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 in the Holt County Independent and the open meetings law posting were all noted at 2:33 P.M. by Chairman Michael Moser.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:
Chris Dierks    Marv Fritz    Ted Hughes    Jim Keller    Gene Kelly
Michael Moser    Roy Stewart    Chip Whitaker

DIRECTORS ABSENT:
Gary Bartak    Kevin Blair    Mark Carpenter    Curtis Gotschall
Keith Heithoff    Aaron Rice    John Vogel

STAFF PRESENT:
Dennis Schueth, General Manager
Beth Walsh, Information & Education Coordinator
Joslynn Vanderslice, Water Resources Manager
Kelly Kloppenborg, Water Resources Technician
Wayne Frederick, Water Resources Technician
Brett Sholes, Agronomy Resource Technician

GUESTS PRESENT:
Brandon Peterson, NRCS Office – O’Neill
Donita Pokorny, Dana F Cole – O’Neill
Connor Baldwin, BGMA Coordinator – Norfolk
Jeremy Milander, UNL Extension BGMA – Norfolk
Doug Hallum, UNL-WCREC – North Platte

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

MINUTES SEPTEMBER 26, 2019 PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING:
The minutes of the September Public Hearing and Board Meeting were reviewed by the Directors. ⇒ It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Jim Keller to approve the minutes of the September 26, 2019 Meeting. AYE: Dierks, Fritz, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser & Stewart. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: Whitaker. ABSENT: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Gotschall, Heithoff, Rice & Vogel. MOTION CARRIED.

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

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

PUBLIC FORUM-INPUT:
None

2018-19 AUDIT, DANA F. COLE:
Donita Pokorny, Dana F Cole, attended the board meeting to review the audit with the Directors and answer any questions. Donita reviewed the audit report explaining the different aspects of the audit. It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Marv Fritz to approve the 2018-2019 Audit Report. AYE: Dierks, Fritz, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Stewart & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Gotschall, Heithoff, Rice & Vogel. MOTION CARRIED.

LIDAR PRESENTATION-DOUGLAS HALLUM, UNL CONSERVATION AND SURVEY:
Doug Hallum, UNL Conservation and Survey, attended the meeting to review the use of LiDAR with the Board. LiDAR, which stands for Light Detection and Ranging, is a remote sensing technology that functions by illuminating a target with a pulsed laser and taking measurements to determine its distance and elevation. Lidar is commonly used to make high-resolution maps. USGS has been partnering with different agencies to map the state of Nebraska and bring all the mapping data to a quality assurance level of 2. Regarding conjunctive water use, it is important to have weather stations and multiple monitoring wells to run the models. This is very expensive but maybe eligible for grant funding. NRCS relies on this data when planning structures and other conservation practices. It is also available to the NRDs and Hallum is planning a training session with UENRD staff at a later date.

AGENCY & STAFF REPORTS:
NARD Report: Ted Hughes attended the NARD meeting in early November. Ted explained the changes which were made to the NPAIT program; NARD Foundation funding requests; Bessey Nursery potted seedling stock; and, the GMDA conference in Fort Lauderdale in January. Ted also reported that the board discussed receiving reports from the Managers at their board meetings. Following the NARD Board Meeting, they held a Risk Pool meeting. Ted discussed the coverage changes in the health and dental plan; and, reported that the plan showed a loss in the last quarter which is common for this time of year.


NRCS Report: Brandon Peterson’s report was mailed out to the Directors. Brandon commented on the LiDAR presentation and noted that the NRCS uses the LiDAR data a lot when working with landowners signed up for their programs. NRCS is still waiting on the farm bill rules and regulations; and, working under a continuous resolution. The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has been completed and ready to be signed. It was moved by Chris Dierks and seconded by Jim Keller to approve the MOU with the NRCS. AYE: Dierks, Fritz, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Stewart & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Gotschall, Heithoff, Rice & Vogel. MOTION CARRIED.

RC&D Report:
North Central RC&D: No Report.
Loup Basin RC&D: No Report.
Northeast RC&D: No Report.
Information & Education Report: Beth Walsh’s report was mailed out in the Director’s packets. Beth reported that the Legislative Conference will be held January 28-29, 2020 at the Embassy Suites in Lincoln. A sign-up sheet was passed around to those in attendance. Registration will be confirmed at the December meeting so it can be submitted before the deadline.

