion #15) to deter action on the revision to the Part-Time Secretary job description, and recommended salary adjustments Subject to further consideration by the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee as directed by Motion #12. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

FY 77 BUDGET

Eikenhorst reviewed the Initial Summary of Proposed FY 1977 Budget Considerations with the Board of Directors. After discussion of overhead expenses versus, project expenses which occurred in the 1976 fiscal year, Eikenhorst made the motion (Motion #16) to approve for Public Hearing on August 10, 1976, the initial budget summary including the proposed budget of expenditures, estimated revenues and transfer of \$85,000 of project construction funds into special project accounts. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter,

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

The Budget and Finance Sub-committee recommendation to retain the accounting-auditing services of W. W. St. John was postponed pending Mr. St. John's meeting with the Sub-committee to discuss the requested fee increase.

LEGAL RETAINER

B. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #17) to approve a legal retainer to The Firm of Svehla and Brugh for \$300.00 effective July 1, 1976 - June 30, 1977. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

IRS REQUESTED AMENDMENT TO RETIREMENT PLAN

Schlueter made the motion (Motion #18) to approve the IRS requested amendments to the Retirement Plan and authorize the Chairman to sign the "Application for Determination" and the "Authorization and Declaration" forms and authorize the Secretary to attest. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, R. Stuhr

Chairman Burke reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts meeting held in Hastings on July 12 and 13.

Anderson informed the Directors that a meeting would be held July 14 to determine Policy Advisory Committee members for the Big Blue River Basin.

Marsh announced that election petitions had been distributed to those

Directors whose terms expire this year to enable them to file for reelection if they desired to do so.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
June 8, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Roy Stuhr, Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Norman Wellman, Director
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Wayne Hansen, Director	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Duane Chamberlain, NNRC, Lincoln
Melvin Kuska, Director	Sen. Maurice Kremer, Nebr. State Legislature
Larry Moore, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Herb Casey, SCS, D.C., Geneva
LaVerne Peterson, Director	George Brugh, Legal Counsel, York
Max Ronne, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Leonard Schlueter, Director	

ABSENT:

Hans Jensen, Director
Boyd Stuhr, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public Notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published June 1, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

IRRIGATION WATER MANAGEMENT

Chairman Burke introduced Herb Casey, District Conservationist from Geneva. Mr. Casey presented an informational report on "Irrigation Water Management" which included background on the Fillmore County Groundwater Conservation District's demonstration projects being carried out this summer and information compiled from the Fillmore County Groundwater Study. This groundwater Study indicates the average decline in Fillmore Co. groundwater is 1/3 inch per year over the entire County with differing declines throughout the County. Mr. Casey summarized that irrigators can benefit by installing moisture blocks, learning the formulas, and checking soil maps.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Also presented were cooperative agreements with the Board of Educational Lands and Funds. Kuska made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed including cooperative agreements between UBBNRD and the Board of Educational Lands and Funds covering York County leases with Philip Freezen and Siro Rhodes. Seconded by Schneider. Question Called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

MINUTES

White made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the May 11, 1976,

meeting as distributed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #3) to adopt the financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in York News-Times. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

SEWARD COUNTY PROPERTY

Review of information pertaining to the Seward County property was made by legal counsel, George Brugh. After discussion of options open to the UBBNRD with regard to the property, White made the motion (motion #4) to adopt the "proposed draft" of conditions for inclusion in a quit claim deed (copy attached) for presentation to the Seward County Conservation Corporation. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Hansen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White, Burke.

NAY: Kuska, Moore, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann.

ABSTENTION: Anderson, Hawthorne

ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr.

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #5) by form of resolution to empower Gary Obermeyer to execute the quit claim deed with the conditions as adopted in Motion #4 on behalf of the Upper Big Blue NRD and to empower Leonard Schlueter to attest; and further, counsel and staff be instructed to prepare the quit claim deed with incorporation of the adopted conditions. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: Kuska

ABSTENTION: Obermeyer

ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr.

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Moore made the motion (motion #6) to authorize tentative approval of cost-share assistance applications for Ludvik Lavicky and Dr. K. D. Strong totaling \$2,206.23 and final approval of nine cost-share applications totaling \$2,478.74 George Albott, Irvin Braun, Richard Hinze, Dean Keasling, Wessley Peterson, Fred Vanis, Robert Schmitt (2), Gladys Strothkamp). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: R. Stuhr

ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

DAVIS CREEK PROJECT FEASIBILITY REPORT

Ronne made the motion (Motion #7) to approve a proposal to expand the scope of work on the Davis Creek Project Feasibility Report. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White,

Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

SECTION 208 - POLICY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Anderson commented that the suggested by-laws had been formulated for the Policy Advisory Committee and letters would be sent to elected officials and interested individuals asking for nominations for the Big Blue PAC. Moore made the motion (Motion #8) to appoint Raymond Burke as Policy Advisory Committee representative for the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White.
NAY: None
ABSTENTION: Burke.
ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

PLUM CREEK REPORT CONTRACT

As recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee, R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #9) to deny formal request to increase billing limit for the Plum Creek Report Contract. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

YORK LINEAR PARK, PHASE 11

Moore made the motion (Motion #10) to accept a proposal to participate in Phase 11 of the York Linear Park for \$27,512 to be budgeted in accordance with the City of York's budgeting process for FY 77. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

MILFORD RECREATIONAL PARK

Moore made the motion (Motion #11) to participate in the Milford Recreational Park at a rate of 25% of local share with the UBBNRD contributing \$15,000 of the total local costs of \$60,000. Seconded by Eikenhorst. The possibility of setting a precedent by approving 25% of the cost of the park was suggested. However, after discussion it was agreed that no precedent would be set since additional considerations, such as the donation of the land for the park and the volunteer work contributed by the community, were intangible costs that warranted the \$15,000 expenditure. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, B. Stuhr

DORCHESTER WATERSHED MAINTENANCE REPORT

Hansen reviewed the Dorchester Watershed Inspection Tour and pointed out the needed maintenance and repair. R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #12) to accept the Dorchester Watershed Maintenance Report and proceed with the needed maintenance including repair of the gravel blanket on structure 2A. Seconded by Wellmann. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Anderson made the motion (Motion #13) to place the Education and Information Subcommittee Report on the Agenda. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr.

COUNTY FAIR AND CONVENTION DISPLAY

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #14) to approve purchase of a walk-through display from Hutcheson Display of Omaha for \$3,960. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Anderson made the motion (Motion #15) to accept the Education and Information Subcommittee report. Seconded by Schlueter, Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr.

PERSONNEL AND EQUIPMENT SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Gary Obermeyer reviewed the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee Report and made the motion (Motion #16) to accept the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee report excluding the office lease item. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr.

OSCEOLA FIELD OFFICE LEASE

Anderson made the motion (Motion #17) to approve the Osceola Field Office lease as negotiated with SCS and authorize the Chairman and Secretary to sign the lease and space condition report which accompanies the lease. Seconded by Wellmann. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson,, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr.

YORK HEADQUARTER'S OFFICE LEASE AGREEMENT

Eikenhorst made the motion (Motion #18) to approve the lease agreement with York County for the York Headquarter's Office with provision for additional space added to Section 2 and amended to read "not to exceed \$400 subject to negotiation." Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr.

MILL LEVY

Anderson made the motion (Motion #19) to set the mill levy at the current level (0.87 mills) and adapt the budget to that .87 mill. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Anderson, Hawthorne, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, R. Stuhr

NAY: Eikenhorst, Obermeyer, Schlueter, Schneider

ABSTENTION: Hansen, White, Burke

ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 a.m.

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Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
May 11, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Norman Wellmann, Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Orval Eikenhorst,, Treasurer	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	William F. Dunavan, Assistant Manager
Wayne Hansen, Director	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Hans Jensen, Director	Dave Aiken, NU Water Law Specialist, Lincoln
Larry Moore, Director	Roy E. Woodring, City Engineer, Aurora
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Melvin Noffke, Blue River GWCD Assn.
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Max Ronne, Director	Ken Lang, UNL College of Law, Lincoln
Boyd Stuhr, Director	Kenneth Lang, Lincoln
Roy Stuhr, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT:

Bob Hawthorne, Director
Melvin Kuska, Director
Leonard Schlueter, Director
Robert Schneider, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public Notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published May 3, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Wellmann made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Hansen.

Chairman Burke introduced Dave Aiken, Water Law Specialist, University of Nebraska, Lincoln. In his presentation of the subject "Groundwater Rights," Mr. Aiken pointed out that at the present time there has been no declaration of groundwater ownership, therefore no basis for controlling groundwater. Two sources of determination of groundwater rights are possible; one a legislative declaration by Constitutional amendment and public referendum, and the other, a test case in the courts. Some concern was expressed by Directors regarding the relationship of groundwater and mineral rights as well as groundwater and surface water. Aiken suggested that the State can't prevent a private individual from removing water from an existing well, however, NRD's may restrict the amount of water that can be pumped under public ownership of groundwater. It was pointed out that 11 of the 17 Western States have adopted public ownership of groundwater. In summary, Mr. Aiken implied that ownership should be determined preferably by the Legislature with NRD's encouraging the public to develop groundwater conservation practices in the meantime.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT POLICY STATEMENT

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #2) to accept the Groundwater Management Policy Statement as written with the deletion of section I.a., "Water should be owned publicly with the right to use it privately in beneficial uses." Seconded by Moore. Discussion as to whether or not the Board was committing itself to a position of public or private ownership of groundwater at this time ensued. It was determined that the tentative groundwater management policy statement would serve as a guideline so that investigation of the subject might be started by the Task Force. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Ronne, R. Stuhr, Wellmann
NAY: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Obermeyer, Peterson, White, Burke
ABSTENTION: B. Stuhr (absent during portion of discussion)
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

After ascertaining the necessity of submitting a tentative groundwater management policy statement to the Groundwater Management Task Force, Eikenhorst made the motion (Motion #3) to accept the Groundwater Management Policy Statement as written (copy attached). Seconded by Obermeyer, Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: Hansen, Moore, R. Stuhr
ABSTENTION: Ronne (lack of information), B. Stuhr (lack of information)
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

MINUTES

Jensen made the motion (Motion #4) to approve the minutes of the April 13, 1976 meeting as distributed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #5) to adopt the financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in York News-Times. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSTENTION: Moore (conflict of interest)
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

Peterson made the motion (Motion #6) to authorize collection of outstanding 1975 accounts by an attorney with the exception of the Gerald Beaver account and the Eldon Neujahr account. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Schlueter, Schneider, Kuska

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Hansen made the motion (Motion #7) to authorize tentative approval of -the Richard Klein and Mark Alt cost-share applications. Seconded by Ronne. Hansen amended the motion to authorize tentative approval of the Mark Alt cost-share assistance application upon the basis that Polk County ASCS pay the first \$2,500 and the UBBNRD pay the remaining \$3,900. Seconded by Eikenhorst. After discussion regarding the possibility of setting a precedent by approving this manner of cost-share assistance, it was determined that only several 1975 applications would be involved. Question called. Motion carried as amended.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

Question called on the original motion (Motion #7) to authorize tentative approval of the Richard Klein and Mark Alt cost-share applications. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

Hansen made the motion (Motion #8) to authorize final approval of two cost-share applications (John Feuerstein and Moore Farms). Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSTENTION: Moore (conflict of interest)
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

White made the motion (Motion #9) to authorize emergency tentative approval of four cost-share applications: Fred Vanis - grassed waterway \$390; Robert Schmidt - terrace \$240 and grassed waterway \$240; Stanley Wynegar erosion control structure and cut and fill terrace, totaling \$1770. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

AURORA LANDFILL DRAINAGE ASSISTANCE

Roy Woodring, Aurora City Engineer, indicated the total cost of the Aurora Landfill Drainage Assistance Project would be \$28,470 with the NRD contributing \$8,541 if it decided to participate at 30%. Hansen made the motion (Motion #10) to authorize financial participation in the Aurora Landfill Drainage Assistance Project as follows: NRD - 30% provided Hamilton County participates at a rate of 20% and City of Aurora cost-shares at a rate of 50%. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

GROUNDWATER RECHARGE RESEARCH PROGRAM - AMENDMENT NO. I

Hansen made the motion (Motion #11) to approve amendment no., I of the Groundwater Recharge Research Program extending provisions of master cooperative agreement for 12 months. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

IMPLEMENTATION OF GROUNDWATER RUNOFF REGULATIONS

Hansen made the motion (Motion #12) to approve the Functional Plan for Implementation of Rule 3 (copy attached). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke
NAY: Obermeyer, R. Stuhr

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE

Moore made the motion (Motion #13) to authorize tentative emergency approval of the Stanley Wynegar cost-share application for 1975 with funding on the basis that Butler County ASCS pays the first \$2,500 and the UBBNRD will fund 75% of the remaining costs of the structure. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

BUTLER COUNTY SOIL SURVEY

White made the motion (Motion #14) to approve amendment #4 to extend the Butler County Soil Survey into F.Y. 1977. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

The winners of the Youth Contests were announced. Poster contest winners:(1) Lori Smith, (2) Gretchen Huebert, (3)Jane Brogan. Essay contest winners:(1) Sherry Bonin, (2) Rachel Schmidt,, (3) Don Bristol. Speech contest winners:(1) Julie Snodgrass, (2)Scott Moore,. (3) Michelle Moul.

CONSERVATION COMICS

R. Stuhr made the motion (Motion #15) to spend \$120 for 100 sets of the 10 booklets published by SCSA, which are to be distributed to 6th grade science teachers of the District's schools as well as to Boy Scout and 4-H Leaders for their response and possible bulk orders. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

Chairman Burke reported on the NARD meeting in South Sioux City, Nebraska. Coordination programs and cooperation between NRD's, the University, the Commission, and the Extension Service was encouraged by President Kleen at the NARD meeting, it was reported. Also reported were Nebraska proposals to NACD which included: dues based upon each district's ability to pay, cut expenses by requiring State to pay expenses for NACD director representing that State, amend by-laws to allow a director from each state, publish Tuesday letter once a month, and consolidate field offices.

NACD DUES

Jensen made the motion (Motion #16) to authorize payment of NACD dues of \$1,083.60 for calendar year 1976. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, White Burke.

NAY: Hansen, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr,- Wellmann

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider

The final legislative report was presented by Marsh. He also stated that information for the filing of election petitions would be forthcoming from the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Obermeyer made the motion (Motion #17) to permit an executive session to

discuss the status of technician personnel. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Kuska, Schlueter, Schneider
Subsequent to adjournment, no action was taken.

Meeting adjourned at 1:00 a.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
April 13, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Norman Wellmann, Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Bruce Anderson, Director	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Hansen, Director	Jack Kidder, Administrator, City of York
Hans Jensen, Director	Don Witte, York Advisory Board
Melvin Kuska, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Larry Moore, Director	Roger Hammer, Soil Scientist, Clay Center SCS
Gary Obermeyer, Director	Arthur Buechle, Clay Center
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Don Kerl, Soil Scientist, David City SCS
Max Ronne, Director	Raymond Hajek, Prin. Engineer, R. W. Beck & Assoc.
Leonard Schlueter, Director	Ted Regier, Hamilton County Commissioners
Roy Stuhr, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT:

Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer
Bob Hawthorne, Director
Boyd Stuhr, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published April 5, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Burke.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Kuska made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Wellmann. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

Chairman Burke introduced Roger Hammer, Soil Scientist, Clay Center SCS Office, and Art Buechle, Conservation and Survey Division, Clay Center. Mr. Hammer reported on the Clay County Soil Survey. In addition, Mr. Buechle illustrated mapping procedures. They summarized that the soil survey was on schedule with 37% completion to date.

Also introduced was Mr. Don Kerl, Soil Scientist, David City, who reported on the Butler County Soil Survey. With 80,000 acres completed in the UBBNRD areas, the survey appears slightly behind schedule.

