



Perkins Chase and
Dundy Counties
Headquarters in Imperial

Upper Republican NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT

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Board of Directors Regular Meeting November 7, 2017 at 7:30 p.m. 511 East 5th Street, Imperial, NE

Agendas were sent to all Board Members and all others requesting agendas. Agendas were posted in the NRD Office in Imperial, the NRCS Offices in Grant and Imperial, and the FSA Office in Benkelman. The meeting was announced over KADL-Imperial, KRVN-Lexington and KOGA-Ogallala and published in area newspapers.

Board Members Present: Kerry Bernhardt, Loren Jessen, Tom Gaschler, Jason Kunkel, Dean Large, Terry Martin, Tom Schroder, Tom Terryberry and Jeff Wallin.

Board Members Absent: Brett Bullock.

NRD Staff: Jasper Fanning, Bruce Curtis, Julia Franck and Deb Hayes.

NRD Legal Counsel: Joel Burke.

Others present: Andy Keep (NRCS), Brad Johnson, Randy Robinson, Kirk Olson, Marvin Knoll, Andy Olson, Scott Strain, Kendra Strommen, Steve Mossman, Dan Estermann, M. Estermann, Joe Estermann, and John Engbrecht.

Information mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Minutes of October 3, 2017 Regular meeting	Letter from Landowners for a Common Purpose
Variance Information	

Information distributed at Board meeting:

Agenda	Variance information
Minutes of October 3, 2017 Regular meeting	Report of District applications, contracts, agreements
Financial reports	Bond resolution & information
Audit report	Long Range Plan
NRCS report	Letter from Landowners for a Common Purpose

Chairman Martin called the meeting to order at 7:50 pm.

Chairman Martin announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted for anyone that would like to review it.

Brett Bullock is excused from tonight's meeting.

INTRODUCTIONS:

Guests, Board members and NRD staff were introduced.

MINUTES:

- Wallin moved to approve the October 3, 2017 Regular Board meeting minutes as presented. Seconded by Gaschler.

Roll call vote: 8-yes, 1-abstain, 1-absent. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Jasper presented the Financial Reports to the Board.

- Terryberry moved to pay the Accounts Payable and the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Jessen.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

- Gaschler moved to accept the FY 16-17 audit report. Seconded by Kunkel.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None.

NRCS REPORT:

Andy Keep gave the NRCS report and gave an update from the State Conservationist. There was discussion on reorganization within USDA and workload assessments and workforce planning.

- Terryberry moved to approve the NRCS report dated November 1, 2017 to include the Conservation Plans as signed for Chase, Dundy and Perkins county. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT/RULES AND REGULATIONS:

Dean Large, Chairman of the Groundwater Committee reported that the committee met tonight and reviewed pooling, carry over and groundwater quality monitoring program. They also discussed the possibility of a one year pilot project to spend time in the field and do checks for meter accuracy.

VARIANCE COMMITTEE:

Jeff Wallin, Chairman of the Variance Committee presented the variance request of Betty Haarberg and Julia Brethhower. They currently have one well in the NE ¼ of Section 32-7-40 and it serves two pivots. They are asking to replace the one well with two wells. They are asking to drill a replacement well approximately 600' east of the existing well and decommission the existing well in the NE ¼ of Section 32-7-40 and they are asking to drill a new well in the SE ¼ of Section 32-7-40 to water the quarter. Jeff also reported that they are asking to waive the 30-day waiting period.

- The Variance Committee made the recommendation to waive the 30-day waiting period.

Roll call vote: 6-yes, 2-no, 1-absent, 1-abstain, Motion carried.

Voting yes: Bernhardt, Gaschler, Jessen, Martin, Schroder and Terryberry. Voting no: Kunkel and Large. Abstain: Wallin. Absent: Bullock.

- The Variance Committee made the recommendation to approve the variance request of Betty Haarberg and Julia Brethhower to drill a replacement well in the NE ¼ of 32-7-40 and decommission the old well and drill a new well in the SE ¼ of 3-7-40. These wells will have no carryforward and cannot be pooled.

Roll call vote: 7-yes, 1-no, 1-absent, 1-abstain. Motion carried.

