

INTERVIEW WITH VIVIAN FRASCH AND TERRY JULESGARD  
BY JIM BARR

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1                   MR. BARR: This is Jim Barr. It's November 1<sup>st</sup>,  
2                   2013. I'm in Butte, Nebraska, interviewing Vivian Frasch --  
3                   How do you pronounce that?

4                   MS. FRASCH: Frasch, that's correct.

5                   MR. BARR: And Terry --

6                   MR. JULESGARD: Julesgard.

7                   MR. BARR: Julesgard. And you -- I've written  
8                   that down on a piece of paper so I'll have the spelling.  
9                   Would each of you try to just give me a little bit about  
10                  your own personal background and -- before we start the  
11                  interview portion.

12                  Terry, do you want to start?

13                  MR. JULESGARD: All right. As I said, I'm Terry  
14                  Julesgard. I started working for the natural resource  
15                  districts in 1999 with the Upper Republican NRD. Prior to  
16                  that, I had a career in farming and also had worked with a  
17                  surveyor and pretty much done a lot of things connected to  
18                  agriculture. Always have been concerned about the natural  
19                  resources of the state and so everything I've kind of done  
20                  has been keyed in that direction. Like I said, in '99, I  
21                  got the opportunity to work out at the Upper Republican NRD.  
22                  I spent two years out there. From there I went to the Lewis  
23                  and Clark NRD on the other corner of the state and spent ten  
24                  years working at the Lewis and Clark NRD. And then, since  
25                  then, I've been here at the Lower Niobrara NRD as the

1 general manager.

2 MR. BARR: When did you start here?

3 MR. JULESGARD: I started here in November of  
4 2010.

5 MR. BARR: Where were you from originally?

6 MR. JULESGARD: Originally, I'm from central  
7 Nebraska. The Elba-Scotia area is where I guess we'd call  
8 home.

9 MR. BARR: Vivian?

10 MS. FRASCH: I'm Vivian Frasch. Actually, I was  
11 born and raised here, five miles out northwest of town. I  
12 came to the NRD right out of high school. I began working  
13 here March 31<sup>st</sup> of 1975, and I've been here ever since, so I  
14 don't really have any other background to give.

15 MR. BARR: That's fine. You probably, even though  
16 you might not have been officially on the board, remember  
17 some of the early formation of this while you were in high  
18 school or not?

19 MS. FRASCH: No, I don't.

20 MR. BARR: Okay, then I think -- do you have any  
21 recollection before early times back in the late '60s and  
22 early '70s relative to the --

23 MR. JULESGARD: I knew that they had started it,  
24 but as far as being really connected to it, I really wasn't,  
25 because of my family. They had a hardware store and lumber

1 yard, so I really wasn't connected at the farming level at  
2 that time.

3 MR. BARR: Once you started here in '75, what were  
4 some of the first issues or projects that this NRD was  
5 involved in, do you remember?

6 MS. FRASCH: Really, the main two items that we  
7 worked on the most were tree plantings and grass seedings.  
8 A lot of tree plantings and a lot of grass seedings were  
9 done. The district has always had drills here. We actually  
10 had an individual hired that would go out and do a custom  
11 grass drilling.

12 MR. BARR: Now, did you use anything on any other  
13 type of projects, water related, for instance?

14 MS. FRASCH: No, we just handled the general --  
15 there were not the well permits or irrigation wells going in  
16 at that time as there are now.

17 MR. BARR: When did the -- do you have some of the  
18 Sandhills in this area? I'm trying to remember exactly the  
19 area you cover.

20 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, the Sandhills has a portion  
21 of our district, in the Holt County part of our district.  
22 There's quite a bit of that that's considered as part of the  
23 Sandhills region where a lot of the district has the  
24 Ogallala Aquifer under it. That that's outside of that  
25 then, we get into the Dakota and that -- a little bit of

1 glacial till in some of the district.

2 MR. BARR: In the '80s, there was a -- maybe even  
3 the late '70s, there was a fair amount of Sandhills land  
4 that was put under pivot irrigation and then later  
5 abandoned. Did your district have any kind of involvement  
6 in any of those, either after the abandonment in terms of  
7 reclamation or anything like that?