MINUTES

White made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the March 9, 1976, meeting as distributed. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

Kuska made the motion (motion #3) to approve the minutes of the April 15, 1976, Special Board of Director's meeting as distributed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Wellmann made the motion (motion #4) to adopt the financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in York News-Times. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Moore made the motion (motion #5) to authorize final approval of four cost-share assistance applications and payment totaling \$1,836.71 for irrigation re-use pits in Hamilton County (Gerald Jensen) and in Adams County 9, 1 V Farms and Ervin Schulz). Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

BEATTY-BURKE WATERSHED PROJECT

Kuska made the motion (motion #6) to authorize preparation of preliminary plan, engineering design and specifications and construction inspection for Mentink structure based upon SCS field survey by contracting with firm of Price, Johnson and Erickson in the amount of approximately \$1500 as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee. Seconded by White. The merits and demerits of the District maintaining a berm for the lifetime of the berm were debated. Because of the effort that had thus far been expended in arranging for the easements, it was suggested that the Board make this authorization. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

SHELBY WEST IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #7) to proceed with construction of a portion of this project by cooperating by written contractual agreement with Polk County in the additional excavation of the existing channel along the north edge of section 9, T 14N, R IW to the existing outlet in the NE 4 of Section 9 with the county furnishing equipment and operator and the District reimbursing the county for use of equipment (backhoe) at \$25 per hour. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

PROJECT PLANNING AND ENGINEERING

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #8) to proceed with preliminary planning and final design engineering for Friesen Watershed structures by contracting with a private consultant firm based upon the following priorities: (1) Evaluation of existing preliminary plans and designs for two Friesen Watershed structures. Seconded by Obermeyer. After discussion of the status of Weiss York County road structure, R. Stuhr amended the motion to add

priorities: (2) preliminary planning and design of Gonnerman-Polk County road structure, and (3) preliminary planning and design of Weiss York County road structure. Obermeyer seconded the amendment. Question called. Motion carried as amended.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

CONSULTANT FEES AND FEASIBILITY OF DISTRICT ENGINEERING CAPABILITY

Moore made the motion (motion # 9) that staff review and compile expenditures for consultant fees and evaluate the feasibility of providing engineering capability by staffing with a project engineer on a full-time basis or a cooperative basis with an adjacent district. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

CLAY COUNTY SOIL SURVEY AMENDMENT

Hansen made the motion (motion # 10) to approve amendment No. 4 extending the Clay County Soil Survey Master Agreement through F.Y. 1977 subject to budget considerations in the amount of \$4,750 for F.Y. 1977. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

SALINE COUNTY SOIL SURVEY

Moore made the motion (motion #11) to cooperate with the Saline County Board of Commissioners and Lower Big Blue NRD in acceleration of the Saline County modern soil survey and participate in the future acquisition of high flight photos for use in this survey on the following basis: Saline County 50%; LBBNRD - 45%; and UBBNRD - 5%. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

RISING CITY OBSERVATION WELL

Moore made the motion (motion #12) to cooperate with UN-L Conservation and Survey Division in installation of a replacement well for the observation well located approximately two miles north of Rising City by funding and contracting for the drilling and casing of a 611 well adjacent to the existing well. Seconded by Schlueter. Morgan noted that the Conservation and Survey Division will maintain the well and that preliminary cost data indicate's an approximate cost of \$1,200 for installation.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: Obermeyer, R. Stuhr.
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

YORK LINEAR PARK

Chairman Burke introduced Jack Kidder, Administrator, City of York, who in turn introduced Dr. Don Witte of the York Advisory Board. Mr. Kidder provided information of the York Linear Park Project, Phase 11 and asked for support from UBBNRD at the April 30 Game and Parks Commission Hearing in order to prevent the deferment of Phase 11. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #13) to send a representative in support of the York Linear Park Project, Phase 11

in testimony before the Game and Parks Commission on April 30. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr.

Chairman Burke introduced Raymond Hajek, Principal Engineer, R. W. Beck and Associates. Mr. Hajek delivered the Plum Creek Watershed Reconnaissance Report prepared by R. W. Beck and Associates.

Marsh called the Directors' attention to the Section 208 handout. Anderson explained that a basin advisory committee would be established and suggested that Directors stimulate awareness of this committee in cities in their area.

A four-point Tentative Groundwater Policy Statement for the Big and Little Blue River Basins was presented by Bob Schneider for the Directors' consideration. However, decisions on the policy statement were delayed until after Dave Aiken's presentation on groundwater rights at the May Board of Directors meeting.

NARD EDUCATION PROPOSAL

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #14) that the UBBNRD support and participate in the proposed NARD Special Education program when details are finalized as recommended by the Education and Information Sub-committee. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

RANGE YOUTH CAMP

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #15) to sponsor 2-3 participants in the 1976 Range youth Camp as has been done the last two years with the same ratio of financial support. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #16) that the UBBNRD purchase a set of outdoor classroom slides. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

PROGRAMS DIRECTOR POSITION

Ronne made the motion (motion #17) that the UBBNRD fill the vacant Programs Director position by hiring Mr. William Dunavan at a salary of \$10,500 per annum with employment effective April 19, 1975, or not later than May 3, 1976, subject to arrangement of personal affairs. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

Anderson made the motion (motion #18) that the UBBNRD pay one-half of Dunavan's actual moving expenses not to exceed \$500. Seconded by Ronne. After

discussion of tax benefits involved in payment of the \$500 as salary or as a lump sum payment, Obermeyer amended the motion to state that the UBBNRD pay Dunavan a lump sum of \$500 for travel expenses. R. Stuhr seconded the amendment. Question called. Motion failed as amended.

AYE: Hansen, Obermeyer, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Burke.

NAY: Jensen, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Wellman, White.

ABSTENTION: Anderson, Kuska, Moore (clarity of question uncertain)

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr.

Anderson made the motion (motion #19) to have the original motion restated that the UBBNRD pay one-half of Dunavan's actual moving expenses not to exceed \$500. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr.

PROMOTION OF ASSISTANT MANAGER

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #20) that Gary Morgan be advanced to permanent employee status effective March 1, 1976, with provisions for salary increase to \$12,500 per annum and preparation of an employee's contract as recommended by the Personnel and Equipment Sub-committee. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr.

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT PROGRAM

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #21) that the employees retirement plan sponsored by NARD be adopted as an employee benefit optional to all permanent, full-time employees recognizing past service benefits from July 1, 1972 through October 1, 1975; to approve an amendment to the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with NARD; and to approve the adoption agreement. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr.

VEHICLE

Hansen made the motion (motion #22) that the station wagon be disposed of through state surplus auction as soon as possible and be replaced with a vehicle of the following general specifications: Base Model: Eight or nine passenger utility van including any desirable options such as V-8 engine, automatic transmission, power steering and brakes, air conditioning, radio, and steel belted radial tires. Seconded by Wellman. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: Schneider (no reason given)

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

Action on 1976 NACD Dues postponed until the May 11 Board of Directors meeting.

Schneider reported on the Groundwater Management Short Course held in Lincoln on March 25 and 26. The hydrology and geology of Nebraska groundwater, Lincoln's recharge of the well field in Antelope Park, groundwater management alternatives, and chemical contamination of groundwater were included in this short course. Marsh recommended the Board obtain the film "Little Clover

River," which was presented at this short course, for viewing at some future Board meeting.

Marsh reported on the Nebraska Water Conference held March 29 and 30. The theme of the conference was "Do we need a state water management policy."

Chairman Burke reviewed the Executive Committee's action on the Per Diem Policy. The Executive Committee will make no changes to the Per Diem Policy Statement; however, by moving the Executive Committee's monthly meeting date up to one week prior to the regular Board meeting date, it will be possible to expedite per them payments that are returned promptly at the close of the quarter.

Moore noted the excellence of the West Shelby meetings and suggested more of the same.

Marsh presented the Legislative Report and pointed out that a final report will be forthcoming as the Legislature has adjourned.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's Office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
April 6, 1976

A Special Board of Directors meeting with the West Blue Valley Preservation Association was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Roy Stuhr, Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Norman Wellmann, Director
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
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Larry Moore, Director	Arlin Wellman, Dir., West Blue Valley Pres. Assn.
LaVerne Peterson, Director	Robert Stuhr, Dir., West Blue Valley Pres. Assn.
Max Ronne, Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Boyd Stuhr, Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT:

Wayne Hansen, Director	Gary Obermeyer, Director
Bob Hawthorne, Director	Leonard Schlueter, Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Special Public Meeting" published March 31, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Burke. Chairman Burke introduced Orville Hoffschneider, Vice-President, West Blue Valley Preservation Association who in turn introduced other members present: Myron Gocke, Secretary; Robert Stuhr, Director; Arlin Wellman, Director.

Copies of "Testimony presented at Ag. Committee Hearing at Seward, Ne., August 6, 1974" were distributed.

Mr. Hoffschneider explained that he had observed a decrease in the flooding along the Big Blue River in the past few years, therefore, he felt the problem of flooding was eliminating itself. Although the recharge problem would need more study, he thought that a larger structure would not be as beneficial in raising the groundwater level as a series of smaller dams. He suggested that the smaller dams be used for irrigation thus allowing the groundwater level a chance to raise naturally.

Anderson asked if the membership would be willing to put smaller structures throughout their area. Director Wellmann responded that he felt sure the area farmers would support smaller dams from which they could pump if the UBBNRD would furnish technical assistance. Chairman Burke suggested the West Blue Valley Preservation Association could be of assistance in the promotion of these smaller structures in the area covered by their membership.

Anderson asked Hoffschneider what percentage of their membership have land where smaller dams could be constructed. Hoffschneider replied that 10-50% possessed such land.

R. Stuhr commented that the Board has no intention of asking the Bureau to reopen investigation of the Sunbeam Unit as a project at this time.

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #1) that a joint effort be made by steering

committees organized from the Upper Big Blue NRD and the West Blue Valley Preservation Association to study and promote smaller watershed structures and accelerated land treatment in the area covered by the West Blue Valley Preservation Association. Seconded by Peterson. Discussion followed.

White asked Hoffschneider how he felt about the motion. To which Hoffschneider responded that he favored it. White emphasized that the UBBNRD welcomes support from any group with a positive attitude toward soil and water conservation.

Moore expressed concern that the Board make clear the fact that it is not opposed to mainstream dams in general.

Kuska questioned the wisdom of the Board going on record at this time as opposed or in favor of a larger dam structure in the area in view of groundwater recharge investigations.

B. Stuhr presented evidence of a six inch increase in the groundwater level on his farm as a result of a smaller watershed structure.

Burke cautioned that Directors' views may change in future years as new situations arise and needs change. At the current time, however, White summarized, the majority of the Board were sympathetic to the position supported by the West Blue Valley Association. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellmann, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Hawthorne, Obermeyer, Schlueter.

Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
March 9, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York,, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Morris White, V. Chairman	Carolyn Budler, Administrative Secretary
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Robert K. Lanky, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Fred Krauss, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Earl Brodman, Nebr. Recl. Ofc., Grand Island
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Melvin Kuska, NRD Director	Keith Nieman, York Co. Ext. Service
Larry Moore, NRD Director	Jerry Wallin, NNRC, Lincoln
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Myron Gocke, West Blue Valley Preservation Assn
LaVerne Peterson, NRD Director	Orville Hoffschneider, W.Blue Valley Pres. Assn
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Melvin M. Husa, Director, Lower Big Blue NRD
Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director	John Hanlon, Congressman Thone's Office
Roy Stuhr, NRD Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Norman Wellman, NRD Director	David Muff, Crete
Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager	Hubert Muff, Crete

ABSENT:

Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director
Hans Jensen, NRD Director
Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published March 2, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Chairman Raymond Burke. Chairman Burke introduced the new Administrative Secretary, Carolyn Budler' and guests in attendance at the meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Wellman made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr

Chairman Burke introduced John Hanlon of Congressman Thone's Office who presented Directors with an opinion form to be completed and returned.

MINUTES

Roy Stuhr made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the February 10, 1976, meeting as distributed with the notation that a special report on "Conservation Planning" was presented by Ray Griffin, Aurora SCS office. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Anderson made the motion (motion #3) to adopt the financial statement and bills payable and approve publication in York News-Times. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Ensuing discussion indicated that Directors will be contacting persons in their area who have outstanding accounts receivable. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr

Chairman Burke introduced Robert Lanky, Regional Planning Officer, and Fred Krauss, Project Team Leader, Bureau of Reclamation, Denver and Earl Brodman, Nebraska Reclamation Office, Grand Island. Fred Krauss reviewed the status of the Sunbeam Project, first proposed in 1968. In light of the Principles and Standards, the environmental impact must be reformulated; therefore, the 1972 Sunbeam Project Report is no longer valid. If the project were revived today, Krauss reported, it must be scheduled for consideration as a project (which would take 3-4 years), a feasibility study prepared (3-4 years), reviewed (1 year) and re-evaluated before beginning project construction. The alternative of a series of smaller dams for irrigation and flood control was discouraged because of high construction costs and evaporation losses.

Bob Lanky commented on the David City Drainage Improvement - Flood Control Project. He suggested that UBBNRD apply to the Small Loan Program for this project. According to cost-share figures presented by Lanky, the government would assume 50% of the recreation costs, reimburse UBBNRD 100% of the irrigation costs, and assume none of the flood control costs under this Small Loan Program.

LARSON HAMILTON COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Peterson made the motion (motion #4) to proceed with the Larson-Hamilton County Road Structure project recommending tentative cost-share of County 50%, NRD 40%, and landowners 10% as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

DAVIS CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT

Moore made the motion (motion #5) to accept the proposal offered by Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger for the lump sum of \$7,500 and that the District purchase low flight aerial photography for the project area as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman.

Anderson made the motion (motion #6) that District staff contact the State SCS Engineering Office requesting that technical information regarding design input for development of temporary detention storage in the flatland areas of the upper reaches of the Davis Creek Watershed area be provided to Hoskins-Western-Sonderegger for use in prep a ration of the project feasibility report. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

Moore made the motion (motion #7) to adopt the following division of costs by percentage for implementation of the respective features of this project as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee:

1. City Drainage Improvement	-100% City =	\$631,000
2. Waterways	- 10% City =	11,500
	10% Co. =	11,500
	40% LPNNRD =	46,000
	40% UBBNRD =	46,000
3. Check Structures	- 20% Co. =	39,000
	40% LPNNRD =	78,400
	40% UBBNRD =	78,400
4. Large Dam	-20% Co. =	19,000
	40% LPNNRD =	38,000
	40% UBBNRD =	38,000

Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

POLK COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURES

Moore made the motion (motion #8) to extend Polk County Road Structure Contract for 180 calendar days from date (Dec. 16, 1975) of partial progress payment as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Moore made the motion (motion #9) to authorize final approval of cost-share assistance and payment totaling \$506.46 for irrigation reuse pit in Hamilton County (Herman Regier) as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

IRRIGATION DEMONSTRATION EQUIPMENT

Moore made the motion (motion # 10) to authorize disposition of the automatic surface irrigation demonstration equipment and to settle all property accounts involving this cooperative project with the groundwater association upon sale of equipment as recommended by the Projects and Programs Sub-committee.

Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

BEATTY-BURKE WATERSHED PROJECT

Anderson made the motion (motion #11) to have the staff prepare a request for special project assistance to Nebraska Natural Resources Commission for field survey and preliminary planning of the Mentink structure site and reservoir area including cross-sections to determine actual acres of permanent storage and temporary flood pool storage. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None
ABSENTE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

Anderson made the motion (motion #12) to submit a request to State SCS Engineering Office to arrange for core drilling on the Mentink structure site. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENTE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

OUTDOOR CLASSROOM

Roy Stuhr made the motion (motion #13) to approve donation of surplus plant materials from Clarke-McNary tree planting program to various garden clubs, and interested groups as recommended by the Education and Information Sub-committee. Seconded by Anderson. Discussion included the merits of selling surplus plant materials, as well as, the request that Egbarts obtain the SCS outdoor classroom slide set for the next Education and Information Sub-committee meeting. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENTE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

AWARD FARM PICTURE PROGRAM

Schneider made the motion (motion #14) to continue the Award Farm Picture Program for 1976 as recommended by the Education and Information Sub-committee. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENTE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

AWARDS BANQUET

Stuhr made the motion (motion #15) to accept the banquet report as presented by the Education and Information Sub-committee. Seconded by Schneider. The report indicated that of the total \$1,839.39 expended on the banquet, all but \$300.39 was reimburse. The \$300.39 included complementary tickets to 38 guests and 8 tickets unaccounted for. Recommendations that tickets be numbered next year and Directors assigned a packet of tickets were made. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENTE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

AREA LAND JUDGING CONTEST

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #16) that UBBNRD assume sponsorship of the 1976 Area Land Judging contest to be held in Seward as recommended by the Education and Information Sub-committee. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENTE: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

PER DIEM

Anderson made the motion (motion #17) to add discussion of Director's per them to the agenda. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.,

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None
ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #18) to prepare specific guidelines to decide what are allowable per them expense items. Seconded by Ronne. The possibility of processing per them vouchers more rapidly if individual meetings were approved for per them payment by NRD office personnel rather than the Executive Committee was discussed. It was determined that the first step should be the development of more specific per them guidelines. Obermeyer, amended the motion to add that the Executive Board report guidelines at next meeting. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: Moore, Ronne

ABSENT: Burke, Hawthorne, Jensen, B. Stuhr, Wellman

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #19) that individual expense vouchers be processed upon receipt for approval at the next Board meeting. The motion was withdrawn.

Marsh presented the new UBBNRD cost-share project sign.

Ronne and Anderson reported on the Conference on Land Application of Municipal Wastes. The possibility of obtaining Omaha's effusion will not exist for several years. Sioux City was reported to be using wastes from local slaughter houses effectively.

Representation and direction were considered at the initial Groundwater Allocation Task Force meeting, Marsh reported. The formal organizational meeting will be March 23.

Schneider presented information obtained at the Groundwater Allocation Taskforce Tour of Texas and New Mexico. Texas believes in unlimited private use of groundwater and appears to have no significant groundwater recharge capabilities. Whereas, New Mexico's Rozwell Basin is naturally recharged, has two aquifers, and the wells are metered.

The Legislative Report was presented by Marsh.