Voting yes: Bernhardt, Gaschler, Jessen, Large, Martin, Schroder, and Terryberry. Voting no: Kunkel. Abstain: Wallin. Absent: Bullock.

REPORT OF DISTRICT APPLICATIONS, CONTRACTS, AGREEMENTS:

- Large moved to approve the Report of District applications, contracts and agreements to include the pooling contracts and well decommissioning applications. Seconded by Schroder.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

LEGAL COUNSEL REPORT:

Joel had no report this evening.

REPUBLICAN RIVER BASIN MEETING/COMPACT REPORT:

Jasper reviewed the discussion from the Republican River Compact meeting.

AUGMENTATION PROJECTS:

Jasper and Terry Martin presented the Resolution to authorize the defeasance and call for redemption of all or a portion of the Series 2013D Bonds and the issuance of refunding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000 and approval of related documents for the purpose of advance refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2013D Bonds.

- Terryberry moved to approve Bond Resolution No. 11072017-01. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

The Long-Range Implementation Plan for 2018-2022 was presented to the Board. This plan is updated yearly and submitted to DNR.

- Terryberry move to approve the Long-Range Implementation Plan for 2018-2022. Seconded by Wallin.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION REPORT:

Tom Gaschler reviewed the Farming Evolution 2018 sponsor levels with the Board. The NRD has sponsored this event the past several years.

- Gaschler on behalf of the Information and Education Committee recommends sponsoring the Farming Evolution event for \$500.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

LEGISLATION: No report.

STATE ASSOCIATION: No report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

The Landowners for a Common Purpose was present to discuss the surface rights at NCORPE. They discussed with the Board the economic impact the augmentation wells have on Lincoln County and the possibility of selling some of the NCORPE land to private landowners.

- Terryberry moved to go into Executive session to review TERC litigation case with the Board, Legal Counsel and staff present. Seconded by Jessen.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

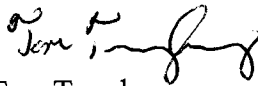
The Board took a 10-minute break and then went into Executive Session at 9:40 p.m.

- Wallin moved to come out of Executive Session at 11:00. Seconded by Terryberry.

Roll call vote: 9-yes, 1-absent. Motion carried.

Chairman Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Terryberry".

Tom Terryberry
Secretary/Treasurer



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The Upper Republican Natural Resources District will hold a Regular Board of Directors Meeting, Tuesday, November 7, 2017 at the NRD Office, 511 East 5th St, Imperial NE at 7:30 pm MT.

Agenda for such meeting kept continuously current and is available at the NRD Office.

AGENDA

Regular Board Meeting, Chairman Terry Martin
Public Meeting Law Notice
Director Absences

INTRODUCTIONS:

- A. Introductions of Board Members, NRD Staff, and Guests.

MINUTES:

- A. Approve minutes of the October 3, 2017 Regular Board meeting.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

- A. Accounts Payable.
- B. Accounts Receivable.
- C. Audit report for FY 16-17

PUBLIC COMMENT:

NRCS REPORT/COOPERATING AGENCY REPORTS:

- A. NRCS report.

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD RULES AND REGULATIONS:

- A. Groundwater Management/Rules and Regulation.
- B. Variance Committee.
 - 1. Betty Haarberg/Julia Brethhower, 1st request.
- C. Report of District Applications, Contracts, Agreements.
- D. Legal Counsel Report.

MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Republican River Basin Meeting Report and Compact Report.
- B. Augmentation project.
 - 1. Consideration of a resolution to authorize the defeasance and call for redemption of all or a portion of the Series 2013D Bonds and the issuance of refunding bonds in an amount not to exceed \$17,000,000 and approval of related documents for the purpose of advance refunding all or a portion of the outstanding Series 2013D Bonds.

ASSISTANT MANAGER'S REPORT:

- A. Long Range Plan.

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION:

- A. Information and Education Committee Report.
 - 1. Farming Evolution 2018.
- B. Legislation.
- C. State Association.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

- A. NCORPE.
 - 1. Land owners for a common purpose.

