

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

March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Variance Hearing at 2 p.m. immediately followed by the Regular Monthly 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, 3/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 2/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 2/12
4. Manager's Report, 3/12
5. Assistant Manager's Report, 3/12
6. NRCS Report, 3/12
7. Variance Requests
  - a. Rod Ortgiesen
8. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
  - a. Bonham Land b.) Clyde Lueking c.) Mike Dallmann d.) V & W Farms, LLC
9. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 2/12

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 3/12
2. Email from Nebraska Soils Project, Ed George

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Richard Holloway, Tri-Basin NRD, Wes Broeker, Orleans, Ed George, Lincoln, Marjorie Shriver, Lincoln, Tony Anderson, Alma. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Coe.

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

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

Absent: Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, and Roger Nelson.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:05 p.m.

**Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Jim Moore to approve the board minutes from the February meetings.**

**Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the February Treasurer's Report as distributed.**

**Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Ed George, Nebraska Soils Project told the board he has never been in a position not knowing what to do with a monetary gift. The NRD contributed \$1,000 to the Nebraska Soils Project, and then found out his project received a \$200,000 soils grant. The board and staff were very supportive with a letter of recommendation for that grant. The FFA Foundation created a special bank account for the \$200,000. The Director explained that there were some issues with auditing/co-mingling money for the grant funded projects. Ed returned the \$1,000 check to the NRD and came up with several ideas on what to do with the money.

**Motion #3 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to redistribute the \$1,000 given to the Nebraska Soils Project to the LRNRD FFA Chapters that qualified for nationals. Motion carried.**

Hoit, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements, had nothing further to add to his written report. Mike introduced new employee Laurissa Lakatos. Mike also discussed with the board the need to enclose a couple of offices. We have received one bid.

**Motion #4 Bill Bose seconded by Brad Wulf to get three bids to build two offices in NRD office, approval of the bid is at the General Manager's discretion.** Ayes 8 - Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Bryan Lubeck added that the month of March is a busy month for the technicians. They have meter maintenance, static water level measurement, tree tilling, soil moisture sensors, and the list goes on and on.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements presented Rod Ortgiesen's variance request to the board.

**Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the Rod Ortgiesen Variance Request #159. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #6 by Bill Bose seconded by Terry Hoit to approve Bonham Land, Clyde Lueking, Mike Dallmann and V&W Farms, LLC, Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Rich Holloway commented on Bryan Lubeck's report on KRVN. Bryan was also seen on NTV.

Mike Clements gave a brief NARD update. Mike commented that LB1125 is now a priority bill.

Mike Clements explained to the board that Pat Underwood had come to him telling him that there is not much grant activity right now and felt there was a need to renegotiate her contract through June 30, 2012 at a lower rate.

**Motion #7 by Matt Harrison seconded by Jim Moore to approve the renegotiated Consultant Agreement with Pat Underwood. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

There were no Rural Water updates.

**Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #9 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison move that the Board go into Executive session at 2:56 p.m. to discuss litigation between KS vs NE and to discuss Personnel.** Motion carried. Ayes 8 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #10 by Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 3:40 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:41 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date