Anderson reported on his attendance at the NARD Board of Directors Meeting in Lincoln on March 8 and 9.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's office as a part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
February 10, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Morris White, V. Chairman	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Robert Schneider, Secretary	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Charles Stonecipher, So. Central Station
Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Steve Bratkovich, So. Central Station
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Keith Nieman, York Co. Ext. Service
LaVerne Peterson., NRD Director	Mel Noffke, Blue River Assn. GWCD
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Rod Edbarts, SCS, D. C., York
Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director	Ray Griffin, SCS, D. C., Aurora
Roy Stuhr, NRD Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times

ABSENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Larry Moore, NRD Director
Melvin Kuska, NRD Director	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director	

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "Notice of Public Meeting" published February 3, 1976, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District Office.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Acting Chairman Morris White in the absence of Raymond Burke, Chairman. Acting Chairman White introduced Dr. Charles Stonecipher, District Extension Agent, who gave an up-date on the coordination between the Natural Resources Districts and the Extension Office. Dr. Stonecipher introduced Keith Nieman, the new York County Extension Agent, and Steve Bratkovich, the new District Forester at the South Central Station of the Extension Service. He stated that the new Extension Irrigation Specialist, Dean Eisenhower was unable to attend the meeting.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Hansen made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke

RESOURCES PLANNING

Ray Griffin, SCS District Conservationist from Aurora presented a Resources Planning Report.

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Jensen made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the January 15, 1976, regular Board Meeting as distributed. Seconded by Ronne. Question

called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable for January 1976. After discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #3) to approve the financial statement and bills payable and publication in York News-Times. Seconded by Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke

PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

It was reported that the Sub-Committee elected Hansen and Moore as Co-Chairmen and appointed Schlueter to Personnel and Equipment Sub-Committee and Ronne to Comprehensive Planning Sub-Committee.

GROUNDWATER ALLOCATION TASK FORCE

Hansen made the motion (motion #4) to appoint Schneider as UBBNRD Representative to the Groundwater Allocation Task Force. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSTENTION: Schneider
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

Schlueter made the motion (motion #5) to authorize Schneider to attend the Groundwater Allocation Task Force tour of groundwater projects in Texas; and New Mexico as UBBNRD Representative. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

DAVIS CREEK WATERSHED PROJECT

Morgan introduced a proposal by L. Robert Kimbals of \$7,000. After discussion regarding the necessity of a feasibility study, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #6) to pursue hiring a consultant to do a feasibility study on Davis Creek Flood Control Project. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

YORK LINEAR PARK PROJECT

Marsh reported that with the project 77% completed, our share of the payment is \$7,249.56, with total expenditures to date of \$13,262.71 and a remaining balance of approximately \$3,700 upon completion. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #7) to approve the progress payment of \$7,249.56 for the York Linear Park. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

PLUM CREEK WATERSHED REPORT

Schlueter made the motion (motion #8) to accept (with minor editing corrections) the Plum Creek Watershed Reconnaissance Report. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. After further discussion regarding cost and publication date, the motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

FILLMORE COUNTY SOIL SURVEY

Peterson made the motion (motion #9) that UBBNRD express its interest in cooperating with the Fillmore County Board of Supervisors on accelerating soil survey activities. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White.

NAY: None

ABSTENTION: R. Stuhr (not prepared to vote)

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

RISING CITY-SURPRISE DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (motion #10) to approve application for special project assistance from the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission for the Rising City Surprise Drainage Improvement Project. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

COST-SHARE PROGRAM

Ronne made the motion (motion #11) to approve final payment of four re-use pits totaling \$1770.78. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

EDUCATION AND INFORMATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #12) to add a report from the Education and Information Sub-Committee to the agenda for consideration as an item of emergency nature. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

Morgan presented a request from the Seward High School for 500 trees to develop its Outdoor Classroom. After discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #13) that UBBNRD provide the needed trees for the Seward High School Wildlife Area. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke.

Appointments of Extension Service Advisors to Sub-Committees were discussed. Marsh presented a Special Legislative Sub-Committee Report.

Morgan reported on his attendance at the Polk, Seward, Fillmore, Butler County Development meetings on the 1976 ACP Program.

R. Stuhr, Anderson, and White reported on the 1976 NACD Convention.

Marsh discussed the status of the hiring of Technical Assistants.

Copies of The Benedict Project report were distributed.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 p.m.

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Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
January 15, 1976

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Robert Schneider, NRD Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director(prior #5)
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Roy Stuhr, NRD Director(prior #5)
LaVerne Peterson, Secretary(prior #4)	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director(prior #7)	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Admin. Secretary
Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Duane Chamberlain, NNRC
Mel Kuska, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Larry Moore, NRD Director	Joe Zitch, Ulysses, Nebraska
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Richard Struebing, David City, Nebraska
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Don McCabe, York News-Times
Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director	W. W. St. John, York

ABSENT:

None

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PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators and conservation plans. Then Director Ronne made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke
None

ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the December 15, 1976 regular Board Meeting as distributed with correction of Frank Dragoun's name noted on page 4, line 42 (from Frand Lagune). Seconded by Wellman. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable for December 1975. After discussion, White made the motion (motion #3) to approve the financial statement and bills payable and publication in York News-Times. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Peterson, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #4) to suspend the By-Laws to provide for election of officers by written ballot with nominations from the floor one office at a time. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

Following temporary assumption of the chair from the presiding Chairman, nominations were opened for Chairman. Raymond Burke and Morris White were nominated, for Chairman. Nominations were closed by motion (motion #5) by Kuska. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke.

Burke - 9 votes, White - 7 votes. Raymond Burke was elected Chairman by ballot vote. Burke assumed Chairmanship of the meeting and proceeded with the election of officers by entertaining nominations from the floor for vice chairman. Morris White and Gary Obermeyer were nominated. Nominations were closed by a motion (motion #6) by Anderson. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

White - 10 votes, Obermeyer - 7 votes. Morris White elected Vice Chairman by ballot vote. Nominations were opened for the office of Treasurer. Mel Kuska, Wayne Hansen and Orval Eikenhorst were nominated for the position of Treasurer. The nominations of Wayne Hansen and Mel Kuska were withdrawn at the request of the nominees. Nominations were closed by a motion (motion #7) by Jensen. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Eikenhorst was elected by a 16 yes and 1 no vote. Nominations for Secretary were opened. LaVerne Peterson and Robert Schneider were nominated. Nominations were closed by a motion (motion #8) by Schlueter. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Peterson - 6 votes, Schneider -10 votes. Robert Schneider was elected to the position of Secretary by ballot vote.

NARD REPRESENTATIVE

Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #9) to appoint Chairman Burke and Vice Chairman White as the UBBNRD's representative and alternate respectively to the NARD Board of Directors. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

COST-SHARE APPLICATIONS

Anderson made the motion (motion # 10) to approve final payment on three cost share applications totaling \$1,734.70 and tentative approval for six applications totaling \$1,759.95. Also directed a letter be sent to tentative applicants to make them aware of the availability of ASCS cost share funds. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

DAVID CITY DRAINAGE PROJECT

Hansen made the motion (motion # 11) to continue the David City Drainage Project and that the Upper Big Blue NRD make a joint application with Butler County, David City and the Lower Platte North NRD to the Nebraska Resource Development Fund. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROGRAM PROPOSAL

Morgan reviewed the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program Proposal. After lengthy discussion, Hansen made the motion (motion #12) to approve the concept of Program I (Cost Share Options) and Program 11 (Marginal Land Section). To table for further consideration the Wetland Section and to approve the Farming Practice Section only if the proposed state program provides cost-share funds for this practice. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

COST-SHARE PROGRAM RATES

After review and much discussion, Hansen made the motion (motion # 13) that the District Cost-Share Assistance Program be revised by adopting county average costs and rates used by the respective county ASCS cost-share programs for similar practices that the District cost-shares on. ASCS funds must be obligated before the District will accept applications. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

BEATTY-BURKE WATERSHED

Anderson reviewed the status of the Beatty-Burke Watershed area. Anderson made the motion (motion # 14) to proceed with the Beatty-Burke Watershed and that the landowners be contacted for information so that easements be compiled. The staff and directors involved should proceed with whatever is necessary to expedite the project. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

MILLER -POLK COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

Burke reviewed the Miller road structure. Hansen made the motion (motion # 15: to obtain easements on the Miller-Polk County road structure so that the project may proceed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Scantier, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

PROJECT SIGNS

Obermeyer reviewed the project sign project. After discussion, Obermeyer made the motion (motion # 16) that the District purchase 200 blank white, baked enamel, pre-punched 12" X 18" signs and that they be professionally silk screened with the previously adopted design for use on District cost-shared projects. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

RESOURCES STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

Obermeyer made the motion (motion # 17) for the District to order 200 sample copies of inserts for distribution to churches on the district's mailing list to determine quantities needed for the 1976 Resources Stewardship Program. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

NIKON CAMERA WORKSHOP

Wellman made the motion (motion # 18) to send Gary Morgan, Assistant Manager to the Nikon Camera Workshop to develop his photographs skills and that the District pay all cost involved. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: None

District Boundary signs were discussed. It was stated that the NARD does not plan to pursue this activity in the immediate future. On a state wide survey, only two districts responded (both favorably). No conclusion was reached.

Banquet ticket sales were discussed and a tally was taken on the number sold.

Moore asked about the status of hiring someone to fill the position of Programs Director. It was stated by Burke and Anderson that the District was waiting for the new Extension Agent to see what assistance the District would have.

Anderson gave a brief report on NNRC activities. He stated that land Use planning and land management were prime objects of discussion at the Commission.

Duane Chamberlain of NNRC reviewed responsibilities and objectives of NRD Directors. He gave the history of the concept and legislative bills that were the beginning of NRD's. Chamberlain stated that coordination must exist between Directors and Staff for the District to succeed. The staff could not begin to do the job alone.

Marsh reported on the NARD, NWRA, NSIA Tri-Conference in Lincoln on January 12 - 14, 1976.

Discussion of the time for regular Board meetings took place. It was decided to hold the February Board meeting on February 10, 1976 at 7:30 p.m.

The Executive Board and Staff were directed to coordinate a meeting with the Sunbeam Group.

TRANSFER OF SECRETARY'S BOND

Anderson made the motion (motion # 19) to transfer the Secretary's bond and authorize the newly elected secretary to sign checks pursuant to previously adopted policy. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m..

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial statements, and additional reports referred to are on file in the District's office as part of the official file copy of these Minutes.

Robert J. Schneider, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
December 16, 1975

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Burke at 7:30 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director
Morris White, V. Chairman	Robert Schneider, NRD Director
LaVerne Peterson, Secretary	Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Roy Stuhr, NRD Director
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Mel Kuska, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary
Larry Moore, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Maurice Medaris, NRD Technician
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Dave Mettenbrink, York. News-Times

ABSENT:

Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published December 9, 1975, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for November 1975. Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

SPECIAL REPORT ON ACCOMPLISHMENTS - Fiscal Year 175

Egbarts gave a special report on accomplishments of the Upper Big Blue NRD in Fiscal Year 1975.

MINUTES

Moore made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the November 11, 1975 regular board meeting and Special Board Meeting of November 21, 1975, as distributed. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable for November 1975. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #3) to approve the financial statement and bills

payable (pending approval of Projects and Programs Sub-Committee recommendations and authorize publication of the financial statement once in the York News-Times. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

POLK COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURES

Anderson made the motion (motion #4) to approve the payment of 100% of bid price on the Larson structure and 90% of tubing bid price for Watts structure as progress payment to Robert W. Bryan Construction in the amount of \$6,124.00. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried. Polk County will be billed for 50% of the \$6,124.00 payment. Mr. Larsen will be billed for 10% of the Larson structure bid price.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

COST SHARE APPLICATIONS

Moore made the motion (motion #5) to give tentative approval for nine applications totaling \$2,972.41 and to give final approval for five applications totaling \$2,177.93. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

Cost-Share Assistance Program

Anderson made the motion (motion #6) to exclude the months of December, January, and February from the present 90 day required limit for completion of cost-shared practices, when weather conditions merit such exclusion. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

YORK LINEAR PARK

Marsh reviewed the NRD's involvement in York Linear Park Project. He stated that the total per agreement was \$16,937.00. After discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #7) to approve payment to the City of York for the NRD's portion of quarterly progress payment on the York Linear Park in the amount of \$6,013.15. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

DAVID CITY IMPROVEMENT STUDY

Burke reviewed the Public Hearing Proceedings at David City regarding the Improvement Study being undertaken by a private engineering firm. After lengthy discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #8) that the David City Improvement Study be adopted with a down stream structure and that the

structure's location be determined at a later date after survey is done to decide the most feasible site. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

WILDLIFE HABITAT PROPOSAL

Morgan reviewed the status of the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program. After discussion with the Projects and Programs sub-committee he stated that he had made some revisions and forwarded the proposal to Clarence Newton of the Game and Parks Commission for his comments on the proposal. Morgan expects to have it ready for presentation at the next Projects and Programs sub-committee meeting.

BIG BLUE RIVER BASIN WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PLAN

Morgan reviewed a statement prepared by the NRD staff concerning the Big Blue River Basin Water Quality Management Plan.

DRAFT #4 OF SEDIMENT AND EROSION CONTROL LEGISLATION

Anderson reviewed the #4 Draft of Sediment and Erosion Control Legislation

VAVRA-SEMLAR ROAD STRUCTURE

Motion (motion #9) by Hansen to approve final payment on Vavra-Semlar road structure in the amount of \$7,844.16 to Saline County. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst., Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

WEST SHELBY DRAINAGE IMPROVEMENT AREA

White reviewed the Public Hearing Proceedings of December 15, 1975 at Osceola, on the West Shelby Drainage Project. The Hearing Proceedings are attached to file on this meeting minutes. After discussion, Moore made the motion (motion #10) to establish West Shelby Drainage Improvement as a special improvement project area to include the project boundaries presently proposed hereby authorizing detailed planning cost estimates. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

EDUCATION SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

Obermeyer and R. Stuhr gave the Education Sub-Committee report. Jensen made the motion (motion #11) to accept the Education Sub-Committee report. Peterson seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

PERSONNEL SUB-COMMITTEE REPORT

After discussion, White made the motion (motion #12) to accept the recommendations from the Personnel Sub-Committee report regarding technician

salary adjustments and special advisory sub-committee to the Personnel Sub-Committee consisting of Obermeyer, B. Stuhr and Schlueter. This special advisory subcommittee will assist in making recommendations for revisions to personnel policy in the near future. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter-, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

RESOLUTIONS AND DELEGATES FOR '76 NARD CONFERENCE

Marsh reviewed the various resolutions that would be voted on at the '76 NARD Conference. After much discussion, Jensen made the motion (motion #13) to support the resolution to be presented by North Platte, South Platte,, and Upper Niobrara-White NRD's which states (in part): "BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the NARD would not support legislation that granted authority to construct coal slurry pipelines except on a case by case basis,, and that then only after the effects on water supply, natural resources, and the environment were known and understood and only after local political subdivisions including natural resources districts had been consulted and given the opportunity to comment". The UBBNRD would oppose the coal slurry pipeline proposal until further studies are made. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter-, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Kuska made the motion (motion #14) to elect Morris White as voting delegate and Larry Moore as alternate for the 1976 NARD Conference. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst , Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: Moore, White
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Moore made the motion (motion #15) to support a resolution to be presented by NWRA and NSIA at the 176 Tri-Conference titled "Improved Water Utilization". The resolution is similar to one the UBBNRD co-sponsored at the NARD conference in January 175 at North Platte. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, , Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne

Marsh encouraged directors to individually consider membership in the Nebraska Water Resources Association.

Schneider gave a report on the meeting he attended on November 19, 1975 with the Nebraska Advisory Committee to the Old West Regional Commission's Artificial Recharge Project, in Lincoln.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT WORKSHOP - DODGE CITY, KANSAS

Marsh reported on the Groundwater Management Workshop held in Dodge City, Kansas. He stated that this was the second annual workshop on groundwater management and this workshop was titled "Groundwater Management and Energy for Irrigation for the Great Plains States". It was a follow up of a workshop that

was conducted for the first time last year involving the local management districts from the five states in the great plains area (Nebraska, Kansas, Colorado, Texas, and New Mexico, Oklahoma). Program the first day of the program covered federal, state and local roles in groundwater management. The session held on the first afternoon involved resources management involving local district activities. The second day's program was a session on the energy situation regarding Irrigation and groundwater. The session concluded in a recommendation of the study committee (which was formulated last year) to recommend that these five states go together into a Groundwater Management Districts Association. The framework for this Association was set up with two representatives from each of the five states represented on the initial Board of Directors for this national Groundwater Management Districts Association. There would be a \$20.00 fee for membership to organize this Association, to provide a focal point and unified voice for local Management Districts in the great plains area. The two representatives nominated and elected through a Nebraska state caucus of the Nebraska attendance. (17 districts from Nebraska in attendance) Mel Noffke (Blue River Assn. of Groundwater Conservation Dists) and Frand Lagume (Tr-Basin NRD) will serve as Nebraska representatives to the initial Board of Directors. Proceedings from the business sessions will be published in the near future.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING

Due to the conflict with the Tr-Conference in Lincoln in January, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #16) to change the Board meeting date to Thursday, January 15, 1976. Seconded by B. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne

Discussion was held relating to Director responsibilities.
Meeting adjourned at 11:30 p.m.

