

Minutes  
UPPER NIOBRARA WHITE NRD IMP ANNUAL MEETING

November 27, 2018  
11:00 a.m. Mountain Time  
Upper Niobrara White Natural Resources District,  
430 East Second Street, Chadron, Nebraska

**Attendees:**

Carrie Wiese, NeDNR  
Pat O'Brien, UNWNRD  
Lynn Webster, UNWNRD

1. Introductions
2. Review of agenda & meeting purpose – The purpose of the meeting was to exchange reports and discuss the status of items and studies pertaining to the district.
3. Monitoring & management actions.
  - a. NeDNR report – Carrie Wiese NeDNR presented Annual IMP Report.
    - i. 6 temporary road construction permits in Dawes County were cancelled. There were no new requests for surface water appropriations.
    - ii. There were no discussions around the Canal Measurement Tables.
    - iii. There were no updates to a WaterSMART study done in 2015- The Bureau of Reclamation is waiting to Publish after review in its Washington, DC office.
    - iv. Aquifer absent study- in review, projected to be officially issued in 2019.
  - b. UNWNRD report – Lynn Webster UNWNRD- 4 replacement groundwater permits and one new industrial well for road construction purposes were approved. 3 requests approved for variance activities.
    - i. The industrial well was metered and reports are still being finalized. The construction company has indicated that the usage of the well is expected to be over the requested amount and offsets will be provided for the overage.
    - ii. The Municipal Accounting Section was not completed at the time of the meeting UNWNRD will finalize report and turn into NeDNR for review.
    - iii. There was no discussion surrounding the studies section. The Board is developing a voluntary IMP with NeDNR.
  - c. Discussion and evaluation of data and studies.

- d. Information and education – UNWNRD had their annual Water Issues Meeting.
4. Other IMP topics.
5. Discussion of Upper Niobrara River Compact- Annual Meeting was in October- reported out on activities such as the Voluntary IMP and ongoing studies. The Spring Technical Meeting has not been scheduled yet.
6. Public Comment – No public was present.
7. Meeting summary.
  - a. Action items –
    - i. Pat and NeDNR will discuss making an official inquiry on WaterSMART Study with the Bureau of Reclamation.
    - ii. Carrie will check w/ Doug and Steve on update on aquifer absent study.
    - iii. Carrie will check on date of Game and Parks request variances filed.
    - iv. UNWNRD will send report on Municipal and Industrial Accounting to NeDNR.
  - b. Schedule next annual meeting – Date will be set at a later date.
8. Adjourn at 11:26 am.