CALL TO ORDER, STATEMENT OF ADVERTISEMENT AND OPEN MEETING LAW NOTIFICATION:
The regular meeting of the Board of Directors was called to order. The statement of advertisement and the open meetings law posting were all noted at 2:33 P.M. by Chairman Michael Moser.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Gary Bartak  Kevin Blair  Mark Carpenter  Marv Fritz  Curtis Gotschall
Keith Heithoff  Ted Hughes  Gene Kelly  Michael Moser  Roy Stewart
John Vogel  Chip Whitaker

DIRECTORS ABSENT:
Chris Dierks  Jim Keller  Aaron Rice

STAFF PRESENT:
Dennis Schueth, General Manager
Joslynn Vanderslice, Water Resources Manager
Kelly Kloppenborg, Water Resources Technician
Beth Walsh, Information & Education Coordinator

GUESTS PRESENT:
Brandon Peterson, NRCS – O’Neill

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

MINUTES:
The Directors reviewed the minutes of the November Meeting. ⇒ It was moved by Gene Kelly and seconded by Kevin Blair to approve the minutes of the November Meeting. AYE: Blair, Carpenter, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Kelly, Moser, Stewart, Vogel & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Bartak. ABSENT: Dierks, Gotschall, Keller & Rice. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURERS REPORT:
The November treasurers report was reviewed by the Directors. ⇒ It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Gene Kelly to approve the November Treasurers Report. AYE: Blair, Carpenter, Fritz, Heithoff, Hughes, Kelly, Moser, Stewart, Vogel & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Bartak. ABSENT: Dierks, Gotschall, Keller & Rice. MOTION CARRIED.

PUBLIC FORUM, INPUTS OR COMMENTS:
None

• Voting Delegates for Legislative Conference: It was moved by Mark Carpenter and seconded by Keith Heithoff to appoint Ted Hughes Voting Delegate and Gene Kelly Alternate. AYE: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Fritz, Gotschall, Heithoff, Moser, Stewart, Vogel & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Hughes & Kelly. ABSENT: Dierks, Keller & Rice. MOTION CARRIED.

NeDNR Report: No Report.

NRCS Report: Brandon Peterson’s report was mailed out to the Directors. Brandon reported that they are still taking applications for EQIP and do not have a cutoff date yet; they are busy modifying expiring CSP contracts; and, there will be a new signup for the CRP contracts until February 23, 2020. The new RC for the O’Neill office will begin January 6 and his name is Aaron Romesser.

RC&D Reports:
North Central RC&D: No Report.
Loup Basin RC&D: No Report.
Northeast RC&D: Dennis Schueth forwarded an e-mail to the Directors regarding the resignation of Phyllis Friederich, Executive Director.

Information & Education Report: Beth Walsh’s report was mailed out in the Directors packets. Beth reviewed the list of Directors signed up for the NARD Legislative Conference. She also noted the new NRD Calendars available for 2020. The calendars showcase NRD photos from across the state.

Water Resources Report: Joslynn Vanderslice’s report was mailed out in the Directors packets. Joslynn reported that the Phase II reports are due December 31. So far we have received approximately 350 out of 2400 expected. There have been 98 of the Phase 3 fields sampled with 11 being triggered over the threshold for residual nitrogen. Static water levels and flowmeter readings have been collected and are being entered into the database. The winter meeting for the Bazile project will be held in conjunction with the LENRD water meeting scheduled for February 12.

Bazile Management Area Report: Connor Baldwin and Jeremy Milander’s reports were included in the director’s packets. The Bazile winter meeting will be held February 12 in conjunction with the LENRD. It was also reported that they are still working on securing the three demonstration project sites.

Holt County Extension: No Report.

EXCUSED ABSENCES:
It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Gary Bartak to excuse the absence of Chris Dierks, Jim Keller and Aaron Rice. AYE: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Fritz, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Kelly, Moser, Stewart, Vogel & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dierks, Keller & Rice. MOTION CARRIED.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Legislative, Finance and Planning:
1. Action on Current bills and Cost Share Requests: The Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the bills, accounts receivable and bank statements. It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Gene Kelly to approve the current bills for payment. AYE: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Fritz, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Kelly, Moser, Stewart, Vogel & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dierks, Keller & Rice. MOTION CARRIED. Roy Stewart noted that the accounts receivable and bank statements look good.
Water Resources and Watershed Committee Report & Recommendations:
• Action on Groundwater Acre Transfers: None
• Andy Frey’s Irrigation Well Modification (include filling pond) SW 22-25-5: Dennis Schueth passed out information relating to Andy Frey’s request for an irrigation well modification which includes using the irrigation well to fill a pond. The Committee feels there are several issues surrounding this request and would like the Directors to review the information; which, will be discussed at a future meeting.
• Water Well Decommissioning – Filkins: The Committee also received an update on two water well decommissioning applications which were completed without approval. These requests will be addressed at the end of the fiscal year if there is funding still available.

COALITIONS UPDATE:
Niobrara River Basin Alliance: Dennis Schueth reported that they are waiting for the review by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to find out if the coalition can proceed with the purchase agreement.
Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition: There was a meeting of the coalition on December 3. They are discussing elements of the information required for the annual report due in March. There are details that need to be clarified for the report.
Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition (Piping Plover): No Report.
Nebraska Ground Water Management Coalition: No Report.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT:
Dennis Schueth’s report was mailed out in the Director’s packets. A copy is included with the official copy of the minutes in the office. Keith Heithoff contacted Dennis Schueth regarding a company that might be helpful to landowners who have been triggered in the UENRD Phase 3 area’s. Dennis will try and set up a meeting with this company for a future board meeting to discuss their program.

JANUARY BOARD MEETING:
Due to the NARD Legislative Conference and Martin Luther King Day, the January board meeting date will be changed to January 21, 2020 at 2:30 PM with committee meetings being held prior to the board meeting.
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It was moved by Keith Heithoff to change the start time of the UENRD board meetings to 4:00 PM. Motion died due to lack of a second.

ADJOURNMENT:
It was moved by Gene Kelly and seconded by Ted Hughes to adjourn at 3:20 PM. AYE: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Fritz, Gotschall, Heithoff, Hughes, Kelly, Moser, Stewart, Vogel & Whitaker. NAY: None.
ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Dierks, Keller & Rice. MOTION CARRIED.

I, the undersigned Secretary/Treasurer of the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on December 23, 2019 that all of the subjects included in the foregoing proceedings were contained in the agenda for at least twenty-four hours prior to said meeting, the minutes of the Chairman and the Board were in written form and available for public inspection within ten working days and prior to the next convened meeting of said body, that all news media requesting notification of the time and place of said meeting and the subjects to be discussed at said meeting.

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Gene Kelly, Secretary/Treasurer