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

LaVerne V. Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
November 11, 1975

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Burke at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York,, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director
Morris White, Vice-Chairman	Robert Schneider, NRD Director
LaVerne Peterson, Secretary	Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Roy Stuhr, NRD Director
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Mel Kuska, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary
Larry Moore, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Mel Noffke, Mgr. Groundwater Assn.
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Ray Gard, GWCD, Seward
Richard Bristol, GWCD, Hamilton	Bue Watmore, GWCD, Fillmore
Milton Bristol, Waco	George Remmenga, Clay Center
Lewis Badger Halsey, Fairmont	George Brugh, York
	Dave Mettenbrink, York

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published November 4, 1975, in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for October 1975. Anderson made the motion (motion #1) to approve the new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne

MINUTES

Ronne made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the October 14, 1975, Board Meeting as distributed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr, Peterson

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (motion #3) to approve the Minutes of the October 28, 1975, Special Meeting as distributed. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question, called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr, Peterson

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable for October 1975. Directors asked questions and discussed various items. Ronne made the motion (motion #4) to approve the financial statement and bills payable and authorized publication of the financial statement once in the York News-Times. Motion Seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

ADOPTION OF RULE 3 FOR ADMINISTRATION OF THE NEBRASKA GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT ACT

Discussion and review of proposed rules and regulations (Rules 3 and 4) for adoption as required by L.B. 577. Considerations were made of the informal public hearing held prior to the regular Board Meeting. Schneider made the motion (motion #5) to adopt the hearing draft as proposed for Rule 3 of Rules and Regulations to prohibit improper groundwater irrigation runoff as required by L. B. 577. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion failed.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Schlueter, Schneider, White

NAY: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, R. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

R. Stuhr made the motion to insert section (e) to Rule 3, 3-(1)(a)(5) in tie proposed definition of "improper groundwater irrigation runoff" as follows: "or (e) which occurs within the boundaries of the District and is not excluded by an agreement between groundwater users as outlined in Section 3-(1)(e)". Motion died for lack of a second. After much discussion, Moore made the motion (motion #6) to adopt Rule 3 with the exception of 3-(1)(a) definition 5 including provisions to table 3-(1)(a)(5) until, such time that an agreeable definition of "improper groundwater irrigation runoff" can be developed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, R. Stuhr, Wellman

NAY: Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, White

ABSTAINED: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Peterson, Burke

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

Not officially adopted (Note - Due to a voting technicality as prescribed by statute and District By-Laws requiring the concurrence of a simple majority of directors present to constitute official action, this motion was not formally adopted.

ADOPTION OF RULE 4 FOR CONDUCT OF FORMAL ADJUDICATORY HEARINGS BEFORE THE DISTRICT

Moore made the motion (motion #7) to adopt Rule 4 of Rules and Regulations concerning the conduct of formal adjudicatory hearings before the District with minor suggested changes made prior at public hearing. Hansen seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

COST-SHARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Hansen made the motion (motion #8) to transfer \$15,000 from Budget code item 540 to code item 541 to cover additional cost-share assistance applications and to give tentative approval to applications totaling \$13,885.62. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White,

Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

1976 CLARKE-Mc NARY TREE PLANTING PROGRAM

Gary Morgan reviewed the tree planting program and discussion was held. Kuska made the motion (motion #9) to adopt the 1976 Clarke Mc Nary tree planting and spraying program as proposed. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

APPLICATION FOR WATER RIGHTS FROM SURPLUS AREAS

Hansen made the motion (motion #10) to reactivate and pursue vigorously previous initiative to explore and develop the legal background necessary in making application for water rights from surplus areas including the Platte River for use as a supplemental source for conjunctive development and artificial recharge considerations., Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

POLICY STATEMENT ON DOWNSTREAM STRUCTURAL DEVELOPMENT FOR CONTROLLING DRAINAGE

Hansen made the motion (motion #11) that a policy statement be approved regarding the downstream structural development for controlling drainage and that such a policy should be encouraged and promoted whenever conditions are practical and necessary to minimize downstream damages with such conditions to be evaluated on a project by project basis. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

RISING CITY-SURPRISE DRAINAGE PROJECT

White made the motion (motion #13) to approve the letter of request for special project assistance received from a local interest group in the Rising City.-Surprise area concerned with developing a plan to control the serious drainage and flood control problems in this area. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

SCS MANPOWER NEEDS

After much discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #13) to hire 21.- additional full-time technicians to bring the manpower in this category up to one full-time technician for SCS Field Offices within the District and to receive the District Conservationists input concerning the hiring. Seconded by White. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: Jensen

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

DISTRICT PROJECT SIGNS

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #14) to approve the concept and proposed design for silk screen design for District project signs. R. Stuhr seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

ENVIRONMENTAL COMIC BOOKS

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #15) to purchase 100 copies of the new SCSA Environmental Comic Books for distribution within the District in Doctors offices etc. to determine how they are receive Seconded. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

SPECIAL ETV PROGRAM - NOVEMBER 10, 1975

Anderson made the motion (motion #16) to authorize \$50.00 for the UBBNRD's share for the NARD's presentation on L.B. 577 on ETV. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

DECEMBER BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S Meeting

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #17) to change the December Board of Director's regular meeting from December 9th to December 16th due to the conflict with the hearing on David City Drainage Improvement Flood Control Plan and the Groundwater Management Workshop in Dodge City, Kansas both on December 9th. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, B. Stuhr

Meeting adjourned at 1 a.m.

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

LaVerne V. Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
Special Meeting
October 28, 1975

A special Board Meeting was held Tuesday, October 28, 1975 of the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors. The purpose of the meeting was to review proposed rules and regulations to prohibit improper groundwater irrigation runoff in accordance with Section 9 of L.B. 577 enacted by the 84th Legislature, First Session (1975) These proposed rules and regulations will be adopted subsequent to public hearing held immediately prior to the next regular meeting scheduled November 11, 1975.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Melvin Kuska, NRD Director
LaVerne V. Peterson, Secretary	Larry Moore, NRD Director
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Max Ronne, NRD Director
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director
Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Robert Schneider, NRD Director
Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary	George Brugh, NRD Legal Counsel
Mel Noffke, Mgr. Groundwater Assn.	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C. York
Sharon D. Berry, Pres. LWV, York	Robert W. Jeary, Seward
	L. L. Lindstrom, Waco

ABSENT:

Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director	Roy Stuhr, NRD Director
	Morris White, Vice-Chairman

Marsh reviewed Rules 3 and 4 of the proposed rules and regulations for the Implementation of Section 9 of L.B. 577.

Motion #1 to adopt proposed rule #3 as revised for the public hearing on Tuesday, November 11, 1975. Motion was made by Hansen. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, White, R. Stuhr

Motion #2 was made by Anderson to adopt rule #4 as revised for the public hearing on Tuesday, November 11, 1975. Seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, White, R. Stuhr

A copy of the attendance and roll call records, financial report, 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.

LaVerne V. Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
October 14, 1975

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Burke at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Leonard Schlueter,, NRD Director
Morris White, Vice-Chairman	Robert Schneider, NRD Director
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Gary R. Morgan, Assistant Manager
Mel Kuska, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary
Larry Moore, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C., York
Gary Obermeyer., NRD Director	Mel Noffke, Mgr., Groundwater Assn.
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Mr. & Mrs. Harold Nelson, Gresham
Dave Mettenbrink, York News-Times	Maurice Medaris, NRD Technician

ABSENT:

LaVerne Peterson, Secretary	Roy Stuhr, NRD Director
	Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as a notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published October 7, 1975 in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office gave the NRD Progress Report, Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for September 1975. Moore made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the Minutes of the September 9, 1975 Board meeting as distributed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr

SCS SPECIAL REPORT

Herb Casey, SCS, D.C. from Geneva gave a brief report and slide presentation on the Plant Materials Center at Manhattan, Kansas.

OLD WEST REGIONAL COMMISSION RESEARCH GRANT

Dr. Wayne Hall, Bill Lichner, Gary Lewis, and Dr. Dean Manbeck were present and gave an update on the progress on the artificial water recharge study.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marsh reviewed the financial statement and bills payable for September 1975. Directors asked questions on various items and reminded the staff that expenditures over \$150.00 must have total Board approval as per the Fiscal

Policy Statement except for purchases that were bonafide emergencies. Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #3) to approve the financial statement and bills payable as presented. Jensen seconded. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Obermeyer, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, White, Burke
NAY: Ronne, Wellman
ABSENT: Kuska, Moore, Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

1975 AUDIT REPORT

St. John, the District Accountant reviewed the fiscal audit for 1975. After discussion of the outstanding accounts receivable, the Manager and Assistant Manager were directed to make telephone contact with those outstanding accounts appearing on the quarterly financial report and report their success or failure to the Directors at the next regular Board meeting. Ronne made the motion (motion #4) to accept the 1975 audit report. Schneider seconded. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr
ABSTAINED: Kuska (had not reviewed the report)

PROCEDURAL RULES AND POLICY - L.B. 325 (Open Meetings Law)

After acknowledging that no comments were received at the informal public hearing on the proposed procedural rule (rule 2) and statement of policy concerning L.B. 325, Obermeyer made the motion (motion #5) to adopt the rules and regulations as drafted. Schneider seconded. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

REVISIONS TO OPERATIONAL BY-LAWS

Marsh discussed proposed revisions of Article 1, 11, and III of the Operational ByLaws of the UBBNRD. Proposed changes: Article 1, para. 3 - revised to read second Tuesday of the month. Article 1, para. 3 - revised to refer to Executive Committee as Executive Board because this is an internally elected group of officers and not an appointed committee. Article 1, para. 8 - revised to read open meetings law (L.B. 325), rather than public meetings. Article 11, para. 11 - revised to read Executive Board. Article III - All references to committees and advisory committees changed to sub-committees; references to Executive Committee to Executive Board. Article III -para. 2 - change authority to responsibility. Article 111, para. 12 - change special to interim Article III, para. 13 - Delete. Motion (motion #6) was made by Anderson to adopt the proposed revisions to the Operational By-Laws. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

WEST SHELBY DRAINAGE PLAN

Anderson made the motion (motion #7) to initiate public hearing procedures on the West Shelby Drainage Improvement Project in order to set up the project as El special project improvement area. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.
AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

WATTS - LARSON ROAD STRUCTURE

Anderson made the motion (motion #8) to accept the bid from Robert W. Bryan Construction of Silver Creek, in the amount of \$11,984.35 for the two road structures in Polk County and authorize the signatures and attesting signature on the contract. Seconded by Schlueter, Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr, Jensen

REPRESENTATIVE ON NEBRASKA ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THE OLD WEST REGIONAL COMMISSION

White made the motion (motion #9) to appoint Robert Schneider as the UBBNRD representative to the Nebraska Advisory Committee for Old West Regional Commission Research Contract for Artificial Recharge. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Schneider

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, B. Stuhr

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT WITH USGS

Motion (motion #10) by Anderson to continue the Cooperative Agreement with USGS on stream recording stations for FY 1976 in the amount of \$3,270.00. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke

NAY: White

ABSTAINED: Eikenhorst

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

Motion (motion #11) to inform USGS that effective FY 1977 that the UBBNRD would discontinue financial support to the cooperative stream gaging. Motion made by Moore. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Burke, White, Wellman, B. Stuhr, Schlueter, Ronne, Obermeyer, Moore, Kuska, Hansen, Anderson

NAY: Jensen

ABSTAINED: Eikenhorst, Schneider

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

INTERIM DRAFT OF ONE AND SIX YEAR PLAN

Hansen made the motion (motion #12) to recommend submittal of the interim draft of the One and Six Year Plan for agency review. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

DRAFT RULES AND REGULATIONS ON L.B. 577

Hansen made the motion (motion #13) to initiate an informal public hearing in conjunction with November 11, 1975 Board Meeting concerning proposed rules and regulations as required by L.B. 577 (Section 9). Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

Motion (motion #14) by Anderson to set a special Board meeting on Tuesday,

October 28, 1975 for the purpose of considering the proposed rules and regulations for implementation of L.B. 577 (Section 9). Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

COST SHARE APPLICATIONS (TENTATIVE)

After much discussion, Schneider made the motion (motion #15) to give tentative approval on all practices listed in the Projects and Programs Committee Report. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

COST SHARE APPLICATIONS (FINAL)

Hansen made the motion (motion #16) to give final approval to all practices and authorize payment for all listed on the Projects and Programs Committee Report. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Obermeyer made the motion #17) that the Annual Awards Banquet be continued and that it be the responsibility of the Education sub-committee. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

STATE WIDE BOUNDARY SIGNS

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #18) to advise the NARD that the UBBNRD would support the road side boundary signs on a state wide program. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

BUILDING SIGN

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #19) to purchase a single face non-illuminated 2 ½' X 14" sign with the Association logo and the name of the District for the District office. Approximate cost \$350.00. Written permission from the County Commissioners would be obtained first for placing the sign on the building. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

COPY MACHINE FOR YORK SCS OFFICE

White made the motion (motion #20) to purchase a copy machine for use in the York SCS (Liaison) office. This practice would not necessarily apply to the other SCS offices. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion (motion #21) by Obermeyer to adjourn to closed Executive Session. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Peterson, R. Stuhr

ABSTAINED: Anderson

The Directors reconvened into regular session after taking no formal action.

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 a.m.

LaVerne V. Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
September 9, 1975

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Burke at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Wayne Hansen, NRD Director(departed #18)
Morris White, Vice-Chairman	Larry Moore, NRD Director(departed #22)
LaVerne Peterson, Secretary	Robert Schneider, NRD Director(arrived #2)
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Bruce Anderson, NRD Director
Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, D.C. York
Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director	Mel Noffke, Mgr. Groundwater Assn.
Roy Stuhr, NRD Director	Jim Cook, NNRC, Legal Counsel
Norman Wellman, NRD Director	Leonard Hosack, SCS, . D.C. Wilber
Dave Mettenbrink, York News-Times	Doris Marxhausen, , Seward, LWV
	George Brugh, NRD Legal Counsel

ABSENT:

Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director
	Mel Kuska, NRD Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published September 2, 1975 in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for August 1975. Peterson made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, Schneider, B. Stuhr

SPECIAL REPORT - SCS

Jim Ericksen, SCS, D.C. from Hastings gave an interesting presentation on the Soil Loss Equation.

MINUTES

Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the August 5, 1975 Board meeting as distributed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

W. W. St. John, the District's Accountant reviewed the financial statement and bills payable for July and August 1975. St. John distributed the fiscal audit for the Board's review and action at a later meeting. Suggestions were made by the Director's to St. John for minor changes in format of the financial statement. Collection on the tree planting program was discussed. Marsh was

asked why the expenditure for the A B Dick Stencil Maker had not been approved by the Board of Directors. Marsh stated that the purchase commitment had to be made by a certain date in order to take advantage of the discount price. In the time element involved, he considered it an emergency and had obtained approval by the Executive Committee. After much discussion, Schlueter made the motion (motion #3) to approve the financial statement and bills payable as presented. Eikenhorst seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Moore, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider,
White, Burke
NAY: Hawthorne, Hansen, Obermeyer, Ronne, R. Stuhr, Wellman
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

PUBLICATION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #4) to publish the financial statement in the York News-Times for this month. Anderson seconded. Question called. Motion carried. (The intent is to see what implementation L.B. 404 is state-wide and to examine the Board position further).

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer,
Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White,
Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

SEWARD COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

After review, Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to give tentative approval on the Seward County Road Structure. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer,
Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman White,
Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Goertzen Irrigation Re-Use Pit

After review, Moore made the motion (motion #6) to approve final cost-share payment of \$378.78 on the Goertzen re-use pit. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer,
Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White,
Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Cost-Share Applications

After much discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion#7) to give tentative approval on all practices listed in the Projects and Programs Committee report and those in the additional list with the consideration that none of the construction has begun. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
Abstained: Moore (personal conflict)
Absent: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Lucille Havlovic Cost-Share Application

After review of the SCS recommendation that the design of the detention structure from Lucille Havlovic did not contain the needed tube, Anderson made the motion (motion #8) to disallow the cost-share application. Schneider seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne,

Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Administrative Policy Revision - Cost-Share Program

After discussion of administrative policy on the cost-share program, Moore made the motion (motion #9) that all tentative and final approvals on cost share practices will first go through the Projects and Programs Committee, which will recommend action to the Board where all action will be taken. In an emergency, where contractor is available immediately, the General Manager and the respective director in the area involved, may give tentative approval. Ronne seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Cost-Share Practices on Terraces, Diversions, and Grassed Waterways

Anderson stated that the Projects and Programs Committee had thoroughly reviewed the new cost-share practices on Terraces, Diversions, and Grassed Waterways and recommended their approval. Anderson made the motion (motion #10) that the Board approve the practice as written. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Cost-Share Rates on Terraces, Diversions, and Grassed Waterways

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #11) to approve Cost-Share rates of the new practices in accordance with Tables A and B of the Policy procedure effective September 10, 1975. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Drainage Improvement - Surprise

Marsh reviewed plans for a drainage improvement project developed several years ago by the SCS River Basin Planning Staff. The area involves approximately 16-18 sections of drainage northeast of Surprise. Local landowners have expressed an interest in special project assistance from the NRD. Several of the parties were present at the meeting and they were represented by Glenn White. The Board invited them to meet with the Projects and Programs Committee at the next committee meeting.

