

Water Funding Task Force Meeting

August 8, 2013 | Black Powder Restaurant | Franklin, NE

Task Force Members in attendance were:

Voting Members:

Clint Johannes, **Chairman**, *NRC*

Roric Paulman, **Co-Chairman**, *Agriculture*

Garry Anderson, *NRC*

Joel Christensen, *MUD*

Kevin Fornoff, *NRC*

John Heaston, *Wildlife Conservation*

Thomas Knutson, *NRC*

Chandler Mazour, *Agribusiness*

Rex Peterson, *Livestock Producers*

Keith Rexroth, *NRC*

Gerry Dale Sheets, *Public Power and Irrigation Districts*

Steven Sugden, *NRC*

Brian Barels, *Public Power*

Stan Clouse, *NRC*

Richard Hadenfeldt, *NRC*

Joseph Hergott, *NRC*

Tim Luchsinger, *Municipalities*

Dick Mercer, *NRC*

Darrell Rains, *NRC*

Michael Reynolds, *NRC*

Scott Smathers, *Outdoor Recreation Users*

Non-Voting Members:

Senator Tom Carlson

Rex Gittins as designee for Brian Dunnigan

CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. at the Black Powder Restaurant, Franklin, Nebraska. The following members were absent: Lennie Adams, Senator Mark Christensen, Senator Al Davis, Dave Deines, Beverly Donaldson, Brian Dunnigan, David Kadlecck, Senator Rick Kolowski, Senator Ken Schilz, Jeff Steffen, Dennis Strauch; Senator Dan Watermeier

The following attended as alternates: Tim Freburg for Senator Dan Watermeier

INFORMATIONAL MATERIALS

The following informational materials were distributed at the Commission meeting:

- Agenda

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Mike Clements, General Manager, Lower Republican NRD, welcomed the group and asked Clint Johannes, Chairman of the Water Funding Task Force, to address the group.

Clint Johannes stated that Notice of the meeting was published on the Department of Natural Resources web site (www.dnr.ne.gov/lb517). A copy of Nebraska's public meeting statute was available in the room.

Mr. Johannes requested that anyone wishing to provide public comment at today's meeting please sign the "Speaker" sign-in sheet at the sign-in table.

Mr. Johannes then asked for all Task Force members to stand and introduce themselves, followed by introduction of the consultant team members present.

Mr. Johannes also requested that all Task Force expense reimbursement sheets be provided to members of the consultant team for processing.

Mr. Mike Clements from the Lower Republican, Mr. Mark Brohman of the Nebraska Environmental Trust,

Senator Carlson greeted the group. After the greetings, Mr. Merle Illian of the Twin Valley Weed Management Area provided a PowerPoint presentation.

Mr. Johannes stated that no members of the public had signed up to comment and adjourned the meeting.