

ACTION ITEM NOTES
UPPER NIOBRARA WHITE NRD IMP ANNUAL MEETING

October 23, 2015, 8:30 a.m. Mountain Time
Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District
430 East Second Street, Chadron, Nebraska

Attendees:

UNWNRD:

Haley Anders
Pat O'Brien
Lynn Webster

Public:

Bill Wilson

NDNR:

Tim Freed
Tom Hayden
Melissa Mosier

Agenda Items:

1. Introductions
 - a. Current organizational structure and contacts at NDNR
2. Review of agenda & meeting purpose
3. Monitoring & management actions
 - a. NDNR report
 - i. Canal gages to Bennett being fixed/re-poured and updated with remote connection capabilities
 - b. UNWNRD report
 - i. 2013 report is not finalized; waiting on Hemingford data
 1. Added to reports per last year's meeting request:
 - a. Road construction groundwater use
 - b. Municipal pumping and consumption; Hemingford still missing
 - ii. 2014 report
 1. Preliminary; will review
 2. All data has been received
 - iii. NDNR to schedule a meeting between UNWNRD, NDNR, and Marc Groff for the end of January 2016 (NARD legislative conference)
 1. Agenda: IDEP grants
 - a. Transferring data from Access to input files for models
 - b. Actual water use vs. CROPSIM

- c. Discussion and evaluation of data and studies
 - i. WaterSMART
 - 1. UNWNRD to NDNR: Is the study a combination of the Upper Niobrara White model and the Middle and Lower Niobrara?
 - 2. Status on the final report from the Bureau
 - a. Expecting by the end of the year
 - b. Interested in Mirage Flats area information and potential for conjunctive management projects
 - ii. UNWNRD to NDNR: Are IDEP funds available for weather stations?
 - d. Information and education
 - i. UNWNRD and NDNR may need to develop additional outreach if there is a status change according to FAB report
 - ii. UNWNRD requests NDNR to be involved in Water Users Meeting at the end of February
4. Other IMP topics
 - a. New FAB rules
 - i. Status update requested
 - ii. NDNR to verify: if the new FAB rules were approved after the 2015 determination, UNWNRD would not be reviewed subject to the new rules until the next determination time frame, end of 2016
5. Discussion of Niobrara Basin-Wide Plan
6. Discussion of Upper Niobrara River Compact
7. Public Comment
 - a. Potential weather stations at Agate Fossil Beds or Highway Patrol tower outside Harrison
 - b. Request for recharge data from flood around Lusk/Node, WY
 - c. Private property owners, concerned about potential liability, need assistance from NRDs on weed control
 - d. If/once the Spencer deal is made, will this be included in an IMP?
8. Meeting Summary
 - a. Action items
 - b. Schedule next annual meeting
 - i. Will be scheduled the day before or after the October NPDC meeting