West Blue Valley Preservation Society

President, Ruth Gard and officers of the West Blue Valley Preservation Society were guests at the meeting. They requested that they be afforded an opportunity to discuss the Sunbeam Area with the Upper Big Blue NRD. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #12) that the Upper Big Blue NRD set up a special meeting with the West Blue Valley Preservation Society for the purpose of discussing this area in depth. Anderson seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Rules and Regulations on Conduct of Public Hearings

After review of implementation of L.B. 577 on conduct of public hearings, by Jim Cook (legal counsel for NNRC). R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #13) to adopt rules and regulations for the Upper Big Blue NRD. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Moore, Peterson, Ronne,
Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: Hansen
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Purchase of Wollensak Recorder

Motion (motion #14) by R. Stuhr to purchase Wollensak Recorder (Model 2551 AV) for use by the District. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer,
Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White,
Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Purchase of Wide Angle Lens for Cannon Camera

Motion (motion #15) by R. Stuhr to purchase wide angle lens for the District's Cannon Camera. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Schlueter,
Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, Burke
NAY: Peterson
ABSTAINED: Eikenhorst, Ronne, White (not familiar with equipment)
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

NRD Nomination for Special Award in NARD Program

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #16) to renominate Senator Kremer again this year in the Special Award category. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer,
Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White,
Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Guidelines on Agenda Policy

Motion (motion #17) by Obermeyer to set up the structure of agenda items (as policy) as follows: (1) formality items (minutes, financial report, etc.); (2) speakers and groups; (3) committee reports; (4) staff reports. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer,
Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White,
Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Meeting Material

Motion (motion #18) by R. Stuhr to send all meeting material to all cooperative agencies and news media prior to meeting. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,
Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Informal Public Hearing

Moore made the motion (motion #19) to hold an informal public hearing for

adopting rules and regulations on the open meetings law at 7:30 p.m. prior to regular Board meeting on October 14, 1975. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr, Hansen

Closed Executive Session

Obermeyer made the motion (motion #20) to hold a closed Executive Session in conjunction with Committee Report. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

New Assistant Manager

Motion by Moore (motion #21) to hire Gary R. Morgan as Assistant Manager (In Charge of Planning) at a salary of \$11,000 per annum effective September 10, 1975. Seconded by Wellman. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSTAINED: Ronne
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, B. Stuhr

Insurance Coverages

Motion by White (motion #22) to make the following increases to the District's Insurance Coverages:

1. Increase the primary limit for both comprehensive general liability and auto liability from \$100,000-\$300,000 to \$500,000.
2. Write the Errors and Omissions policy with limits of \$100,000-\$300,000 for the annual premium of \$770.00.

Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hansen, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, B. Stuhr

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

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 A.M.

LaVerne Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
August 5, 1975

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Acting Chairman, Morris White (in the absence of Raymond Burke, Chairman), at 8:45 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Morris White, Vice-Chairman	Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Robert Schneider, NRD Director
LaVerne Peterson, Secretary	Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Roy Stuhr, NRD Director
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Melvin Kuska, NRD Director	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
Larry Moore, NRD Director	Dan L. Staehr, Programs Director
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary
Max Ronne, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, DC, York
Leonard S. Silver, SCS Acting AC	Mel Noffke, Mgr. Blue River Assn. Ground-
Maurice E. Medaris, SCS Aurora	water Districts
Dave Mettenbrink, York News-Times	M. W. Osborn, York
Harold K. Fausch, SCS, Seward	Don Westwood, Waco

ABSENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director
	Hans Jensen, NRD Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting published July 30, 1975 in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office, gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for August 1975. B. Stuhr made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

MINUTES

Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the July 8, 1975 Board Meeting as distributed. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White.
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marsh reviewed the August 5, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. The payment to Alexander and Alexander on aircraft insurance was discussed. Marsh explained that this was our District's proportionate payment on a blanket policy through the Nebraska Assn. of Resources Districts. A breakdown on the tree planting program was requested. Marsh indicated that a report would be made to the Board on the Tree planting program with recommendations for future programs. Schneider made the motion (motion #3) to approve the financial statement as presented.

Moore seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

PROPOSED BUDGET

Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #4) to accept the budget as proposed with an .88 mill levy. Seconded by Anderson. After much discussion, Ronne made an amendment to the original motion to set the mill levy at .75. Seconded by R. Stuhr. Question called. Motion defeated.

AYE: Ronne, Schneider, R. Stuhr
NAY: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hanson, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer Peterson, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White.
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

After further discussion, Dave Mettenbrink of the York News-Times stated that he wished to make a comment as a taxpayer, to the Board of Directors. He stated that he felt that the NRD Budget was "too fat". R. Stuhr made the statement for the record , "if this Board passes this budget, it is his personal feeling that the Board is making a tremendous mistake and it is an insult to the taxpayer". Leonard Schlueter spoke in favor of the project portion of the budget and felt that the ratio to other items should be reviewed. He also stated that the number of positions listed under Salaries in the budget should correspond to a stated number in the Personnel Policy Statement. After lengthy discussion, the Board returned to the original motion to accept the proposed budget and a mill levy of .88. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: Ronne, R. Stuhr, Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

ACCOUNTING - AUDIT RECOMMENDATION

A proposal by W. W. St. John, P. A. to take over the accounting requirements of the District due to L. B. 404 requiring more complex accounting. A motion (motion #6) by Schneider to accept the accounting proposal and a change in board meeting time to the second Tuesday of each month as set forth in the accountant's proposal. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: Obermeyer
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OPINION ON TRANSFER OF FUNDS

Kuska stated that he had questioned the Natural Resources Commission's attorney Jim Cook, about the legality of transfer of earmarked funds in the budget. The attorney had stated that it was legal and a procedure for this had been set up. However, he had no opinion as to if it was constitutional. Kuska made the motion (motion #7) for the NRD to request an opinion of the Attorney General (through a State Senator) on the constitutionality of the transfer of earmarked funds within the budget to special project funds. Seconded by Moore. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

SPECIAL PROJECT PRIORITIES

The Projects and Programs Committee presented the following special project priorities list:

SCS PLANNING AND DESIGN PRIORITIES

1. Friesen Watershed Project
2. Hastings Flood Control Project
3. Davis Creek Flood Control Project
4. West Shelby Drainage Improvement Area
5. School Creek Project Reconnaissance

NRD IMPLEMENTATION PRIORITY

1. Friesen Watershed Project
2. Davis Creek Flood Control Project
3. West Shelby Drainage Improvement Area
4. Hastings Flood Control Project

5. School Creek Project Reconnaissance A motion (motion #8) by Anderson to adopt the priorities list as presented. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

VAVRA-SEMLAR ROAD STRUCTURE

After review, Anderson made the motion (motion #9) to give tentative approval for cost-share by the NRD on the Vavra-Semlar Road Structure. Seconded by Peterson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

BUTLER COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURE

After review, Obermeyer made the motion (motion #10) to approve final cost-share payment of \$3,215.40 on the Butler County Road Structure. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

COST-SHARE LIMITATION ON EARTHWORK FOR IRRIGATION RE-USE

PITS After discussion of increased construction costs, Anderson made the motion (motion #11) to increase cost share limitation on earth work for irrigation re-use pits from \$250.00 to \$500.00 per practice based on 25% cost share rate for earth work. Seconded by Obermeyer. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

PROGRAM FOR EARTHWORK ON DRY LAND USAGE

After discussion, on lack of a program for dry land cost-sharing, Obermeyer made the motion (motion #12) to have the Projects and Programs Committee set up criteria for earthwork for dry land usage that would include terraces, waterways and diversions for dry land control. Seconded by B. Stuhr. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

POLK COUNTY ROAD STRUCTURES (ADDENDUM TO AGENDA)

Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #13) to give tentative approval to the Watts/ Anderson and Larsen road structures in Polk County for cost-sharing. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

RETIREMENT PROGRAM

After discussion, B. Stuhr made the motion (motion #14) to table consideration until the next regular board meeting, of proposed employee retirement program that is sponsored by the NARD. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson,, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

STAFF RESIGNATION

A letter was read from Tom L. Uhl, Assistant Manager, to the UBBNRD to inform the Board of his decision to terminate employment with the UBBNRD effective September 30, 1975. Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #15) to accept Tom L. Uhl's resignation with regret. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter,, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke
ABSTAINED: R. Stuhr (serious loss to the District)

STAFF SALARIES

After discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #16) to consider salaries by the individual, by name. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, B. Stuhr, Wellman
NAY: Eikenhorst, White
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

SALARY - DAN STAEHR R.

Stuhr made the motion (motion #17) to approve Dan Staehr's salary at \$9,000.00, effective July 1, 1975. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

SALARY - TOM L. UHL

R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #18) to approve Tom Uhl's salary at \$12,500.00, effective July 1, 1975. Seconded by Hansen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: Schneider
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

SALARY - FLOYD L. MARSH

Motion by Kuska (motion #19) to approve Floyd L. Marsh's salary at \$16,000.00, effective July 1, 1975. Seconded by Eikenhorst. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White
NAY: None
ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

NACD DUES

Anderson made the motion (motion #20) to approve payment of NACD Dues in the amount of \$742.71. Eikenhorst seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, B. Stuhr, R. Stuhr, White

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Hanson (lack of information)

ABSENT: Hawthorne, Jensen, Burke

No further action taken, only discussion of informational items as appear on the Agenda as additional business.

Meeting adjourned at 1 A.M. A copy of the attendance and roll call records financial report and additional reports referred to are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

LaVerne Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES
UPPER BIG BLUE NRD
July 8, 1975

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Burke, at 8:00 p.m. at the Upper Big Blue NRD office at York, Nebraska.

PRESENT:

Raymond Burke, Chairman	Max Ronne, NRD, Director
Morris White, Vice Chairman	(following motion #2)
Orval Eikenhorst, Treasurer	Leonard Schlueter, NRD Director
LaVerne Peterson, Secretary	Robert Schneider, NRD Director
Bruce Anderson, NRD Director	Roy Stuhr, NRD Director
(following motion #3)	Norman Wellman, NRD Director
Wayne Hansen, NRD Director	Floyd L. Marsh, General Manager
(following motion #3)	Tom L. Uhl, Assistant Manager
Bob Hawthorne, NRD Director	Dan Staehr, Programs Director
Hans Jensen, NRD Director	Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary
Melvin Kuska, NRD Director	Rod Egbarts, SCS, DC, York
Larry Moore, NRD Director	Duane Chamberlain, NNRC
Gary Obermeyer, NRD Director	Mel Noffke, Mgr. Blue River Assn. Ground
Fred Erks, guest	water Districts
	Dave Mettenbrink, York-News Times

ABSENT:

Boyd Stuhr, NRD Director

NOTICE OF MEETING

A copy of the agenda was sent to each member as notice of this meeting. Public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published July 2, 1975 in the York News-Times. A current agenda is kept on file for public inspection at the District office.

PROGRESS REPORT AND NEW COOPERATORS

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office, gave the NRD Progress Report. Egbart also reviewed the new cooperators for July 1975. Jensen made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Ronne, B. Stuhr, Hansen

MINUTES

Peterson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the minutes of the June 3, 1975 Board Meeting as distributed. Seconded by Hawthorne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, Ronne, B. Stuhr

FINANCIAL REPORT

Marsh reviewed the July 8, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. Kuska made the motion (motion #3) to approve the financial statement and bills payable as presented. Moore seconded. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Eikenhorst, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: Anderson, Hansen, B. Stuhr

PROPOSED FISCAL POLICY STATEMENT

Eikenhorst reviewed the proposed Fiscal Policy Statement. This had been tabled at the last meeting for review at the July meeting. After discussion, a motion (motion #4) was made by White to accept the Fiscal Policy Statement as reviewed. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

DAVID CITY DRAINAGE STUDY

Tom Uhl reviewed a draft report concerning the David City Drainage Study. This plan is a series of ten check dams which includes two road structures. In addition, a larger structure would be utilized downstream to offer storage for the excess water. One or two of the ten check dams could be designed to offer some permanent storage. Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to approve the preliminary report for public hearing on the David City Drainage Improvement Flood Control Study. Motion seconded by Jensen. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

RULES AND REGULATIONS TO CONTROL GROUNDWATER RUNOFF

Marsh briefly reviewed section 9 of L. B. 577 which requires that each NRD shall by November 21, 1975, adopt rules and regulations to prohibit surface runoff of water derived from groundwater irrigation. Noffke, Manager of the Blue River Groundwater Conservation Districts, reviewed the original rules and regulations (Rule 72-1) adopted and currently being implemented for enforcement by the area groundwater conservation district. This review includes a proposed revision (Rule 75-1) to Section C of the original rule necessary to strengthen enforcement procedures of the rules and regulations by allowing appeal provision. White made the motion (motion 6) to recommend that the NRD, following review and coordination of existing rules and regulations indicate general support for these rules and regulations including the revised enforcement procedures. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst,, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

PICHLER RE-USE PIT

After review, Anderson moved (motion #7) to approve the NRD's cost share payment in the amount of \$390.88 on the Pichler Re-Use Pit.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst,, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

THOMPSON RE-USE PIT

After review, Anderson moved (motion #8) to approve the NRD's cost share payment in the amount of \$376.48 on the Thompson Re-Use Pit.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst. Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

PROPOSED BUDGET

Eikenhorst reviewed the proposed budget for FY 1976. After much discussion on a line by line item it was moved by Jensen to accept the proposed budget as presented. Seconded by Kuska. Question called. Motion carried. The intent is for the proposed budget to be reviewed again by the Budget and Finance Committee prior to the Public Hearing on August 5, 1975.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: Ronne, R. Stuhr

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

CLOSED EXECUTIVE SESSION

After much discussion by the Members of the Board a motion (motion #10) was made by Anderson to pursue the balance of the agenda and at the close of the regular session to readjourn in closed Executive session for the purpose of reviewing specific budget recommendations. If any formal action is needed after the Special Session, then to convene in regular session. Seconded by Ronne. Question called. Motions carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

LEGAL COUNSEL

Marsh reviewed a proposal from Svehla and Brugh that our routine legal work be put on a yearly retainer basis of \$300 per year. Any additional work would be on a special basis and the NRD would be billed additionally for same. Ronne made the motion (motion #11) to retain legal counsel on a yearly retainer of \$300 to do routine work. The law firm would bill us additionally for legal work over and above this amount. Seconded by Schneider. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSTAINED: Moore (conflict), Wellman (not in room)

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

BASIC MEMORANDUM AND SUPPLEMENTAL MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

Marsh reviewed the Basic Memorandum of Understanding between USDA and the NRD and the Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between SCS and NRD. Jensen made the motion (motion #12) to approve these Memorandums as written. Seconded by Anderson. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, Schneider, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: Ronne, R. Stuhr

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

GRATUITOUS USE AGREEMENT

Marsh reviewed the revised Gratuitous Use Agreement between SCS and NRD. After discussion, R. Stuhr moved (motion #13) to approve the agreement as revised by the Board in regard to Section D. Seconded by Schlueter. Question called. Motion carried.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke.

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

OLD WEST REGIONAL COMMISSION RESEARCH GRANT

Marsh reviewed the status of the Old West Regional Commission Research Grant. Jensen made the motion (motion #14) to authorize the Chairman of the Board to sign a letter by resolution to the Co-Chairmen of the Old West Regional Commission indicating the NRD's support and assistance at a local level.

AYE: Anderson, Eikenhorst, Hansen, Hawthorne, Jensen, Kuska, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, Schneider, R. Stuhr, Wellman, White, Burke

NAY: None

ABSENT: B. Stuhr

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

Marsh reviewed the bills that were either signed or vetoed during this past session of the legislature.

WATER RESOURCES SEMINAR - KEARNEY

Marsh gave the highlights of the Water Resources Seminar held at Kearney this past month.

LEVEL B STUDY

Marsh reported on the Level B Study as it appeared in the Omaha World Herald as of July 8, 1975.

ADJOURNMENT

The regular meeting was adjourned at 11:30 p.m. to Special Executive Session, The Board of Directors convened at 11:30 p.m. in closed executive session for the purpose of reviewing specific budget recommendations. The special session adjourned at 12:30 a.m. No specific action was taken.

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

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
June 3, 1975

A regular Board of Director's meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on June 3, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting published May 27, 1975 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.

Before initial roll call, plaques were presented to the 1975 Essay and Poster Contest winners. Dennis Ormond of Harvard won the Essay Contest. His entry was written on the theme - "Natural Resources: A Heritage for Future Generations". In the first division of the poster contest: In first place - Deanna Vodicka, Ulysses; second place - Lisa Frahm, Dorchester; and third place - Kurtis Johnson of York. Second division winners: third place - Brenda Bobolz, Doschester; second place - David Palky, Dorchester; and third place - Kris Johnson of York. Third division winners were: third place - Chad Wall; second place - Cynthia Quiring; and first place was won by Todd Thieszen. All of the winners in this division were from Henderson.

A film entitled "The Living Filter" was shown which dealt with the use of treated sewage effluent water for irrigation. Don Kisicki, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Omaha District, presented the short film on the experimental project being undertaken by the University of Pennsylvania. No formal action on Kisicki's presentation was taken, however board members indicated a strong interest in learning more about water use as a means of facilitating irrigation demands in local water short areas. Kisicki stated that if the board had any formal comments on this program he would like to have them by June 15th.

