

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

February 9th, 2012

Public Hearing at 1 p.m. immediately followed by the Variance Hearing and Regular Board Meeting

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, 2/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 1/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 1/12
4. Manager's Report, 2/12
5. Assistant Manager's Report, 2/12
6. NRCS Report, 2/12
7. Variance Requests
 - a. **Steve Henry**
8. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a. **Moore Brothers**
 - b. **Mary L. Hastings**
 - c. **John Ivey**
 - d. **Merlin Bartels**
 - e. **Verle Lush et al**
9. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 1/12

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 2/12
2. LRNRD Order Adopting Amendment to Ground Water Management Rules and Regulations
3. LRNRD Testimony on LB1125

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Raymond Durner, Indianola, Richard Holloway, Tri-Basin NRD, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Steve Henry, Arapahoe, Douglas Schutz, Arapahoe, Chelsea Juricek, DWR, Stockton, KS. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

Vice Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 1:29 p.m.

Marlin Murdoch 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, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes from the January meetings. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

Motion #2 by Brad Wulf seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the January Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements updated the board on the Environmental Trust Grant. The NRD applied for the Desalination grant, it was not approved. However, the Twin Valley Weed Management Association applied for ETG and received slightly over \$400,000 for this upcoming year.

Bryan Lubeck had nothing more to add to his report.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report. He spoke about EQIP, AWEP and CSP. In the CCPI program there is \$75,000 to spend, after preapproval there is only \$40,000 needed. The incentive is \$494 per sensor. By the time the LRNRD and NRCS pay their portions, the sensors should be free. A detailed report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements was asked by Nate Jenkins to present to the board an ad campaign for the Natural Resources depicting what a good job the NRD's are doing. Mike feels it should be paid for by all 23 NRD's in the state not just the basin NRDs.

Motion #3 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to not partake in the radio advertising in cooperation with the other NRDs at this time. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to deny Steve Henry Variance Request #158. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 3 Matt Harrison, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Moore Brothers, Mary L. Hastings, John Ivey and Merlyn Bartels Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 8 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson. Abstain 1 Jim Moore.

Motion #6 by Matt Harrison seconded by Jim Moore to approve Verle Lush's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property, contingent on getting the lien returned. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

There were no comments from the public at this time.

Motion #7 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the LRNRD Ground Water Management Rules and Regulations as presented, effective March 16, 2012. Motion carried. Ayes 7 Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nays 2 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements explained that by approving the changes to the LRNRD Ground Water Management Rules and Regulations we will now need to advertise the LRNRD Order Adopting Amendment to Ground Water Rules and Regulations for three consecutive weeks. Then this will become effective March 16th, 2012.

Motion #8 by Jim Moore seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Lower Republican Natural Resources District's (LRNRD) order adopting amendment to the Ground Water Management Rules and Regulations (the "Rules"). Motion carried. Ayes 8 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 1 Matt Harrison. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements gave the NARD update. Mike discussed with the board that he will be testifying in support of LB1125 on Wednesday, February 15th. Attorney Steve Seglin will be testifying right after explaining the legal reason of why this is needed.

The other legislation is LB1084. This bill is scheduled for hearing on February 21st it was introduced by Senator Christensen to open up school lands for public hunting, fishing, trapping.

Motion #9 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to oppose LB1084 and to authorize the General Manager to testify in opposition of the bill. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

Motion #10 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel,. Nays 0. Absent 2 Nelson Trambly, Roger Nelson.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be March 8th at 2 p.m.

Secretary

Date