8 MS. FRASCH: (Indiscernible).

9 MR. BARR: Okay.

10 MR. JULESGARD: We just got involved in the  
11 grasses --

12 MR. BARR: That's what I was getting at was  
13 whether there might have been --

14 MR. JULESGARD: It's probably where a lot of the  
15 grass seeding would come in at that time here. I wasn't  
16 here, but that would be my guess that that's where a lot of  
17 that grass seeding comes in.

18 MR. BARR: When did the rural water district  
19 portion of your thing come into --

20 MR. JULESGARD: Rural water started -- the  
21 original part of it started around the '82, '83 area, is  
22 when they initially decided that there was a need for the  
23 water. It was 1986, I believe, is when it finally went into  
24 operation.

25 MR. BARR: Now, you just have the one?

1           MR. JULESGARD: We just have the one rural water  
2 district, the West Knox Rural Water District. Currently  
3 they have 220 customers and then they serve the towns of  
4 Winnetoon and Verdigre.

5           MR. BARR: Has there -- any considerations for  
6 expansion or anything along that line?

7           MR. JULESGARD: We have here in recent years. We  
8 have had some consideration. When working with the Bureau  
9 of Reclamation through their rural water projects that they  
10 have, we're looking at a possible regional water supply  
11 system. We've done an assessment study and that showed that  
12 there was a need in the area. So we're currently working on  
13 a feasibility study. The towns that originally were  
14 included were Creighton, Center, Niobrara, and Santee were  
15 the original towns that were in the assessment. Creighton,  
16 once we moved to the feasibility study, Creighton backed out  
17 of that at that time. So, we still have Niobrara, Center,  
18 and Santee involved, but we're also looking at with the new  
19 casino that's been built up there, there would be some more  
20 possibility up in that area for more development. Like I  
21 said, we're still in the feasibility part, but we don't know  
22 if it's going to be something that's -- the way we're  
23 looking at it is potential groundwater from around our  
24 existing well field area that we have a little bit south and  
25 then pumping groundwater up there. And like I said, we're

1 still waiting for the feasibility part of that.

2 MR. BARR: Now, you're one of the few districts  
3 that has a reservation. Has that been of any difference to  
4 the involvement because of the Santee --

5 MR. JULESGARD: Well, the Santee is actually in  
6 the Lewis and Clark NRD.

7 MR. BARR: Oh, okay.

8 MR. JULESGARD: Their boundary line -- Santee's  
9 boundary line is basically our boundary line.

10 MR. BARR: So, you're -- but you are do --

11 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, we do work. Because of the  
12 West Knox system there --

13 MR. BARR: That's in both districts, right?

14 MR. JULESGARD: It crosses the district boundaries  
15 there, so we have enough interlocal agreement with the Lewis  
16 and Clark that we serve some of their people water up along  
17 in that area. Because we actually are -- right now we're  
18 putting in an extension on our existing lines that will  
19 serve about 12 new tribal members up in that area in the  
20 Bazile-Howe Creek area. So we continue to grow a little bit  
21 with our system.

22 MR. BARR: So, you would have been involved with  
23 them at Lewis and Clark.

24 MR. JULESGARD: Yes, I was involved.

25 MR. BARR: Was that any sort of --

1           MR. JULESGARD: There was always -- it was always  
2 an interesting experience working with the tribe, because  
3 they don't necessarily get into a hurry about doing too much  
4 of anything. Tomorrow has a different meaning. And once  
5 you learn that you just learn to work with it that way. And  
6 so that was -- the involvement with the tribe has always  
7 been pretty good experience as far as (indiscernible).

8           (Telephone)

9           MS. FRASCH: Oh, no.

10          (Laughter.)

11          You didn't tell me about this.

12          MR. BARR: That's why I didn't tell you. Well,  
13 let's see, anything else that you particularly remember the  
14 first ten years or so that the district -- how big a board  
15 did you have?