An initial roll call indicted the following 16 Directors present: Bruce Anderson, Orval Eikenhorst, Wayne Hansen, Bob Hawthorne, Hans Jensen, Mel Kuska, Larry Moore, Gary Obermeyer, LaVerne Peterson, Max Ronne, Leonard Schlueter, Boyd Stuhr, Roy Stuhr, Norman Wellman, Morris White, and Raymond Burke. Directors not in attendance Robert Schneider. Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; Dan Staehr, Programs Director; Ruth Walling, Administrative Secretary. Guests included: Mary Rodene, NRD Clerk, Polk County Soil Conservation Service; and Kathy Holliday, NRD Clerk, Hamilton County Soil Conservation office.

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office gave the NRD progress report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for May 1975. Moore made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Schlueter seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote. A copy of the NRD progress report and new cooperators are kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #2) to approve the May 1975 Board meeting minutes as distributed. White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed the June 3, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #3) to approve this financial statement and bills payable. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. A copy of the financial statement is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Marsh reviewed the draft revisions of the Statement of Policy Concerning Directors' Per Diem and Expenses Statement. Hansen made the motion (motion #4) to approve the revisions to the Per Diem Policy Statement. Moore seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The revised policy

statement is on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Co-chairman Hansen reviewed the May 21, 1975 Projects and Programs Committee report including all action-related recommendations made by the Committee. Committee information concerning the cooperative arboretum program being proposed to NRD's in the south-Central area of Nebraska. The master arboretum consisting of a group planting of various species of trees, shrubs, wild flowers and grasses would be on the college campus at Hastings. Cuttings and plant material from the master planting would be supplied to each NRD participating to establish individual arboretums throughout the NRD. Such arboretums could be established in parks, county fair grounds, interstate rest areas, and other locations to provide more recognition for different species of trees, shrubs, wild flowers, and grasses and also to provide for additional plantings throughout the District. Following discussion, Hansen made the motion (motion #5) that the District participate in the proposed cooperative arboretum during the current fiscal year and proceed to formalize a memo of understanding between the District and Central Technical Community College. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Item #2 of the Projects and Programs Committee report reviewed the draft proposal to initiate the groundwater quality monitoring portion of the Master Cooperative Agreement for the comprehensive groundwater recharge study being conducted under contract by the University of Nebraska. This draft proposal had recently been submitted to the District by NU Conservation and Survey Division for review of the District. This project proposal will evaluate trends in groundwater quality that have occurred as a result of water level declines and will establish a baseline for groundwater quality throughout the District. The first year program would be of a reconnaissance nature and include four major objectives including: (1) Collection of historical groundwater quality data and determination of extent of any current monitoring programs; (2) Preliminary compilation and analysis of historical data to determine trends by geographic distribution; (3) Selectively sample and analyze samples to verify trends; and (4) Propose a specific program of detailed inventory and ongoing monitoring to provide management data for the District. This project proposal completes the overall objectives outlined in the description of work for the master agreement. Following discussion, Hansen moved (motion #6) to recommend that this draft project proposal be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee to consider funding of the proposal in the FY 1976 Budget. Motion seconded by White and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Next on the agenda, item #3 of the Projects and Programs Committee report was reviewed. This item dealt with a Butler County Road Structure. This proposed road structure is located northwest of Ulysses and has a total estimated construction cost of \$8500 to \$9000. Landowners involved have agreed to provide easements and contribute toward construction of the structure. Following discussion, Hansen moved (motion #7) to recommend that the District cooperate with Butler County on construction of the Urbanek-Hoeft road structure based on tentative cost-share arrangements as follows: County-50%; NRD-43%; and landowners approximately 7%. Moore seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Item 4 of the Projects and Programs Committee report concerned the Clay County Soil Survey Amendment (Amendment #3 of the Master Cooperative Agreement) which extends provisions of the agreement through FY 1976 and involves participation in the amount of \$3,000 by the District to accelerate soil survey efforts in Clay County. Following discussion, Hawthorne made the motion (motion #8) to recommend that the amendment be approved and that budget consideration of this item be referred to the Budget and Finance Committee. Seconded by Hansen, the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Informational items included in the Projects and Programs Committee report was

discussed by Marsh. Marsh reviewed the general concepts of a wildlife habitat management program currently being developed by the Game and Parks Commission. Details of this program will be finalized in the near future. The Committee recommends that the staff draft a program for a wildlife habitat management program for future Committee review.

Also, under informational items, the Well Monitoring Program for Polk and Butler counties was discussed. Marsh reported that considerations are being made to set up a complete well monitoring program in those counties including Polk, Butler, Saline, and Adams which are not currently being monitored. U.S Geological Survey reports indicate that the most ideal approach to the program would be for the District to collect the field data and then transmit it to U.S.G.S. Master data bank processing and then the compilation would be distributed in the U.S.G.S. Annual Report. In addition, U.S.G.S. would provide technical assistance in selecting project wells to be monitored and techniques for making the individual measurements. In order to implement the program on this basis, the U.S.G.S. would provide all necessary technical assistance and the District would provide manpower to take measurements. Provisions of such a program could be implemented as early as the fall of 1975. As an additional item under the Projects and Programs Committee Report, Marsh commented that representatives of the area groundwater conservation districts would be invited to the next meeting of the Committee to review the implementation of L.B. 577 and to discuss coordination of rules and regulations for surface control or groundwater. L.B. 577 states that every NRD within 90 days of the effective date of the act will adopt rules and regulations to promote effective surface control of groundwater. Effective date of the bill is August 23, 1975 and the district must adopt rules and regulations by November 21, 1975.

Next on the agenda, Eikenhorst reviewed the Budget and Finance Committee report. Following brief discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #9) to table action concerning the draft General Fiscal Policy Statement and to review if at the next regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Eikenhorst and carried as follows: 15 ayes; 1 nay by B. Stuhr. Marsh stated that what the proposed policy statement actually does is put in written policy what the District has in fact been practicing in most areas with minor exceptions. Marsh stated that specific provisions of the policy statement regarding authority to open savings deposits for the District and transfer between savings deposits and checking deposits was necessary at this time. Following discussion, Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #10) to adopt the Executive Committee's recommendation that the General Manager be authorized to transfer funds between savings and checking deposits excluding cash withdrawals and approve appropriate resolutions establishing savings deposits with the District's depositories. Peterson seconded and the motion carried as follows: 10 ayes; 5 abstentions including Hawthorne, Kuska, Moore, Peterson, and R. Stuhr; and 1 nay by Wellman.

Eikenhorst reviewed Item #2 of the Budget and Finance Committee meeting. This item concerned a recommendation authorizing the transfer of previously budgeted but unspent project funds into special project accounts for preparation of the FY 1976 budget. This transfer procedure is utilized such that budgeted project funds can be earmarked over a specific project or projects eliminating the requirement to re-budget such funds. Following discussion, Eikenhorst made the motion (motion #11) to adopt Item 2 of the Budget and Finance Committee report authorizing transfer of specific funds into special project accounts as outlined by attachment to the Committee report. Kuska seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. A copy of this report is maintained on file with the official copy of these minutes.

Marsh briefly reviewed proposed revisions to the Memorandum of Understanding between USDA and NRD, Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between SCS and

NRD and the Gratuitous Use Agreement between SCS and NRD. The changes that have been proposed by various NRD's were reviewed at the recent NARD meeting and will be incorporated into the final format of each memorandum if a majority of the NRD's concur with the revisions. The changes were primarily of a mechanical and grammatical nature. Anderson made the motion (motion #12) to concur with the proposed changes for the two memorandums. Obermeyer seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Marsh indicated that a new lease agreement with York County needed to be signed on the NRD office building. Provisions of the lease had been reviewed recently with the York County Board and no charges had been suggested. Jensen made the motion (Motion #13) to renew the lease with York County as written. Ronne seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed plans for the 1976 NACD convention and the Executive Committee recommendation on the amounts for director's expenses. Following discussion, motion (motion #14) was made to accept the Executive Committee's recommendation to limit the total expenditures for monies allotted to send Director's to the NACD convention to \$2,000; not to exceed \$400 per Director; of more directors attend the money would be pro-rated accordingly. Motion seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Burke reported that the main points on the May NARD Directors meeting held in Lincoln were concerning the legislative work done by the Association in regard to L.B. 404.

Following review and discussion of the Proposed Corps of Engineer's Alternative Regulations for Permit Program. A motion (motion #15) was made by Anderson to send letters as drafted and reviewed to the EPA and Corps of Engineers including comments on the alternative regulations supporting alternative no. 4 as being the least objectional alternative. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

At this time, March reviewed the legislative bills passed in this session of the Legislature. The review covered discussion of L.B. 325, 404 and 577.

Staehr reviewed business of the Education meeting. B. Stuhr made a motion (motion #16) to approve six Award Farm Pictures for the 1975 Conservation Award Program. Seconded by Ronne and carried unanimously by roll call vote. Peterson not present at the time the vote was taken. Staehr stated that our NRD along with two other NRD's will be participating in workshop sessions at the 4-H Leadership Camp at Halsey the week of July 7th. Also, our NRD will have the five minute report on radio station KMMJ Grand Island on June 14th at 12:20 p.m.

Anderson, NNRC Commission member, gave a brief report on the progress of the Old West Regional Commission Research Grant involved with the NARC. This grant involves a research proposal investigating the mechanics and potentials of artificial groundwater recharge in Nebraska to be administrated by the UN-L Nebraska Water Resources Research Institute. Anderson stated that as agreement should be signed by June 5, 1975 authorizing Dayle Williamson to negotiate with the University of Nebraska, the Old West Regional Commission and the State office of Planning and Programming for purposes of implementing the grant and to authorize Dayle to take whatever steps are necessary to commit furnishing a Project Manager who would be probably a staff member of NNRC.

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Meeting adjourned at 11:45 p.m.

LaVerne Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
May 6, 1975

A regular Board of Director's meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Burke on May 6, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published April 30, 1975 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.

Before the initial roll call, plaques were presented to the 1975 Speech Contest winners. Third place winner was Susan Kurth representing the Benedict High School. Second Place winner was Mike Marksberry representing the L.B. Community 4-H Club of York. First place winner Jay Dee Scamehorn, York, who presented his winning speech to the board, representing the York FFA Chapter in the contest.

An initial roll call indicated the following 12 Directors present: Bruce Anderson; Orval Eikenhorst; Hans Jensen; Wayne Hansen; Melvin Kuska; Gary Obermeyer; Leonard Schlueter; Robert Schneider; Roy Stuhr; Norman Wellman; Morris White; and Raymond Burke. Directors not in attendance included: Bob Hawthorne, Larry Moore, Laverne Peterson; Max Ronne; and Boyd Stuhr.

Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; Dan Staehr, Program Director; and Christine Petersen, Administrative Secretary.

Guests included: Harlan Hendricks, Butler Co, Soil Conservation Service; Darrel Siekman, York FFA Advisor; Mr. & Mrs. Don Scamehorn, York; Jay Dee Scamehorn, York; Harry Hecht, York Co. Extension Office; Joyce Wattles, NRD Clerk with the Fillmore Co. Soil Conservation Office; Herbert Casey, Fillmore County Conservation Service; Rose Kurth, Benedict; Mr. & Mrs. Don L. Smith, Benedict; Jim Foster, Area Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service; and George Remmenga, Clay Co. Soil Conservation Service.

Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office, gave the NRD progress report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for April, 1975. Anderson made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Schlueter seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. A copy of the NRD progress report and new cooperators are kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

George Remmenga, District Conservationist of the Clay County Soil Conservation Service, gave the special report. Remmenga reported on planning activities involved with a county road structure proposed near Harvard, Nebraska. This structure referred to as the Johnson road structure involves 1,029 acres of drainage and will have 65 ac-ft of permanent storage and 89 ac-ft of detention storage. Marsh indicated that the NRD is presently working with the Burlington-Northern railroad on an easement which will be necessary concerning railroad right-of-way involved in temporary storage of floodwater behind the structure. Preliminary plans for this structure should be ready in the near future.

Next on the agenda, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #2) to approve the April 8, 1975 Board meeting and April 15, 1975 Special Board meeting minutes as distributed. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed the May 6, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. Jensen made the motion (motion #3) to approve this financial statement and bills payable. R. Stuhr seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. A copy of the financial statement is kept on file copy of these minutes.

Committee Co-Chairman Hansen reviewed the April 24, 1975 Projects and Programs Committee meeting report including all action-related recommendations made by the Committee. Following review and discussion, Hansen made the motion (motion #4) to authorize the expenditure of an additional \$500 to complete the Plum Creek Trail Reconnaissance Report in accordance with provisions of the contract based upon the additional work required by special requests made by the District revising the original scope of services. White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Item #2 of the Projects & Programs Committee report reviewed the draft report of the David City Drainage-Flood Control Study. This report resulted in two alternative plans for controlled drainage in the lower portion of the study area: (1) 29 check dams that would retain the water for a few hours, then through a controlled release would drain; or (2) a series of 10 check dams which includes two road structures with an additional larger structure downstream to offer detention storage for the excess water. Hansen made the motion (motion #5) to support the concept of 10 check dams and one detention dam. Seconded by Jensen the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. In addition, Hansen made the motion (motion #6) to add to the study area the E ½ of Sec. 10 and the W ½ of Sec. 11, T14N, R2E in order to determine the feasibility of a detention dam further downstream. White seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

As an additional committee recommendation, Hansen made the motion (motion #7) to execute an amendment to the basic cooperative agreement between the NRD and the Polk Co. Irrigators Association to continue a groundwater level survey program involving 38 project wells through March 1976. This agreement involves two series of readings annually at approximately \$160 per series. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. In addition, Hansen made the motion (motion #8) that future consideration be given to setting up a complete well monitoring program in all adjacent areas not presently being monitored including those portions involved in Butler, Polk, Adams, and Saline Counties in cooperation with the U.S. Geological Survey. Seconded by Eikenhorst the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Item #4 of the Projects & Programs Committee report reviewed a request for special project assistance initiated by a local interest group concerned with properly operating, maintaining, and improving drainage provisions made by a former and currently inactive drainage district. This area involves 2,300 acres southwest of Shelby. Hansen made the motion (motion #9) to approve this letter of request for special project assistance including technical and administrative assistance in developing a plan for the West Shelby Drainage Project. Schneider seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Next, Hansen made the motion (motion #10) to tentatively approve two cost-share applications for irrigation reuse impoundments in Hamilton County as recommended by the Committee. Wellman seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.

Informational items included in the Projects and Programs Committee report were status of the Tamora (Seward Co.) Drainage Problem, Revised County Roadside Seeding Program, and information concerning additional Aerial Photos of York Co. For use as work photos in the SCS office. A copy of the Projects and Programs Committee report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Copies of the final draft of the revised Basic Memorandum of Understanding between the USDA and NRD and Supplemental Memorandum of Understanding between SCS and NRD were distributed to the Directors for review and action at a later date.

Next on the agenda, the FY 1976 Neb. Association of Resources Districts budget and schedule of dues were reviewed by the Board. Following discussion, White made the motion (motion #11) to approve the FY 1976 NARD dues in the amount of \$3,000.00 to be paid on the July financial statement. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 8 yes; 2 no including R. Stuhr and Wellman; and 2 abstentions by Hansen and Schlueter. A copy of the NARD FY 1976 budget and schedule of dues is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Marsh gave the General Manager's report including notices of future meetings and activities. Staehr presented an additional staff report on the status of future meeting and activities. Also given was a legislative report reviewing the status of bills in the legislature concerning NRD's. Marsh indicated that of the bills listed on general file L.B.'s 325, 404, and 577 have been assigned priorities by individual senators to be advanced for final action within the days remaining in the legislative session. Various amendments being proposed to L.B. 577, the Nebraska Groundwater Management Act, have not yet been acted upon, but the bill is expected to be advanced from General File to Select File for amendment yet this week.

Following review and discussion concerning L.B. 404, Anderson made the motion (motion #12) to support two proposed amendments to L.B. 404 and also to support L.B. 404 provided that the amendments are included in the final revision of the bill. These amendments include provisions that each NRD would be required to designate one newspaper of general circulation within the district as the district's official newspaper for publication purposes in which to publish the required monthly publication of financial expenditures and that would grant NRD's statutory authority to adopt and implement a retirement program. Jensen seconded and the notion carried unanimously by roll call vote. A copy of this legislative report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes. Also, under staff reports Marsh reviewed the schedule of upcoming group development meetings to develop the 1975 ACP cost sharing program. Additional information concerning provisions of the ACP program were distributed to the Board for review and reference purposes. All directors were encouraged to attend those meetings being held in their area. Under additional business, White made the motion (motion # 13) to approve an amendment (amendment #3) to Butler Co. Survey agreement extending this agreement through FY 1976 and involving participation in the amount of \$4,000 by the District. Seconded by R. Stuhr the motion carried unanimously by 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 11:15 p.m.

SPECIAL MEETING: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
April 15, 1975

A special meeting of the Upper Big Blue NRD Board of Directors was called to order by Chairman Raymond Burke on April 15, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. Burke announced that public notification of this meeting was made by a "notice of public meeting" published April 10, 1975 in the York News-times and stated that the purpose of this special meeting was to consider pending legislation including a proposed amendment to L.B. 577. Meeting notices and information concerning this special meeting were mailed to all Directors.

