



The minutes for the October 9, 2007 Regular Board Meeting and October 15, 2007 Executive Committee Emergency Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ A motion was made by Fornoff and seconded by Anderjaska to approve the Minutes of the October 9, 2007 Regular Board Meeting with corrections and October 15, 2007 Executive Committee Emergency Board Meeting.  
Ayes- 10      Nays- 0      Abstain- Spencer      Motion Carried

### **LEGAL MATTERS**

Smith reported on Frontier County case informing Board that the Plaintiff's have filed a Motion for Retrial which is set for December 17, 2007. It is not expected that the Judge will consider a retrial.

Smith introduced David Cookson from the Attorney Generals Office. Cookson informed the Board of the background and status of the Friends of the Republican lawsuit which was rejected by the Nebraska Supreme Court and re-filed by Petitioners in Lancaster County District Court. The Attorney General's Office will request an expedited ruling using Trial on Merits.

### **FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

a. The financial report for October and Monthly Income and Expense Report were presented by Smith. The County Treasurer's Balance was \$226,570.05.

- ◆ A motion was made by Fornoff and seconded by Nelsen to approve the October financial report and Monthly Income and Expense Report as presented.  
Ayes-10      Nays-0      Abstain-Anderjaska      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is on file with the Minutes.

### **OPEN FORUM**

Barry Richards voiced concerns about compliance, allocation and LB 701.

### **REPORTS**

#### **NRCS REPORT**

Doug Whisenhunt reported on the following: EQIP 2007 and 2008 and cut-off date of December 14<sup>th</sup> for signup, progress of setting goals with their State Office, CRP, burn requests, EEO hand out on Native-American Heritage Month and cost-share program.

#### **NARD**

Anderjaska reported on Omaha World Herald articles which Smith included in Board packets.

#### **NACD**

E-notes dated October 30 and November 6, 2007 were distributed to the Directors.

#### **NWRA**

Smith went over the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting agenda scheduled for November 14-15, 2007. The Commission will be reviewing the procedures to be used for the Interrelated Water Review Board

## **NNRC**

None

## **INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

Lawson reported on the Land Judging Contest results, Press Releases, KRVN natural resources report, quarter newsletter status, website hits and Envirothon in February.

## **NE REPUBLICAN RIVER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION**

Smith reported that the next meeting will be November 29, 2007 at 1:30 p.m. in Alma.

## **RC&D**

Smith discussed the agenda included in the Board Packets for the Republican River Riparian Partnership meeting sponsored by the RC&D with the list of panel of speakers and sign up sheet.

## **LEGISLATION**

Smith reported on the Interim study hearing LR 106 hearing held in Alma on October 30, 2007.

## **GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

### **WELL PERMITS**

None

## **SURFACE WATER REPORT**

Smith went over handout from Bureau noting that they are still considering this year a water-short year.

## **METER PROGRAM**

Merrigan reported that we only had approximately 1 to 2 days left in Lincoln and Frontier Counties with reading and servicing. Goal is to have everything read by Christmas.

## **INCENTIVE PROGRAMS**

None.

## **TRANSFER REQUEST**

Merrigan presented the following requests:

- T-32 from Dale Wolf to Alberta Wolf
- T-33 from Otis Ruppert to Robert Ruppert
- T-34 from Otis Ruppert to Ron Ruppert
- T-35 from Tri R Angus to Benjie Loomis
- T-36 from Commercial State Ag to Scott Harris
- T-37 from Darren Huxoll to Scott Moore

- ◆ A motion was made by Fornoff and seconded by Mustion to approve Temporary Water Transfer Requests T-32 through T-37.

Ayes –8                      Nays – Spencer      Abstain-Loomis, Moore      Motion Carried

## **CONSIDER REVISIONS FOR GWMA**

Smith went over the minor changes to the GWMA, mostly language changes. These revisions were presented at a hearing on August 30, 2007.

- ◆ A motion was made by Fornoff and seconded by Loomis to adopt the GWMA Rules and Regulations as presented.  
Ayes –8      Nays – Haag, Spencer, Anderjaska      Motion Carried

### **CONSIDER REVISIONS FOR IMP**

Smith went over the latest revisions on the IMP by Ann Bleed and the district managers.

- ◆ A motion was made by Loomis and seconded by Spencer to set a Hearing Date for the IMP on January 8, 2008.  
Ayes –11      Nays – 0      Abstain- 0      Motion Carried

### **GROUND WATER COMMITTEE MEETING**

None.

### **GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA**

Smith reported that we were monitoring approximately 60 wells.

### **REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN COALITION**

Smith introduced Traci Witthuhn to the Board of Directors. Witthuhn handed out the Minutes from their last meeting and answered some questions from the Board members.

### **OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY**

Smith went over the Fall Well Reading reports.

Stan Moore exited the meeting at 10:00 p.m.

### **PROGRAMS**

#### **WILD – end of program**

None.

#### **BUFFERSTRIPS**

None.

### **LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL**

Merrigan brought before the Board for consideration the applications from Oppliger, Daffer Feed Yard and Sandman Grow Yard

- ◆ A motion was made by Loomis and seconded by Fornoff to accept the applications with a recommendation to install monitoring wells.  
Ayes – 10      Nays – 0      Abstain- 0      Motion Carried

### **CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT FUNDS**

Smith presented the Cost-Share Summary.

- ◆ A motion was made by Nelsen and seconded by Schurr to approve Cost Share Report.  
Ayes – 9      Nays – 0      Abstain- Fornoff      Motion Carried

**WATERSHEDS**

Smith reported that there was still nothing new on whether or not we will be getting funding to fix the damages.

**COMPLAINTS**

None.

**CHEMIGATION**

None.

**TREE PLANTING**

None.

**GENERAL OPERATIONS**

**PERSONNEL**

Smith reported on the medical situation that Betty Fritsch and her husband are dealing with at this point. She could use leave donated to her by employees in order for her husband to get the medical treatment needed.

- ◆ A motion was made by Anderjaska and seconded by Schurr to approve request for extended leave policy number 18 and authorize donated leave.  
Ayes – 10      Nays – 0      Abstain- 0      Motion Carried

**SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT**

None.

**VEHICLE PURCHASE**

Smith reported the red Chevy had been purchased.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 PM.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, December 13, 2007 in Curtis, Nebraska at 1:30 PM.

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Stacie M. Owens  
Board Secretary