16          MS. FRASCH: There have always been 17 as long as  
17 I've been here.

18          MR. BARR: Seventeen? And do you remember any  
19 discussion about the early formation? Did they have a big  
20 committee of combined people or anything like that?

21          MS. FRASCH: This was all handled before I came.

22          MR. BARR: That was all handled before you got  
23 here? And is one at large or are they all --

24          MS. FRASCH: We have one director at large.

25          MR. BARR: How are you organized in terms of any



1 committees or things like that?

2 MS. FRASCH: We have some committees.

3 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, we have, I think it's seven  
4 standing committees that we have. Of course, our executive  
5 committee, groundwater committee, operations, maintenance.

6 MS. FRASCH: Personnel.

7 MR. JULESGARD: Personnel, and then we've added  
8 the integrated management planning committee and a variance  
9 committee. So, that pretty much covers our committees that  
10 we have as standing committees.

11 MR. BARR: With the exception of the last one,  
12 were they all pretty much that way all along?

13 MS. FRASCH: Yes.

14 MR. JULESGARD: The last two are the ones that  
15 will be -- the IMP and the variance committee are the two  
16 that have been added.

17 MR. BARR: Have you -- let's see there. There was  
18 a designation of -- I don't remember if it's in your  
19 district or the Middle Nibrara, the designation of rivers  
20 and --

21 MR. JULESGARD: We were -- actually, the  
22 designation of the fully appropriated with the 1050 line,  
23 the district -- a portion of the district was declared fully  
24 appropriated during the -- for the Lower Platte District,  
25 because part of that overlap is in the southern part of our

1 district. We've got quite a fair amount of acres that get  
2 involved in the Lower Platte, that 1050 designation over the  
3 line. So, when the Lower Platte was designated, we had an  
4 area that was included in that. And, of course, that was  
5 later reversed, but in 2008, the portion of water district  
6 west of the Spencer Dam was designated fully appropriated.  
7 Of course, at that time, the board challenged that  
8 designation, which that one actually ended up going to the  
9 Supreme Court. And in July of 2011 is when we got that  
10 verdict back from the Court, their decision, and they  
11 reversed it because they had used some -- kind of changed  
12 their evaluation in midstream and didn't keep it consistent.  
13 So, there was some things there, so that's been reversed.  
14 So, we've been allowing 2,500 acres a year to be developed  
15 in that since 2011.

16 MR. BARR: And is there quite a bit of interest in  
17 that or is --

18 MR. JULESGARD: We have -- our first sign-up just  
19 about took all the 2,500 acres. Our second sign-up that we  
20 had took all of the 25. We actually worked it so we ended  
21 up with a sign-up in 2011 and 2012. We basically took them  
22 at that same time. Then we had one more sign-up, which we  
23 had almost double the number of acres requested as we had  
24 acres to give out. And at our -- this year here in August,  
25 we decided that we're not going to be accepting any

1 applications for any irrigated acres, and we also put  
2 180-day stay on the district at our August 5<sup>th</sup> board  
3 meeting.

4 MR. BARR: What are some of the current issues  
5 that you're dealing with?

6 MR. JULESGARD: The current issues that we're  
7 dealing with right now are, of course, our integrated  
8 management plan, which we're working on with the Department  
9 of Natural Resources. We've got pretty well our final draft  
10 put together on that now. We're probably going to be one of  
11 the shortest ones getting done. We really started working  
12 on it in July, and we've got a draft together, and you've  
13 got three years to do that. So, we've done it in a few  
14 months.

15 Of course, nitrates are always an issue. We've  
16 got some areas that we have in our phase two looking at  
17 possibly expanding some of those into the phase three.

