

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
*Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE*

August 11<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 7 p.m.

**Board of Directors Meeting**

A notice of the meeting was announced over radio station KRVN and published in the newspapers within the District.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO MEETING:**

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 8/11
2. LRNRD Board Meeting and Index of Decisions, 7/11
3. Treasurer's Report and Budget Comparison, 7/11
4. Manager's Report, 8/11
5. Assistant Managers Report, 8/11
6. NRCS Report, 8/11
7. Variance Requests, 8/11
8. Rural Water Treasurers Report, 7/11

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. LRNRD FY 2011-2012 Budget Breakdown
2. Republican River Basin Water Balance Study

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:25 p.m.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly informed the audience of the Open Meetings Law posters posted in the meeting room.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: None

Others present: Rich Holloway, Tri-Basin NRD, Pat Underwood, LRNRD Grant Consultant, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Shane Westcott, Holdrege, Shane Frahm, Gretna, Allan Hollertz, Holdrege, Lana Hollertz, Holdrege, Kames Uerling, Indianola, Marilyn Tabor, Raymond, NE, Dave Domina, Omaha, Brandon Hanson, Steve Cappel, Culbertson, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

**Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the board minutes from the July meetings. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

**Motion #2 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to accept the July treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

Staff reports had been distributed and are attached to the minutes.

Michael Clements presented Kenneth Schoen's Well Meter Variance Request #148.

**Motion #3 by Matt Harrison seconded by Dave Bartels to deny Variance Request #148 for Kenneth Schoen. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

Michael Clements presented Al Hollertz's Variance Request #149. It was tabled for further clarification.

**Motion #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Terry Hoit to table Variance Request #149 for Al Hollertz, for further clarification. Motion carried.** Ayes 10 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nay – 1 Clark Andrews. Absent – 0.

John Lueking wanted the board's opinion on acres in the EQIP program until 2014. It was decided that he needed a Change in location on Contiguous Property.

The NRCS report is attached to the minutes.

Marlin Murdoch gave the Sustainability Task Force Update.

Malynda Cappelle, Associate Director of the Center for Inland Desalination Systems, University of Texas at El Paso and Brad Biagini, Project Manager for both OPUS Technology and ZDD Technology at N.A. Water Systems, gave a presentation on Desalination.

Michael Clements reviewed the FY2012 Budget. Copies were distributed and are attached to the minutes. The Budget Hearing date was set.

**Motion #5 by Jim Moore seconded by Clark Andrews to set the Budget Hearing date for September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

Michael Clements distributed the Republican River Basin Water Balance Study.

There was no NARD report. Fall Conference is the end of September.

Pat Underwood updated the board on the Environmental Trust Grant and asked that the board to approve submitting the Grant.

**Motion #6 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve submitting the Environmental Trust Grant. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

**Motion #7 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

**Motion #8 Marlin Murdoch seconded by Terry Hoit to move that the Board go into Executive Session at 9:11 p.m. to discuss the Integrated Management Plan. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

**Motion #9 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to move that the board come out of Executive Session at 10:52 p.m. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

**Motion #10 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to accept the Integrated Management Plan as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes – 7 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays – 4 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch. Absent 0.

**Motion #11 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to adjourn the meeting at 11:00 p.m. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nay – 0 Absent – 0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 8<sup>th</sup> starting with the Budget Hearing at 7:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date