Burke indicated that the meeting was being called as a result of action taken at the regular April 8, 1975 meeting to consider support at a future special meeting for a proposed amendment to L.B. 577 in behalf of the Blue River Association of Groundwater Conservation Districts provided that a specific request to do so was forthcoming from representatives of the groundwater association. Accordingly, Burke presented a letter stating such interest and formal request to have a special meeting. A copy of this correspondence is maintained on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

A roll call indicated the following 14 Directors present: Bruce Anderson; Orval Eikenhorst; Wayne Hansen; Melvin Kuska; Larry Moore; Gary Obermeyer; LaVerne Peterson; Max Ronne; Leonard Schlueter; Robert Schneider; Roy Stuhr; Norman Wellman; Morris White; and Raymond Burke. Directors not present included; Bob Hawthorne; Hans Jensen; and Boyd Stuhr.

In addition, B. Stuhr was present for the initial portion of the meeting but left the meeting prior to official action.

Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; and Dan Staehr, Programs Director.

Guests included: Carl Epp; Richard Bristol; Cleo Rabbe; Dale Moore; Ted Regier; John Brenneman; Mel Noffke; Jim Cook, NNRC; Tom Harrington; Ray Gard; Roger Luebbe; and Roger Kruetz.

Burke introduced Jim Cook, legal counsel to the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission, who had been directly involved with drafting of the proposed legislation and asked him to review major concepts of the bill (L.B. 577) and address any questions or comments concerning the legislation. Following Cook's remarks and a brief period of discussion, a presentation concerning the groundwater conservation districts' interest in seeking support for the proposed amendment to L.B. 577 was made by Carl Epp in behalf of the groundwater association.

Following lengthy discussion and dialog with groundwater district representatives, an attempt to table any action on this matter and refer consideration of the matter to the NARD was made. The preceding motion (motion #1) was made by R. Stuhr and seconded by Anderson. However, this motion was formally withdrawn following additional discussion including various concerns for proper parliamentary procedure.

After additional discussion, White moved (motion #2) that the Upper Big Blue NRD support the groundwater association in its proposed amendment to L.B. 577 which reads as follows: "We therefore suggest to the committee (Public Works) that the amended portion of Section 46-630 (lines 2 through 9 of page 22) be deleted and be replaced by the following:

"Any rules and regulations adopted by such board of directors shall be consistent with the purposes of this act and shall not conflict with rules and regulations adopted pursuant to Section 8 or 10 of this act." Motion seconded by Schneider and carried as follows: 10 ayes; 3 abstentions including Anderson (original intent of bill drafters adequate), Obermeyer (lack of information), and R. Stuhr (support of NRD not enough); and 1 nay by Burke.

Further, Kuska moved (motion#3) that the Upper Big Blue NRD refer consideration of such support to the NARD for its action. Motion seconded by Ronne and carried as follows: 11 ayes; 3 abstentions including Anderson (same as motion #2) Obermeyer, (same as motion #2), and Burke (member of the NARD Board of Directors representing the NRD).

In addition, Marsh distributed copies of the draft revised basic memorandum of understanding between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and each NRD and the supplemental memorandum of understanding between the USDA-Soil Conservation Service to directors present. Recent correspondence from the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission outlining the necessity of each draft memorandum and the reason for revision was also distributed. This information was distributed for review by directors in advance of the regular May meeting when each memo will be reviewed in detail.

A copy of attendance and roll call records are on file as part of the official file copy of these minutes.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m.

LaVerne Petersen, Secretary

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
April 8, 1975

A Board of Director's meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Burke on April 8, 1975 at 8:00 p.m. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published April 2, 1975 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.

Before the initial roll call, Staehr presented a film from Nebraska's Water Resources Series titled "Working with Nebraska's Water". This film reviewed current water management practices and problems through interviews with various water experts, irrigators, and legislators.

An initial roll call indicted the following 15 Directors present: Bruce Anderson; Orval Eikenhorst; Wayne Hansen; Hans Jensen; Larry Moore; Gary Obermeyer; LaVerne Peterson; Max Ronne; Leonard Schlueter; Robert Schneider; Boyd Stuhr; Roy Stuhr; Norman Wellman; Morris White; and Raymond Burke. Directors not present included Bob Hawthorne and Melvin Kuska. In addition, Boyd Stuhr left the meeting prior to motion #5.

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

Guests included: Ludvik A. Hotovy, Plum Creek area; Joseph Smola, Plum Creek area; Dave Tesino, Plum Creek area; Harry Hecht, York Co. Extension Office; Tom Harrington, Bradshaw; Rod Egbarts, York Co. Soil Conservation Service; and Eugene Sterup, representing the Polk County ASCS.

After initial roll call, Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office, gave the NRD progress report. Egbarts also reviewed the new cooperators for March, 1975. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion # 1) to approve these new cooperators and conservation plans as reviewed. Schneider seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Hansen made the motion (motion #2) to approve the March 4, 1975 Board of Director's meeting minutes as distributed. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Due to a directive sent out by Dayle Williamson of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission on March 25, 1975, it was brought to the attention of the staff and chairman that any formal official action on any question or motion duly moved and seconded by roll call vote of the governing body in open session convened and the record shall show how each member voted. A list of all motions made and acted upon by unanimous voice vote from the January 9, 1975, February 11, 1975, and March 4, 1975 Board meetings had previously been distributed to the Directors for review. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #3) to ratify these motions and actions of the respective minutes by one roll call vote. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed the April 8, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion # 4) to delete the NRD dues for FY76 in the amount of \$3,000.00 from this financial statement and defer payment until

July. Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Following additional discussion of the financial report, R. Stuhr also made the motion (motion #5) that the Board of Director's give confirmation to the engagement or dismissal of any personnel. Hansen seconded and the motion failed as follows: 4 yes; 9 no including Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Moore, Obermeyer, Peterson, Schlueter, Wellman, and White; and one abstention by Burke. B. Stuhr had left the meeting prior to this motion. Next R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #6) to approve the April 8, 1975 financial statement and bills payable as previously revised deferring payment of the NARD dues in the amount of \$3,000 until July, 1975. Wellman seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Also submitted to the Board for review and information at this meeting was a quarterly expense and revenue report. A copy of the financial statement as revised and quarterly report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Eugene Sterup, Polk County Executive Director of the ASCS, gave a brief report on the responsibilities of the ASCS. The ASCS administers a number of cost-share and loan programs for farmers. Also available through ASCS are a number of emergency loan programs.

Committee co-chairman Hansen reviewed the April 3, 1975 Projects and Programs Committee report. Hansen made the motion (motion #7) to delay further project planning in the Plum Creek area until more local interest for development is shown as recommended by the Committee. Seconded by Anderson the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. If interest is expressed, the NRD will offer further assistance with information and procedures for additional development in this area. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #8) to table consideration of negotiations with R. W. Beck and Associates for completion of the Plum Creek Report until the next meeting such that additional information would be available. Anderson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Also reviewed in the Projects and Programs Committee report was the status of the David City Drainage-flood control study. The final report for this study should be available for review sometime in April. Hansen made the motion (motion #9) that the Board adopt the Committee's recommendation to assist in implementing a demonstration program including conservation tillage systems and water use efficiency study and provide the financial assistance necessary to proceed with the proposed Friesen Watershed management area. Also recommended was further endorsement of the structural development of this watershed including completion of two structures and all necessary reuse pits. Jensen seconded the motion carried by roll call vote with 13 yes and one not voting by White. The Projects and Programs Committee report also reviewed that status of the county roadside seeding program. Revisions will be made to the specifications for future review with interested counties prior to final approval of the program. Revisions to the cost-share program for county road structures were reviewed and revised in this report. Under this road structure program, the NRD will cost-share at the rate of 25-40% of actual costs with each structure being considered on basis of merit. Hansen made the motion (motion #10) to adopt the following revisions in general policy and procedures for the county road structure program as recommended by the Committee: 1. County highway superintendent or foreman and NRD representatives select possible sites based upon the county one and six year road and bridge improvement program; 2. NRD representatives contact land owners concerning interest, easements, and other administrative details; 3. Structures to be surveyed, planned and designed utilizing SCS technical assistance whenever feasible with possibility of using county or private engineers for planning and design as circumstances warrant; 4. All bids submitted on an itemized basis with county acting as contracting official; 5. NRD reimburse county for those construction costs in excess of needs for road in range 25 to 45% of actual costs with each structure being considered on basis of individual merit; and 6. Land owner participation which is necessary would be reimbursed by the NRD an easement for permanent storage provided that the landowner does not intend to store or pump irrigation water to make any special use of the impounded water. Anderson seconded and the motion carried

unanimously by roll call vote. The Projects and Programs Committee report also reviewed the Hastings Flood Control Project, on which the NRD may cost-share 10-25%, and the Old West Commission Grant for Artificial Groundwater Recharge involving a budget of \$250,000 over four years for this area. A copy of the Projects and Programs Committee report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Tom Uhl reviewed the Comprehensive Planning Sub-Committee report of March 31, 1975. This report reviewed the status of comprehensive planning activities to date. The Sub-Committee agreed that the NRD staff should carry on and attempt to place the matters of planning they can accomplish in order to present a better idea of where a planning consultant can be better utilized if needed. A copy of this Comprehensive Planning Sub-Committee report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes. Uhl went on to summarize the results of a questionnaire sent out by the NRD office to residents of the District. Persons receiving this questionnaire were randomly selected. Uhl stated that he was pleased with the number of responses received by the NRD (105 responses out of 400 questionnaires sent). Copies of the summary were distributed to all in attendance. In addition, Uhl stated that a mailing to NRDs and other resources agencies would go out later this week.

Following discussion concerning committee reports, Anderson made the motion (motion#11) that committee meetings be held in the middle of the month so that committee reports can be mailed prior to the Board meetings for advance review and further to change the format of the reports such that there is one section for recommended action to be taken and one section for information only. Obermeyer seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

Committee co-chairman Obermeyer reviewed the Education and Information Committee report of March 26, 1975. The Committee is planning to give further study to the purposes and objectives of the NRD speech, essay, and poster contests. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #12) to participate in Resources Stewardship Week this year. Ronne seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #13) to cancel as graciously as possible the contract agreement involving a series of "one page spread" articles with Trades and Transactions. Obermeyer seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Next on the report, Moore made the motion (motion #14) to continue with the Conservation Award Farm Pictures program for 1975. Peterson seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. The Committee tabled consideration of the current policy regarding scholarships provided by the NRD until a later meeting. As a result of additional business in the report, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #5) to table consideration for a news "spread" incorporating information on the NRD and Blue River Assn. Of Groundwater Districts pending the outcome of proposed groundwater legislation. Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. Also, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #16) for continued support of the previous position concerning opposition of this Board towards the NRD Special Education Proposal. Obermeyer seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 5 yes; and 9 abstentions including Anderson, Eikenhorst, Jensen, Moore, Peterson, Ronne, Schlueter, White, and Burke. A copy of this Education and Information Report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Burke reported on the Nebr. Water Conference meeting held on March 10-11. A main portion of this meeting was held on the Upper Big Blue River Basin regarding a case study involving the transfer of water from the Platte River Basin to the Big Blue Basin. Burke also reported briefly on activities of the NARD Board of Directors meeting held in March.

Marsh gave the General Manager's report including notices of future meetings and activities. Also given was a legislative report reviewing the status of bills in the legislature concerning NRD's. A copy of this report is kept on

file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Following the review and discussion of the legislative report, Tom Harrington, a local York County irrigator of Bradshaw, appealed to the Board of Director's to consider support for a proposed amendment to L.B.577 that was previously submitted to the Legislature's Public Works Committee by the Blue River Assn. Of Groundwater Districts. The amendment as proposed would amend L.B.577 such that GWCD's could continue to adopt rules and regulations for groundwater management provided that such rules and regulations shall be consistent with the purposes of the proposed bill and shall not conflict with any rules and regulations adopted pursuant to the act. Following lengthy discussion concerning this matter, Ronne made the motion (motion #7) to refer the matter to the NRD's Executive Committee for action prior to the next regular board meeting and further that Mel Noffke and Carl Epp representing the Blue River Assn. of Groundwater Districts be requested to present a copy of the proposed amendment to Marsh to be immediately mailed to the Directors and the Executive Committee for action. Motion seconded by Hansen and after discussion was formally withdrawn. Following additional discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #18) to have a special Board meeting to consider this matter at the call of the chairman and subject to Noffke and Epp furnishing the NRD office with the proposed amendment to L.B.577 and an official request to consider support for the amendment. Schneider seconded and the motion carried as follows: 10 yes; 4 abstentions including Eikenhorst, Hansen, Schlueter, and White.

Chris Peterson then made a brief statement regarding Director's handbooks followed by a status report on the District vehicle by Uhl.

As additional business, Marsh reported that a recent opinion by the District's legal counsel, Ray L. Svehla, indicated that per diem payments received by directors are taxable income and as such are subject to state and federal income taxes and must be claimed as additional income tax purposes. In addition, it was indicated that these payments are subject to withholding of the employee's share for social security taxes and remittance of the employer's share of the same tax by the District. Burke, also mentioned that payments on the current quarterly expense vouchers will be deferred until the end of the 30 day grace period so that all vouchers will be submitted and can be reviewed by the Executive Committee prior to approval for payment.

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 12:15 a.m..

LaVerne Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES: UPPER BIG BLUE NATURAL RESOURCES

March 4, 1975

A Board of Director's meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Burke on March 4, 1975 at 8:00 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published February 25, 1975 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.

An initial roll call indicated the following 16 Directors present: Bruce Anderson; Orval Eikenhorst; Wayne Hansen; Bob Hawthorne; Hans Jensen; Larry Moore; Gary Obermeyer; LaVerne Peterson; Max Ronne; Leonard; Robert Schneider; Boyd Stuhr; Roy Stuhr; Norman Wellman; Morris White; and Raymond Burke. Director not present was Mel Kuska.

Guests included: Rod Egbarts, York Co. Soil Conservation Service; John Overing, Area Engineer, Soil Conservation; Don Miller, Area Civil Engineering Technician, Soil Conservation; Leonard Sisson, UNL Water Resources Research Institute; Deane Manbeck, UNL Ag. Engineering Dept.; Lee Orton, Nebr. Assn. Of Resources Districts; Duane Chamberlain, Nebr. Natural Resources Commission; Herb Casey, Fillmore Co. Soil Conservation Service; Mel Noffke, Blue River Assn. Of Groundwater Districts; Rich Balvanz, KMJ Radio, Grand Island; and Vance Deeszen, UNL Conservation and Survey Division.

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

Before the initial roll call, Rod Egbarts, SCS Liaison of the York SCS office, gave the NRD progress report. Also given was a special report on the advantages and disadvantages of irrigation reuse impoundments by John Overing, SCS Area Engineering from Grand Island. Overing indicated that a total of approximately 1,471 irrigation re-use pits for irrigation tail-water recovery had been constructed in the Upper Big Blue NRD.

After the roll call, Rod Egbarts reviewed the new cooperators for February, 1975. Ronne made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and plans as reviewed. Hansen 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.

Anderson made the motion (motion #2) to approve the February 11, 1975 Board of Director's meeting minutes as distributed including revisions to the January 9, 1975 meeting minutes. B. Stuhr seconded and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Marsh reviewed the March 4, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. Hansen made the motion (motion#3) to approve this financial statement and bills payable. Peterson seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. A copy of this financial statement is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Obermeyer made the motion (motion # 4) to authorize LaVerne Peterson, as Secretary of the Board, to sign checks when necessary and for convenience purposes and the transfer of the bond from the past Board secretary to Peterson. Moore seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Reports were given on three agencies which the NRD works and cooperates with. Duane Chamberlain presented a report on the administration and responsibilities of the Nebr. Natural Resources Commission. Lee Orton, Executive Director of the Nebr. Association of Resources Districts reported on the administration of the NARD and the National Assn. Of Conservation Districts. It was pointed out that the NNRC is a state agency and one of its responsibilities is to work with the Districts as an outside advisory organization. The NARD consists of several committees comprised of Directors from the 24 NRD's in Nebraska and personnel from the NRD offices. Orton indicated that the NARD's responsibility is to assist the Districts in making more efficient use of their powers through mutual cooperation resulting in better services and facilities to the general public.

Next on the agenda was a progress review of the cooperative groundwater stabilization program which the District has ongoing with the University of Nebraska. Vince Dreeszen presented a report on the responsibilities of the NU Conservation & Survey Division in the program. This particular section of the program involves the preparation of maps describing characteristics and a groundwater simulation model. From the NU Dept. Of Ag. Engineering, Deane Manbeck reported on the status of field experimentation in this program. The major portion of experimentation thus far has been in the area of monitoring the rate of water movement by percolation from storage in a flood control structure by collecting data at a monitoring station on the Boyd Stuhr farm near Bradshaw. Representing the Nebr. Water Resources Research Institute was Leonard Sisson. Sisson explained the computer planning modeling phase of the program. This planning model will utilize results of the groundwater simulation model and field experimentation to evaluate alternatives and technical feasibility of various groundwater recharge activities. Following comments and discussion, it was concluded that future review of this program should be scheduled in approximately six months at which time considerably more information will be developed from each phase of the program.