18 MR. BARR: (indiscernible) part of the effect with  
19 a change from phase two to three be?

20 MR. JULESGARD: Phase two to phase three, we would  
21 basically, there's a lot more reporting requirements. And  
22 in the phase three areas -- or that we'd move it to phase  
23 three, we would be a lot more scrutinized on when and what  
24 they would put on for nitrogen. So, we're hoping that we  
25 can get the producers come in. We need to start seeing a

1       turnaround before we move to those particular levels. Kind  
2       of get a --

3               MS. FRASCH: Rain shower here.

4               MR. JULESGARD: Yeah. So, that's, you know, one  
5       of the things. We also have down in the far corner of our  
6       district where the four districts meet down there in the  
7       Creighton area, we our developing a Bazile Groundwater  
8       Management Plan. And that takes in three townships of our  
9       district, about three townships in the Lewis and Clark. I  
10      think it's nine in the Upper Elkhorn and about the same in  
11      the Lower Elkhorn. We've got -- actually, just got approved  
12      for some 319 funding for that so we can hire a coordinator  
13      and do some special efforts down in that area. A lot of  
14      that brought on by the nitrate issues in the Creighton  
15      groundwater drinking water supply. And with our system down  
16      there in that corner, too, we're concerned about the  
17      nitrates in that area also. So, that's going to be a good  
18      project once we get that moving. Like I said, we have a  
19      180-day stay on right now.

20              Updating our rules and regulations to -- so the  
21      whole entire district is basically treated equal, when the  
22      fully appropriation designation basically split our district  
23      in half. Half the district could do whatever they wanted to  
24      as far as developing. The other had to go through the  
25      process. The board really felt strongly that everybody

1 needs to go through the same process of developing irrigated  
2 acres. And so we're -- that's going to be our goal is  
3 getting the ranking criteria that will work districtwide,  
4 not only for the irrigated acres, but for adding wells also.

5 MR. BARR: The NRDs were, among other things,  
6 originally a combination of the soil and water conservation  
7 districts and any other special purpose districts that were  
8 existing. Did you have any other special purpose districts  
9 that came in other than a soil and water conservation  
10 district, do you remember? I don't remember either. I just  
11 was curious.

12 MR. JULESGARD: I don't know that there was in  
13 this area.

14 MR. BARR: Has there -- what sort of conservation  
15 program -- have you had anything in particular other than  
16 tree planting and grass seeding?

17 MR. JULESGARD: We work with the NSWCP process.  
18 We do a lot of planned grazing systems and a few --

19 MR. BARR: Just for the record, what does that  
20 acronym stand for? Stump you here.

21 MS. FRASCH: Nebraska Soil and Water  
22 Conservation --

23 MR. JULESGARD: Nebraska Soil and Water  
24 Conserva- -- yeah, there you go.

25 MR. BARR: Okay, I mean, sometimes that people

1 want to know what the initials stand for.

2 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, that's one of them things,  
3 you get into this alphabet soup when you get into these  
4 things.

5 MR. BARR: Any other major natural resource  
6 related besides water quantity, quality, and conservation  
7 that you've had an involvement with?

8 MR. JULESGARD: Not really. Of course, with the  
9 Niobrara and the Scenic River and that, you know, there's  
10 always issues that crop up with that. We've got -- there's  
11 a new -- the federal government, the National Parks and  
12 Wildlife Service are wanting to do a -- looking for more  
13 conservation easements along the -- below the Spencer Dam.  
14 It's called the Niobrara Confluence Ponca Bluffs. And  
15 there's been a real concern by the people that live down  
16 along the river in that area with the government wanting  
17 more easements and seeing what's happened with some of them.  
18 And they're just real concerned that absentee landowners,  
19 they'll go for something like that, because then they can  
20 go, "Oh, well, the federal government is going to take care  
21 of my land. I no longer have to take care of the trees or  
22 manage the noxious weeds or whatever. I can just go down  
23 and hunt and fish and have a good time." And that devalues  
24 the neighbors' property on both sides. And if you get a  
25 fire, you know, that's where the fires usually start and

1       they spread out to those that aren't. So it's just a real  
2       concern that you get these patches of maybe not as well  
3       managed as the -- if you really had to take care of that  
4       yourself. Gets concern along there. And then you also end  
5       up with a concern of access. Well, then they can allow  
6       other people to access that property. Well, some people  
7       just don't know what a fence is, you know, they just will  
8       cross that. And there's concern for that. So, just a  
9       pretty wide range of concerns about funding levels on the  
10      federal government, you know, the Park Service and the  
11      Wildlife Service, you know, they always have to struggle  
12      with funding issues. And if they don't have money to manage  
13      those places, well, then that really becomes a problem for  
14      everybody, so that's probably the main concern on that.