Water Resources Report: Joslynn VanDerslice’s report was mailed out in the Director’s packets. Joslynn reported that the reminder letters for the Phase II reports; and, Nitrogen sampling results have been sent out to the cooperators. Static water levels and flowmeter readings are being taken now and should be completed within the next couple of weeks if the weather cooperates. Brett Sholes, Agronomy Resource Technician, reported that they have sampled 44 sites due to the new Phase III Rules and Regulations; and, he has received reports for 27 of those sites. There has been good cooperation from the selected landowners; and, the company taking the samples.

Bazile Management Area: Connor Baldwin, New Project Coordinator, attended the board meeting, introduced himself and gave a brief summary of his activities. Jeremy Milander, UNL Extension Educator for the Bazile Project, reported that he has been working with the landowners/operators of the demonstration sites. The demonstration sites will focus on nitrogen and water treatments; soil health; and, crop rotations.

UNL Extension – Amy: No Report.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
Legislative, Budget and Finance Committee: The Legislative, Finance and Planning Committee met prior to the Board meeting and reviewed the current bills, accounts receivable and bank statements. Roy Stewart also noted that there are a number of past due accounts with small amounts.

1. Action on Current Bills and Cost share Requests: It was moved by Roy Stewart and seconded by Jim Keller to pay the current bills. AYE: Dierks, Fritz, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Stewart & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Gotschall, Heithoff, Rice & Vogel. MOTION CARRIED. Stewart also reported that there were no cost share applications to review at this time.

Water Resources & Watershed Committee: The Water Resources & Watershed Committee met prior to the Board meeting.

1. 2019-2020 Expansion of Groundwater Irrigated Acre Request Approval/Denial: The Committee reviewed the Expansion of Groundwater Irrigated Acre applications and ranking. It was moved by Jim Keller and seconded by Ted Hughes to approve the Expansion of Groundwater Irrigated Acre Applications which ranked over the minimum score of 140 points for a total of 275 new groundwater irrigated acres. AYE: Dierks, Fritz, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Stewart & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Gotschall, Heithoff, Rice & Vogel. MOTION CARRIED.


3. UNL/NRD Northeast Extension Educator-MOA: Dennis Schueth reported that the Memorandum of Agreement was mailed out in the Directors packets for review. It was moved by Gene Kelly and seconded by Jim Keller to enter into the Memorandum of Agreement between UNL Extension and the
Personnel, Equipment, Promotion & Education Committee: The Personnel, Equipment, Promotion & Education Committee met prior to the Board meeting.

1. Bid Review on 3 Vehicle Storage Shed: The Committee reviewed three bids submitted for building a storage shed next to the existing shed. **It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Chris Dierks to approve the bid from Beckman Lumber in the amount of $38,191. AYE: Fritz, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Stewart & Whitaker. NAY: Dierks. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Gotschall, Heithoff, Rice & Vogel. MOTION CARRIED.** There was discussion held regarding the need for the building and various aspects of the proposed building itself.

COALITIONS UPDATE:

**Niobrara River Basin Alliance:** Dennis Schueth, Joslynn VanDerslice, Roy Stewart and Jim Keller attended the NRBA meeting held November 19 in Valentine. This meeting was to discuss the purchase of water rights from NPPD on the Niobrara River near Spencer. The NRDs, NG&P and NPPD are in agreement to proceed with the purchase; however, there seems to be a hinderance with the NeDNR and their position on the transfer of the water rights.

**Lower Platte River Basin Water Management Plan Coalition:** There is a Technical Committee meeting scheduled for December 3 at the LENRD.

**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 prior to the board meeting. A copy is included with the official copy of the minutes in the office. Dennis commented on a meeting he was able to attend November 5 with Senator Tim Gragert, Senator Bruce Bostelman, Senator March Kolterman and local county emergency managers to discuss LR 241, the interim study to develop an environmental action plan for the state. Prior to the meeting the group went up to see first-hand the devastation of the compromised Spencer Hydro-dam; and, construction of the new Hwy 281 bridge. Following the task force meeting, area NRD managers were able to discuss Senator Gragert’s Soil Health Task Force and how it relates to property tax relief.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING -DECEMBER 23, 2019:**
The next regular meeting of the UENRD will be held December 23, 2019 at 2:30 PM.

**It was moved by Ted Hughes and seconded by Chris Dierks to adjourn the board meeting at 4:45 PM. AYE: Dierks, Fritz, Hughes, Keller, Kelly, Moser, Stewart & Whitaker. NAY: None. ABSTAIN: None. ABSENT: Bartak, Blair, Carpenter, Gotschall, Heithoff, Rice & Vogel. MOTION CARRIED.**

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:45 P.M.
I, the undersigned Secretary of the Upper Elkhorn Natural Resources District hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the proceedings had and done by the Board of Directors on November 25, 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