November 7, 2017 – Regular Board meeting, 7:30 pm, NRD Office, 511 East 5th St., Imperial
November 10, 2017 – Office closed, Veterans Day
November 23-24, 2017 – Office closed, Thanksgiving holiday
December 5, 2017 – Regular Board meeting, 7:30 p.m., NRD Office, 511 East 5th St, Imperial
December 25, 2017 – Christmas, office closed
January 1, 2018 – New Years Day, office closed

Upper Republican NRD will provide accommodations at Board of Directors meetings, public information meetings and public hearings for disabled persons. Persons needing accommodations please contact Deb Hayes at the NRD Office in Imperial at 308-882-5173 during regular office hours. (7:00 am - 4:00 pm)

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

November 7, 2017

GUEST LIST

NAME

ADDRESS

Andy Keep	NORCS
BRAD JOHNSON	Grant
Randy Abben	North Platte
Kirk Olson	North Platte
Mar Kull	North Platte
Andy Olson	Hershey Wn.
Scott Strain	Omaha
Robert Sommer	Selway
Steve Mossman	Lincoln
Dan Estormann	Wellfleet
M. Esterman	Wellfleet
Joe Estermann	Wellfleet
JOHN ENGBRECHT	Imperial

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ACCOUNTS PAYABLE October 31, 2017

Adams Lumber, well measure	41.76
AFLAC, ins	988.67
American Agricultural Laboratory, water samples	55.28
Bomgaars, aug site, drill, drought grant	35.06
Burke Law Office, prof	1,500.00
BW Telcom, tele	182.16
Chase County Treasurer, auto (13 vehicles)	553.70
Chucks Trailer Sales, equip repairs	35.00
City of Imperial, utilities	313.35
Eakes Office, office supplies	128.18
Frenchman Valley Coop, auto	1,990.03
GMDA, dues	350.00
Great Plains Communications, tele	1,010.61
Harchelroad Motors, auto	153.08
Hills Family Foods, meeting/office	106.57
Ideal Linen, shop	42.62
Imperial Country Ford, auto	118.48
Imperial NAPA, shop	9.99
Kunkel Cattle Co, soil probe	4,300.00
Laurie Lage, I & E	87.59
MailFinance, postage	684.29
Mid-American Benefits, med flex	1,156.97
MIPS, prof	100.00
NARD Risk Pool, ins	26,462.16
Nebraska Dept of Ag, pesticide license (2)	50.00
Neopost, postage	300.00
NSIA, meeting exp (3)	675.00
Owens True Value, prof/drought grant	77.96
Pankonin Ag Services, prof	450.00
RJ Meyer, audit	4,600.00
Scoop Media, legal	244.64
Southwest Public Power, utilities	1,698.24
Tri City Meters Inc, fm repairs	12,025.00
United Printing, I & E	3,021.32
Union Bank, Series 2013D Bond	795,046.24
Union Bank, Refunding bond series 2017	976,264.51
Union Bank, Series 2015 bond	242,151.35
US Bank, meeting exp/office/NCORPE	4,089.62

Verizon, tele	308.39
Water Strategies, prof	<u>2,500.00</u>
Total	\$2,083,907.82

Additional Payables from September:

Black Hills Energy, utilities	38.37
Colton Skomp, soil probe	3,200.00
Deb Hayes, auto	96.30
Eakes Office, office supplies	1,194.99
EH Wachs, aug site	539.35
Fairfield Inn, meeting/director exp	1,535.20
Flatwater Group, prof	12,555.00
Joel Miller, I & E	458.00
Johnson Publications, legal/I & E	273.05
NARD Foundation, I & E	200.00
Pinnacle Bank, prof	31.00
Southwest Public Power, utilities	471.69
Viaero, tele	<u>321.00</u>
Total	\$ 21,213.95

Accounts Receivable:	\$ 13,296.41
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Pinnacle Bank:

Regular Checking	\$ 6,531,551.59
Money Market Acct	\$ 125,714.80

NPAIT:

NPAIT - 01(bond)	\$ 568,136.70
NPAIT -02	\$ 2,398,990.78

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10/31/17

UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD
A/R Aging Summary
As of October 31, 2017