15               MR. BARR: The Lower Loup had the Pibel Lake and  
16      some others giving back to the NRD. Have you had anything  
17      like that?

18               MR. JULESGARD: No, we haven't had anything.  
19      There really isn't any recreation areas in our -- in the  
20      district. The board has really kind of shied away from any  
21      of those. We really don't have any place for projects that  
22      would, you know, really fit into that too well. You know,  
23      the Spencer Dam was already there, so there wasn't anything  
24      that needed to be that. Of course, that's always a  
25      contention point as the Spencer Dam was always a trigger

1 point for determinations of things. So, what the future  
2 holds, you know, there's always issues with in-stream flows,  
3 you know, how much flow needs to be in the river and that.  
4 We deal a lot with those kind of issues, trying to keep a  
5 balance between Game and Parks and -- Nebraska Game and  
6 Parks and then the federal interests that they have. They  
7 always want to kind of flex their muscles a little bit and  
8 say, well, we got a right to so much water in the river too.  
9 And so, trying to keep a balance of -- so we can keep the  
10 local control is probably one of the biggest things on the  
11 river, trying to keep or get as much local control as we can  
12 on it.

13 MR. BARR: Any other particular projects or  
14 programs or issues that either now or in the past that you  
15 can recall?

16 MS. FRASCH: The O'Neill unit, the O'Neill  
17 Irrigation Unit was --

18 MR. BARR: Did that have an impact on you to --

19 MR. JULESGARD: Oh, that was the Norden Dam,  
20 wasn't it?

21 MS. FRASCH: Uh-huh.

22 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, there was a -- yeah, that  
23 was another place the NRD board took a pretty hard stand  
24 against that project.

25 MR. BARR: Against the Norden Dam?



1           MR. JULESGARD: Just for the simple fact with they  
2 know how much sand that river carries and if you were to put  
3 a sand block, because that's basically what it amounted to,  
4 you'd have put a sand block, another sand block, in the  
5 river, and you would have just backed up sand for. You  
6 know, and trying to keep running irrigation system off of  
7 that, they felt was just pretty unreasonable at the time.  
8 They were -- it was a very ambitious project, if I remember  
9 correctly, but the benefits, I think, would have been very  
10 limited on -- at the end just because of -- you wouldn't  
11 have been able to keep up keeping the sand out of it.

12           MR. BARR: Do you remember any people particularly  
13 involved in issues such as that or early board members,  
14 particularly those that might still be around? Any names  
15 that you might have, any of the current board members were  
16 original board members?

17           MS. FRASCH: I don't think any of those directors  
18 are living anymore.

19           MR. BARR: Arden came on in '74, didn't he, or  
20 when did you he come on?

21           MS. FRASCH: I would have to go look. I have  
22 it --

23           MR. BARR: But, I mean, he was there when you were  
24 hired, wasn't he?

25           MS. FRASCH: I don't think so.

1 MR. BARR: He said he was.

2 (Laughter.)

3 MS. FRASCH: Like I said, I'd have to go look.

4 MR. BARR: Okay, that's fine. We won't worry  
5 about it. But he's been on off and on --

6 MS. FRASCH: Yes, he has. Arden is actually one  
7 of our oldest directors.

8 MR. BARR: That's the sort of -- I'm looking for a  
9 couple other names if you have any, by any chance.

10 MS. FRASCH: Tom Higgins would be another --

11 MR. BARR: Who?

12 MS. FRASCH: Tom Higgins.

13 MR. BARR: I'm looking for names to other --

14 MS. FRASCH: Tom's been around a lot.

15 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, Tom has been --

16 MR. BARR: And what town is he from, or area?

17 MR. JULESGARD: Over Naper area.

18 MR. BARR: Naper area?

19 MS. FRASCH: Yeah.

20 MR. JULESGARD: He lives just into Keya Paha  
21 County.

22 MR. BARR: Do you remember any of the people who  
23 were particularly involved in the low-level nuclear waste  
24 controversy, either board or non-board, just people in the  
25 community that were actively involved?