Anderson reviewed the Projects and Programs Committee report of February 26, 1975. A status report on the Friesen Watershed, which includes development of two county road structures and a proposed program of surface water management including a combination of irrigation and conservation tillage management practice was given at the meeting and in this Committee report. Following review of comprehensive planning activities by Uhl, Anderson made the motion (motion #5) to accept the recommended membership of the Comprehensive Planning Sub-Committee and to delegate this Sub-Committee the responsibility of assisting in comprehensive planning activities of the District as recommended in the above report. Peterson seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. Following review of groundwater recharge activities by Marsh, Eikenhorst made a motion (motion #6) to accept the recommended membership of the Groundwater Programs Sub-Committee as listed in the above report. Moore seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. Anderson then made the motion (motion #7) that the Education and Information Committee adopt a program to promote residue farming. Hansen seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. Anderson made the motion (motion #8) to grant an extension of time of 120 days for completion of the Butler County (Noble) Road Structure cost-share application. Moore seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. The report also covered, under additional business, the status of revisions to the NRD cost sharing program which is under staff consideration. Also the status of the Hastings Flood and Erosion Control Project on which the preliminary design has been completed by SCS was reported. A meeting with all parties involved is to be held in the near future for review of these plans. Brought up for consideration in the Projects and Programs Committee meeting was the possibility of a boundary change in Hamilton Co. Which would involve the

Central Platte NRD. Following discussion, R. Stuhr, made the motion (motion #9) to table this consideration until such time as B. Anderson, representing this area on the Nebr. Natural Resources Commission, has researched the feasibility of the recommendation with directors of the Central Platte NRD and Harold Kopf representing the Middle Platte Basin on the Commission. Moore seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. A copy of this Projects & Programs Committee report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Obermeyer reviewed the Education & Information Committee meeting report held on February 24, 1975. Concerning the NARD Education Program Proposal, the Committee "recommended that the proposed Education Program be disapproved due to its inadequacy and inequity". The committee also recommended that public relations personnel throughout the state be used under supervision of the executive director of the NARD to develop and alternative education program. R. Stuhr made a motion (motion #10) to adopt the Education Committee's proposal to disapprove the NARD Education Program. Obermeyer seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. The Committee also discussed the possibilities of a Ladies Auxiliary to work with the NRD towards proper resources development. An outdoor classroom was discussed and finalized by the Committee. Other items covered at this meeting by the committee were project signs, District display, committee participation and attendance, and cooperation agency coordination.

Mel Noffke of the Blue River Assn. Of Groundwater Districts presented a report on the results of the 1974 Auto Surface Irrigation System experiment conducted in conjunction with the UBBNRD near Henderson. Essentially the report revealed that less labor and water use produced greater yields. In 1975, this irrigation system will be utilized on a farm near Geneva, Nebraska. A copy of this report is maintained on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Marsh gave the General Manager's report including notices of future meetings and activities. Also given was a legislative report reviewing the status of bills in the legislature concerning the NRD. A copy of this report is maintained on file with the official copy of these minutes.

Under additional business, R. Stuhr gave a report on the status of an NRD vehicle. He stated that the most logical route was through the State of Nebraska vehicle sale to be held sometime during March or April. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #11) to assign the responsibility of bidding on and purchasing a vehicle through the state to the Executive Committee. Moore Seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

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. All voice votes are unanimous or otherwise a roll call vote is called.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

LaVerne Peterson

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
February 11, 1975

A Board of Director's meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Burke on February 11, 1975 at 7:30 p.m.. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published February 4, 1975 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.

An initial roll call indicted the following 14 Directors present: Bruce Anderson; Wayne Hansen; Bob Hawthorne; Hans Jensen; Larry Moore; Gary Obermeyer; LaVerne Peterson; Max Ronne; Leonard Schlueter; Robert Schneider; Boyd Stuhr; Roy Stuhr; Morris White; and Raymond Burke. B. Stuhr left the meeting following motion #6 leaving 13 directors present for the balance of the meeting.

Guests included: Robert Pollock, SCS Soil Scientist; Rod Egbarts, York Co. Soil Conservation Service; Richard Walsh and Ray Hajek, R. W. Beck and Assoc., Columbus; Jim Foster, SCS Area Conservationist; Don Winingham, Banner Press, David City; Don Kerl, SCS Soil Scientist; Harry Hecht, York Co. Extension Agent; Art Buechle, UNL Conservation & Survey Division; Pete Jakub, Brainard; Gary Halstead, UNL Conservation & Survey Division; Lad Jisa, Brainard; Larry Lueders, Brainard; Garry Friesen, Henderson; and Ray Griffin, Hamilton Co. Soil Conservation Service.

Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom Uhl, Assistant Manager; and Dan Staehr, Program Director.

Before the initial roll call, Rod Egbarts SCS Liaison of the York SCS office, gave the NRD report. Also given was a special report on the status of soil surveys in Butler and Clay Counties. Robert Pollock, Area Soil Scientist, presented general information concerning soil survey activities and then Don Kerl and Gary Halstead of David City reviewed the status of soil survey activities in Butler. This was followed by a status report by Roger Hammer of Clay Center concerning the status of soil survey operations in Clay County.

After the roll call, Rod Egbarts reviewed the new cooperators for January, 1975. Anderson made the motion (motion #1) to approve these new cooperators and plans as reviewed. White 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.

Another cooperative agreement that required approval was one between the Board of Educational Land Funds, Harold Alms of York Co., and the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District. This was as a result of a change in the lessee needing the endorsement of the Upper Big Blue NRD. Peterson seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Burke reviewed the January 9, 1975 Board of Director's meeting minutes making

note of the following corrections. "Walt Epke" on the first page should be revised to read "Walt Kupke". Also, an addition should be made to discussion and action concerning the proposed statement of policy for director's per diem and expenses reflecting that during discussion of the above statement an amendment increasing the milage rate from \$0.16 per mile to \$0.20 per mile had been proposed but subsequently failed. Following additional discussion, this policy statement was tabled for further consideration by the Budget and Finance Committee.

Burke also recommended that for purposes of clarification as suggested by representatives of the Blue River Association of Groundwater Conservation Districts, a revision be made concerning submission of a resolution which had been considered under additional business. Clarification of this matter should indicate that the resolution was submitted as additional business by Max Ronne at the request of Ted Regier, former chairman of the Hamilton GWCD. Following discussion, Anderson made the motion (motion #3), for clarification purposes, to withdraw the Upper Big Blue NRD's support of the groundwater conservation district resolution as presented and approve at the January 9, 1975 meeting such that the resolution could be re-presented as originally intended. White seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. This resolution concerns support by the NRD for ongoing programs and activities of the groundwater conservation districts in this area. Ronne made the motion (motion #4) to accept this resolution as presented by Max Ronne on behalf of Ted Regier. Jensen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote.

The importance of clarification and some detail of the minutes was discussed. White made the motion (motion #5) to approve the January 9, 1975 Board of Director's meeting minutes as previously amended. Ronne seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Next on the agenda, Marsh reviewed the February 11, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #6) to approve this financial statement and bills payable. Schlueter seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. It was suggested that future financial statements also reflect a brief notation of the item which expenditures were for. A copy of this financial statement is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

An informational review of cooperating agencies was next on the agenda. Jim Foster, SCS Conservationist, reviewed the Soil Conservation Service aspect of technical assistance to the NRD. Foster stated that SCS assistance depended largely on the voluntary cooperation of the landowner. Harry Hecht, York Co. Extension Agent, gave a slide presentation on the services provided by the Extension Service. Staehr then reviewed a report on other agencies cooperating with the NRD. A copy of this report is included with the official file copy of these minutes.

The Projects and Programs Committee report of January 30, 1975 was reviewed by Bruce Anderson. The First item of the report was on the proposed Plum Creek Watershed Project. Ray Hajek of R. W. Assoc. Gave an additional informational report concerning the proposed project. A copy of this report is included with the Projects and Programs Committee report with the minutes of this Board meeting. Basically, the proposed project will include three major project dams and the development of all feasible supplemental dams. Jensen made the motion (motion #7) to adopt the R. W. Beck informational report on the Plum Creek Watershed Projects and proceed with preparation of a final plan of work for submission to the advisory Board of the Nebr Resources Development Fund following adequate public input. Schlueter seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. Anderson then reviewed the second item of the committee report concerning information on proposed water management areas being developed by the Blue River Assoc. Of GWCD's. Item three of this report concerned the cooperative participation agreement for the Ulysses Park and

Recreation Development. Anderson made the motion (motion #8) to approve this agreement with the Village of Ulysses on the proposed park plan to cost-share at 25% of the Village's share. Hansen seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. Anderson led discussion on item four concerning the planning survey for the proposed Davis Creek Structure (10A). Hansen made the motion (motion #9) to approve the field survey operations necessary for project and an informational meeting to be held in that area for the benefit of the landowners. Moore seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. On item five, Schlueter made the motion (motion #10) to accept this Committee recommendation that new cooperator agreements, following review and approval, be signed by either director from the respective sub-district in which the cooperator resides. Obermeyer seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. Anderson made the motion (motion #11) to approve item six of the report concerning a recommendation that the District adopt a resolution and encourage a massive letter writing campaign to the Nebraska congressional delegation supporting the expenditure of \$190 Million in USDA cost-sharing funds for soil and water programs. Jensen seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. Following discussion, Schlueter made the motion (motion #12) to table item seven and accept the SCS proposal to use SCS equipment for special survey and planning purposes. Anderson seconded and the motion carried by voice vote. A copy of this Projects and Programs report is kept on file with the official copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda was the Education and Information Committee report of February 10, 1975. R. Stuhr reviewed this report stating that the committee had not reached a recommendation on the NARD Education Program Proposal. This proposal will receive additional review of the Committee with a recommendation prepared for the next regular Director's meeting. A copy of this report is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Burke reviewed the revised "Statement of Policy Concerning Director's Per Diem and Expenses" which had been tabled for further consideration at the previous meeting. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #13) to amend item 1B(1) to read "regular and special meetings". Ronne seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 11 yes; 1 no; and 1 abstention. R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #14) to accept the policy statement as amended. Ronne seconded and the motion carried unanimously by roll call vote. A copy of this policy as amended is kept on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Uhl reviewed the bid proposals on a District vehicle. Following discussion, Peterson made the motion (motion #15) to table the District vehicle proposal pending investigation of provisions for acquiring a surplus government vehicle. White seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

Marsh reviewed the appointment of recommended advisors to committees. After some discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #16) to remove all former directors from the committees and include the recommended SCS and Extension Service advisors as permanent committee advisors and further to appoint all other committee advisors on an on-call basis as needed. Schneider seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 12 yes and 1 no.

Burke and Marsh reviewed the NARD Mini-Conference Report. This report included all resolutions as adopted at the conference. Supporting the report are additional reports that are on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Marsh reviewed the Legislative Report including the current status of major natural resources related legislation. A copy of this report is on file with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, Marsh gave the General Manager's report. This report included notices of future meetings and activities and a brief review

concerning organization and activities of the Nebraska and National Associations of Water Resources.

Following discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion (motion #17) that the NRD join both the Nebr. Water Resources Assoc. and the National Water Resources Assoc. Including membership dues at \$50.00 and \$100.00, respectively. Moore seconded and the motion carried by voice vote.

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. All voice votes are unanimous or otherwise a roll call vote is called.

Meeting adjourned at 12:30 a.m.

LaVerne Peterson, Secretary

MINUTES: Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District
January 9, 1975

A Board of Directors meeting of the Upper Big Blue Natural Resources District was called to order by Chairman Burke on January 9, 1975 at 7:30 p.m. Burke announced that public notification was made by a "notice of public meeting" published January 2, 1975 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.

An initial roll call indicated the following 13 Directors present: Bruce Anderson; Raymond Burke; Orval Eikenhorst; Wayne Hansen; Larry Moore; Gary Obermeyer; Max Ronne; Leonard Schlueter; Robert Schneider; Boyd Stuhr; Roy Stuhr; Norman Wellman; and Morris White.

Guests included: Rod Egbarts, York County Soil Conservation Service; Jim Foster, Area Conservationist, Grand Island; Harry Hecht, York County Extension; Evan Meyer, Mel Noffke, Blue River Assn. Of Groundwater Districts; and Dave Mettenbrink, York News-Times.

Staff present included: Floyd Marsh, General Manager; Tom UHL, Assistant Manager; Dan Staehr, Programs Director; and Christine Peterson, Administrative Secretary.

Next on the agenda, the thirteen new Directors present were led by Walt Kupke, Notary Public, in taking the oath of office. Following administration of the oath of office, each oath was signed and notarized and will be placed on file in the District office. Oaths of office for the four Directors not present including Robert Hawthorne, Hans Jensen, Melvin Kuska, and LaVerne Peterson had previously been administered, signed, and notarized by individual notary publics and will be placed on file in the District office.

The next agenda item concerned the election of officers including chairman, vice-chairman, treasurer, and secretary. Ronne made the motion that nominations for officers be taken from the floor, one office at a time, and that voting be taken by written ballot. Schneider seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.

Following temporary assumption of the chair from the presiding chairman, Anderson nominated Raymond Burke for chairman and made the motion that the rules be suspended for the election of chairman, and that a unanimous ballot be cast for Burke as chairman. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried by a unanimous standing vote, electing Burke as chairman.

Burke assumed the chairmanship of the meeting and proceeded with the election of officers by entertaining nominations from the floor for vice-chairman. For

vice-chairman, Morris White and Wayne Hansen were nominated. Nominations were closed by a motion from B. Stuhr, seconded by Anderson and carried. Morris White was elected vice-chairman by ballot vote.

Robert Schneider and Orval Eikenhorst were nominated for treasurer. Nominations were closed by a motion from Wellman, seconded by R. Stuhr and carried. Eikenhorst was elected treasurer by ballot vote.

For secretary, LaVerne Peterson was nominated and R. Stuhr made the motion to close nominations, suspend the rules, and cast a unanimous ballot for Peterson. Anderson seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote.

Prior to review and approval of the financial statement and bills payable, Hansen made the motion to transfer the treasurer's bond from the previous Treasurer, Russell Hultine, to the new treasurer, Orval Eikenhorst. Motion seconded by Schlueter and carried by roll call vote.

With no discussion, the December 2, 1974, Executive Committee meeting minutes were approved as distributed by a motion from White, seconded by Eikenhorst, and carried by roll call vote.

Marsh reviewed the January 9, 1975 financial statement and bills payable. R. Stuhr made the motion to accept this financial statement and bills payable, Anderson seconded the motion carried by roll call vote. Also reviewed was the Quarterly Expense for October 1, 1974 through December 31, 1974 and the Statement of Investments as of December 31, 1974. A copy of the monthly financial statement and quarterly report is filed with the official file copy of these minutes.

Next on the agenda, the proposed operational by-laws were reviewed by the Board. R. Stuhr made the motion to accept these by-laws as amended at this meeting and to include the future meeting date for Board meetings as the first Tuesday after the first Monday of the month. Moore seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote. A copy of the operational by-laws as amended and approved is kept with the official file copy of these minutes.

Also reviewed by the Board was a draft of a "Statement of Policy concerning the Director's Per Diem and Expenses". After much discussion, R. Stuhr made the motion to table this policy statement to the Budget and Finance Committee for review. Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. A copy of this draft policy statement is kept with the official file copy of these minutes. Minutes should include discussion on milage.

Marsh reviewed a list of recommended Committee appointments. Moore made the motion to accept these committee appointments, Hansen seconded and the motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Marsh noted that these committee appointments are subject to the addition of advisors of cooperating agencies which will be made following consultation with respective liaison representatives from these agencies.

Next on the agenda, Anderson made the motion to appoint the Chairman and Vice-Chairman as representative and alternate respectively to the NARD Board of Directors and as voting delegates to the NARD Mini-Conference January 23-24, 1975. Seconded by Hansen, the motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Hansen made the motion to nominate Anderson to the Nebr. Natural Resources Commission at the Basin Caucus January 16, 1975 to represent the Big Blue River Basin. R. Stuhr seconded and the motion carried by unanimous voice vote.

Marsh gave the General Manager's report. Future meeting notices included the Big Blue Basin Caucus and meeting - Jan. 16; Annual Awards Banquet - Jan. 21; and NARD Mini-Conference - Jan. 23 - 24 in North Platte. Chris Peterson

briefly reviewed information concerning arrangement and reservations for the upcoming NARD Mini-Conference and the NACD Convention Feb. 2 - 6, 1975 in Denver, Colorado. In addition, Marsh made reference briefly to a summary report of NRD projects and activities which had been prepared for informational purposes.

Rod Egbarts of the York County Soil Conservation Service gave the NRD progress report and new cooperators for December, 1974. Anderson made the motion to approve these new cooperators as reviewed. Hansen seconded and the motion unanimously 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.

Presented under additional business and following discussion, Ronne made a motion to approve a resolution concerning support for ongoing programs and activities of groundwater conservation districts as submitted by the Blue River Assn. Of Groundwater Districts. Eikenhorst seconded and the motion carried by roll call vote as follows: 8 yes and 3 abstentions (Burke, Stuhr, and Obermeyer). A copy of this resolution is included with the file copy of these minutes.

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 11:20 p.m..

LaVerne Peterson, Secretary