	Current	1 - 30	31 - 60	61 - 90	> 90	TOTAL
A004 TINA AMBROSEK	864.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	864.00
B010 ALLAN BUSH	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
B018 BANEY FARMS	10.93	0.00	9.91	10.59	704.71	736.14-
B033 STEVE BARENBERG	20.29	0.00	18.39	19.66	1,310.73	1,369.07-
B042 STAN BROWN	520.20	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	520.20
C035 MITCH CUMMINGS	23.46	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.46
E016 DON ELLIS	23.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.21
E020 EAGLE FARMS	2.52	0.00	2.29	163.00	0.00	167.81
F053 ROB FISHER	58.03	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.03
G023 RANDY GENGENBA...	7.96	0.00	7.21	7.71	517.87	540.75-
H043 RANDY HILEMAN	19.27	0.00	17.46	18.66	1,293.54	1,348.93-
J017 RICHARD JOHNSON	29.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.40
K015 BRANDON KUENNING	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
K016 KASEY KROEKER	58.80	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	58.80
K030 WAYNE KRAUSNICK	569.70	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	569.70
L003 BERT LEFFLER	23.21	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	23.21
L039 BOB LAMPMANN	3.00	0.00	2.72	2.90	193.00	201.62 -
L047 DEAN LARGE	142.22	132.60	139.44	137.88	215.15	767.29-
M026 JESSE MALLET	30.46	0.00	27.61	29.51	2,015.15	2,102.73 -
M043 MICHELLE MAY	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	-130.13	-130.13
MC01 BILL McNERNEY	0.52	0.00	0.47	0.50	33.95	35.44-
P080 CHRIS PURSLEY	432.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	432.00
P084 ALVIN PANKONIN	1.26	0.00	1.14	2.17	80.00	84.57-
R074 DARIN ROBERTSON	506.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	506.40
S018 ROB SCHILKE	518.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	518.40
S027 MIKE STANLEY	13.89	0.00	12.59	13.45	899.53	939.46-
S083 BARRY STAUFFER	1.26	0.00	1.14	1.22	81.78	85.40-
S101 GEORGE SEWARD	20.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	20.00
S153 STAN STROUP	6.47	0.00	5.86	6.27	422.49	441.09-
S210 CODY SCHROTBURG...	0.00	29.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	29.40
S221 SETH SPICER	3.79	0.00	3.43	3.67	287.11	298.00-
T015 RON TAYLOR	3.79	0.00	3.43	3.67	244.02	254.91-
T034 VERNON TROPF	0.00	172.45	0.00	0.00	0.00	172.45
T049 STEVE TUCKER	2.41	0.00	2.19	2.34	157.73	164.67-
TOTAL	<u>3,956.85</u>	<u>334.45</u>	<u>255.28</u>	<u>423.20</u>	<u>8,326.63</u>	<u>13,296.41</u>

NRCS Report to the Upper Republican NRD

November 2017 Board Meeting

- Update from State Conservationist
 - On 10/26/2017 we had a teleconference with the State conservationist and he updated us on several issues.
 - Reorganization within USDA. The mission area for Farm Production and Conservation and the mission area for Trade and Foreign Agricultural Affairs have been established. The Farm Service Agency, the Risk Management Agency, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service will be aligned in order to better serve our customers and demonstrate accountability to the American taxpayer. The Foreign Agricultural Service will report to the Trade under Secretary, emphasizing the critical role of trade for the U.S. farm sector and ensuring that our farmers and ranchers have a fair opportunity to compete in the global marketplace.
 - Workload Assessments and Workforce planning.
 - Planning for Fiscal Year 2018 Budget includes new workload assessments and workforce planning. Currently NRCS has a National Full Time employee cap of 10,378 employees that NRCS must reach by the end of Fiscal year 2018. Reduction in staffing will be accomplished by attrition (retirements and resignations).