1                   MR. JULESGARD: Well, Jack Hinglehoff (phonetic)  
2 was one that I know they were involved a lot in that.

3                   MR. BARR: And he's from? Butte?

4                   MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, and Tom also.

5                   MR. BARR: Tom Higgins?

6                   MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, Higgins.

7                   MS. FRASCH: You know, Larry was around then, but  
8 Larry --

9                   MR. JULESGARD: Larry didn't seem like he was --  
10 no, Larry never really was that involved. I know Jack and  
11 Tom did a lot of, you know, they were a lot more out in the  
12 public on things.

13                   MR. BARR: Who in the community, other than --  
14 either for or against, was particularly active in this  
15 general area?

16                   MS. FRASCH: Ken Reiser (phonetic) was real --

17                   MR. BARR: Who?

18                   MS. FRASCH: Ken Reiser.

19                   MR. BARR: Oh, that's right. I remember his name.  
20 Is Keith Jureg (phonetic) still around?

21                   MS. FRASCH: Yes, Keith is still here in Butte.

22                   MR. BARR: Here?

23                   MS. FRASCH: Uh-huh.

24                   MR. BARR: Where is Ken?

25                   MS. FRASCH: Ken Reiser is just outside of Butte

1 here also.

2 MR. BARR: Anything else -- oh, I was going to  
3 ask, was the NRD in any way officially involved in that  
4 process? I mean, did you have a -- any kind of role, like  
5 permits or anything that you needed to get involved in?

6 MS. FRASCH: No.

7 MR. BARR: Well, now at this point, it's just any  
8 kind of reflections that you would like to have on the NRD  
9 process or natural resources in general, either in this  
10 district, or in your case, in the other districts that  
11 you've been involved in?

12 MR. JULESGARD: I guess as far as NRDs in general,  
13 and just the -- and being associated with more than one of  
14 them, I really feel that the NRDs really do take an active  
15 role in groundwater management. I know we get thrown under  
16 the bus every once in a while for things, but I think, in  
17 general, all of the NRDs have not only water quality, but  
18 water quantity in mind in all of their things that they do.  
19 And then, just natural resources in general, just trying to  
20 make sure that, you know, because we do deal some with some  
21 sediment erosion complaints and we try and get those things  
22 mitigated and stuff. So the NRDs serve a real vital role in  
23 the state as far as all of the -- anything that's connected  
24 with the natural resources, be it soil erosion or water or  
25 groundwater or surface water. You know, our intention is to

1 make sure that we keep this available for everybody.

2 MR. BARR: You've worked for three different NRDs.  
3 Do you have any thoughts on the variability between natural  
4 resource districts either in approach or organization or  
5 anything that you can --

6 MR. JULESGARD: Well, all of the ones that I've  
7 worked with all have their own, I guess, for lack of better  
8 terms, personality. And I think that all is kind of driven  
9 by the board and the number of board members. And a lot of  
10 that is driven by the manager of those districts. When I  
11 went out to the Upper Republican, they had just had a new  
12 manager, hadn't been there a long time, and so they were  
13 kind of a little bit -- there was some changing and things  
14 that were happening there. And you could tell that there  
15 was some stuff in the board, you know, things didn't always  
16 necessarily run quite as smooth as they could.

17 MR. BARR: They had their share of controversy,  
18 too.

19 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, they had their share of  
20 controversies down there, because I was there just about the  
21 time the Kansas-Nebraska lawsuit started. So, there was a  
22 lot of unknown at that time, when I got there.

23 MR. BARR: Had there been much groundwater  
24 regulation up until then?

25 MR. JULESGARD: Oh, yeah. They had been -- they

1 had had flow meters on for years before that, because they  
2 had already recognized the issues of declines in that area.  
3 And that's one of the things that I found rather  
4 interesting. The producers in that area, when they first  
5 come on, flow meters were, "Oh, my gosh, this is a terrible  
6 thing," but when I was there, they would actually --  
7 producers would actually call the office and say, "My  
8 system's going to be off for these three days. My flow  
9 meter isn't working. Can you get out there and fix it?"  
10 So, I mean, they -- you found out that it was more than a  
11 government mandate and a regulatory tool, that it could also  
12 be a tool for them to manage their water and be more  
13 efficient. So, yeah, there's --

14 MR. BARR: All three of the areas you've worked  
15 has had either up or downstream co-managers of the river  
16 involved. How's, then, the interrelationship between, say,  
17 the three NRDs in the Republican, the three in the Niobrara,  
18 or the Missouri?

19 MR. JULESGARD: The three in the Republican, I  
20 think before the Kansas-Nebraska lawsuit, they were pretty  
21 much really independent of one another, and they were always  
22 pointing at one another for if there was anything that was  
23 going on. But once the lawsuit got going and that, they  
24 really pulled together. Yeah, there's still a little bit  
25 of, well, troubles all run downhill, so the lower one always

1 feels like they get the most problems.

2 MR. BARR: Is that the case here?

3 (Laughter.)

4 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, you kind of feel that way  
5 sometimes, but, you know, in general, like I said, that I  
6 feel that they were really starting to work together when I  
7 left there. As far as, like, at the Lewis and Clark with  
8 the Papio-Missouri, there was always a good working  
9 relationship between those two districts. And, of course, a  
10 lot of that, I would attribute to, at the time, that was  
11 Vince Kramper was the NRC representative there, so I  
12 attribute a lot of that to Vince and (indiscernible),  
13 because he was always making sure that we knew what was  
14 going on in both areas. So, he kept them updated and us,  
15 too.

16 MR. BARR: Do you remember who was one of the  
17 original Niobrara representatives?

18 MS. FRASCH: Jim Cook from Mills.

19 MR. BARR: Is he still living?

20 MS. FRASCH: No, Jim's passed away.

21 MR. BARR: How long ago, do you know, roughly?  
22 Quite a while?

23 MS. FRASCH: Yes, it's been quite a while,  
24 probably five, six years or more.

25 MR. BARR: Yeah, I remember Jim. I used to work

1       for the Commission at one point. He was on the Commission  
2       at that point.

3               Just out of curiosity, who's been that role since  
4       Jim Cook?

5               MS. FRASCH: Dave Cavlicek (phonetic).

6               MR. BARR: Dave Havlicek?

7               MS. FRASCH: Cavlicek.

8               MR. BARR: From what district?

9               MS. FRASCH: Upper Niobrara White.

10              MR. JULESGARD: Upper Niobrara White.

11              MR. BARR: Okay. And have you had any particular  
12       joint operations or joint projects with the other two of any  
13       kind or get together occasionally, or anything of that  
14       nature?

15              MR. JULESGARD: We try and get together annually  
16       as far as trying to keep updated on what's going on. We do  
17       that, usually, more than one occasion. We try and do that  
18       at our fall conference, and then we also try and get  
19       together during the summer sometime and just try and get all  
20       the staff together so everybody can kind of get to know one  
21       another.

22              MR. BARR: Where is the cutoff, roughly, between  
23       the Middle and the Lower?

24              MR. JULESGARD: Just a little -- a couple miles,  
25       what, three miles -- no, it would be five miles west of



1 Springview.

2 MR. BARR: Okay. At this point, do either of you  
3 have any observations on NRD? Since you've been here a  
4 while, you've apparently gotten along all right with --

5 MS. FRASCH: Uh-huh. (Indiscernible) working  
6 system.

7 MR. JULESGARD: Yeah, like I said, being involved  
8 in several, I mean, I've had -- I've been associated with,  
9 you know, I've been in the education, the I&E. I've worked  
10 with that group a lot. I've been a resource technician, so  
11 I've worked with a lot of different ones in the water, so  
12 I've worked with a lot of different staff across the whole  
13 state. And I think we all have the same goals in mind, how  
14 we get there sometimes takes a little different path, but  
15 overall, (indiscernible) pretty much the same.

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