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE
REPORT OF PLANNING ACTIVITY TO THE
UPPER REPUBLICAN NRD**

November 1, 2017

CONSERVATION PLANS SIGNED:

<u>Name</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Legal Description</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Marlin Nutt Residuary Trust	Perkins	SW4 19-10-35.	147.0
Messersmith, Travis	Perkins	SE4 13-9-35.	51.7
Reznick, Margaret	Perkins	SW4 10-11-36.	52.54
Schumer, Coleen	Perkins	N2 17-8-35.	133.18
Victor, Karen	Perkins	SW4 11-11-36.	49.6
Yaw, Kent & Marcia	Chase	SEcSE4 31-6-40.	5.50

Upper Republican Natural Resources District VARIANCE APPLICATION

Date of Request 10-25-2017

Applicants: Betty Haarberg & Julia Brethhower
Address: 2437 S. Victor St #C 26421 N. Trails End
City: Aurora Rio Verde
State: CO AZ
Zip Code: 80014 85263
Telephone #: 303-619-7186 480-471-3186

Legal Description of Property:
PT. E ½ 32-7-40

Specific Request, be as detailed as you can in stating exactly what you are asking to do:

Abandon and decommission the existing well in the NE ¼ of 32-7-40 and install a replacement well in the same quarter, approximately 600' east of the existing well. The existing well currently waters that quarter in addition to the SE ¼ of 32-7-40, which consists of certified, allocated acres.

Applicant proposes to drill a new well in the SE ¼ of 32-7-40 to water that quarter.

Reason for this request:

The NE well has been pumping sand and gravel for many years. It is time to replace that well and we would like to move it closer to the pivot point for maintenance and efficiency reasons.

The reason for a new well in the SE 1/4 is to make irrigating more efficient. As it is now with the one well and 2 fully allocated pivots our tenant has to irrigate in a rotation (one pivot and then the other pivot). We would like to make it more efficient, irrigate when the ground needs the water rather than irrigate when it is this pivot or that pivot rotation time to water. The South pivot has all class 1 and class 2 loam soils and it would make it more efficient to water when needed.

Applicable URNRD Rules: Order #28

Rule 13.01 MORATORIUM

13.01 Pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. §46-739(1) (Reissue 2004), to achieve the purposes for which the Management Area was designated, there shall be no additional permits to construct a new water well issued nor shall there be an increase of irrigated acres within the entirety of the District.

Other information:

Applicant: Betty Haarberg Date: 10/26/2017

Applicant:

Date

Haarberg Brethhower Variance

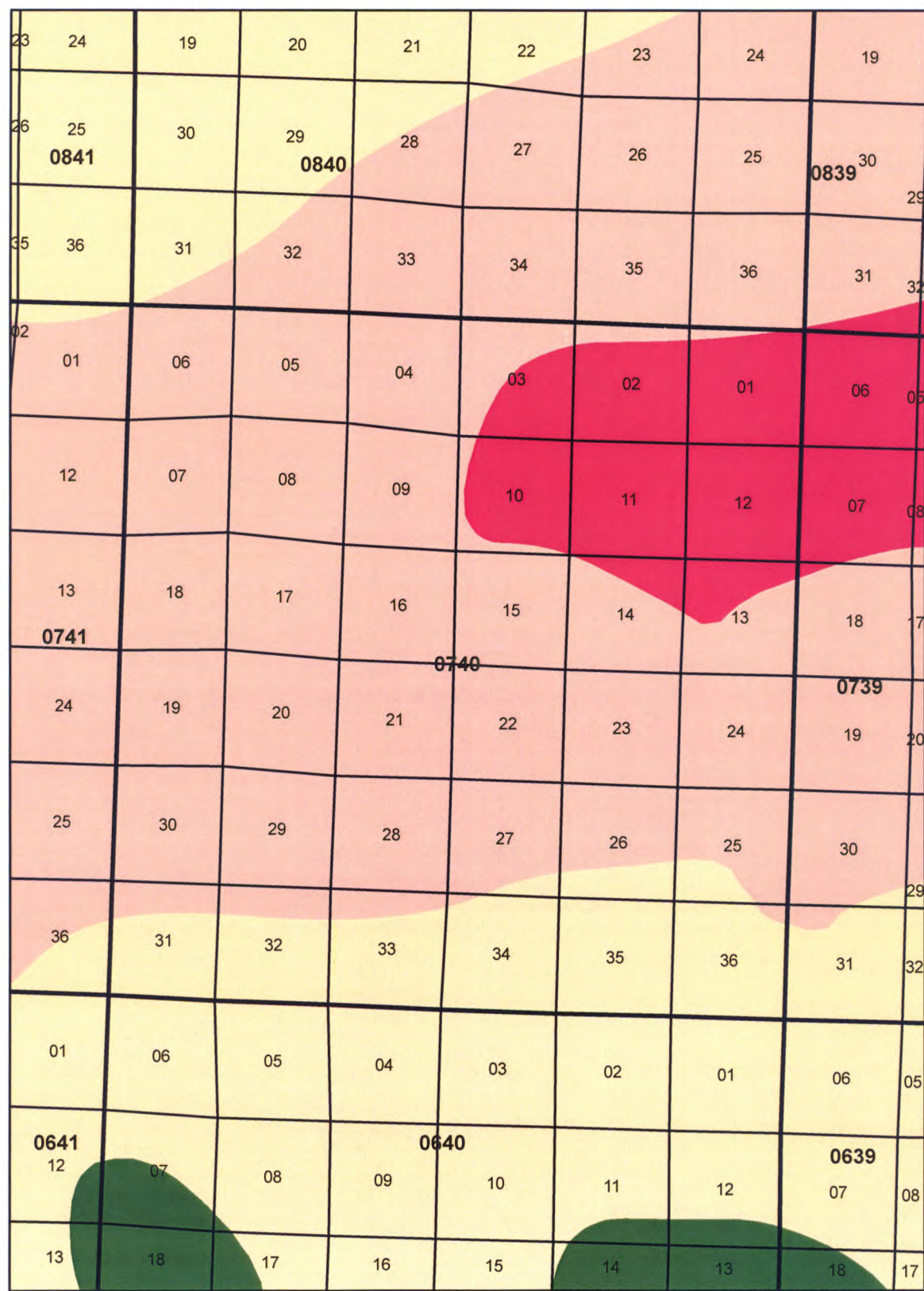


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Legend

- Well to be abandoned and decommissioned
- Proposed wells

Upper Republican NRD Groundwater Level Declines 1980-2016



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Groundwater Level Declines 1980-2016



Haarberg Bretthower Variance

Two fields are watered by this well NE 32-7-40 and SE 32-7-40

FieldID	CERTIFIEDACRES	USAGE	POOL USAGE	YEAR	CROP
320740NE	307.80	22.00		1980	CORN
320740NE	307.80	18.68		1981	CORN
320740NE	307.80	11.28		1982	BEANS
320740NE	307.80	6.22		1983	WHEAT
320740NE	307.80	6.77		1984	WHEAT
320740NE	307.80	14.28		1985	CORN
320740NE	307.80	11.03		1986	BEANS
320740NE	307.80	8.67		1987	CORN
320740NE	307.80	10.44		1988	CORN
320740NE	307.80	7.79		1989	CORN
320740NE	307.80	9.92		1990	CORN
320740NE	307.80	12.59		1991	CORN
320740NE	307.80	5.26		1992	BEANS
320740NE	307.80	3.57		1993	BEANS
320740NE	307.80	11.19		1994	CORN
320740NE	307.80	11.76		1995	CORN
320740NE	307.80	7.63		1996	CORN
320740NE	307.80	15.09		1997	CORN
320740NE	307.80	10.86		1998	CORN
320740NE	307.80	5.08		1999	BEANS
320740NE	307.80	11.07		2000	WHEAT
320740NE	307.80	14.23		2001	WHEAT
320740NE	307.80	17.48		2002	CORN
320740NE	307.80	14.29		2003	CORN
320740NE	307.80	13.18		2004	CORN
320740NE	307.80	14.10		2005	SUGAR BEETS
320740NE	307.80	11.40		2006	CORN
320740NE	307.80	9.43		2007	CORN
320740NE	307.80	11.40		2008	CORN
320740NE	307.80	8.10		2009	CORN
320740NE	307.80	9.80		2010	CORN
320740NE	307.80	10.22		2011	CORN
320740NE	257.90	19.10		2012	CORN
320740NE	257.90	15.22	15.94	2013	CORN
320740NE	257.90	12.72	15.43	2014	CORN
320740NE	257.90	12.99	0.00	2015	
320740NE	257.90	11.68	0.00	2016	CORN

Total hist use 11.53

5 year hist use 14.34