

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
May 10th, 2012
Variance Hearing at 7 p.m. followed by the 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, 5/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 4/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 4/12
4. Manager's Report, 5/12
5. Assistant Manager's Report, 5/12
6. Variance Requests
 - a. **Willis Woodring**
7. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a. **Willis Woodring**
 - b. **Gary Brown**
 - c. **Dean Lans**
 - d. **James Farms, Inc.**
9. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 4/12

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 5/12
2. NRCS Report, 5/12
3. Static Water Level – Spring 2012 to Fall 2011

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Tracy Smith, Bostwick Irrigation District, Anthony Fisher, Arapahoe, Garrett Schutz, Arapahoe, Attorney Steve Seglund. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, and Lauri Smith.

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

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

Absent: Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Jim Moore to approve the April Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 1 –Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

This year's Scholarship recipients are Garrett Schutz, Arapahoe and Nick Rempe, Superior. Garrett is a junior at UNL studying Agriculture Business. Nick Rempe attends Northeast Community College, in Norfolk, majoring in Diversified Agriculture. Nick Rempe was unable to attend. Bryan presented Garrett his award.

Mike Clements had a correction on his report about the replacement of the 16 tainter gates. It says that construction would start in the fall of 2012 if funding is available. It should be corrected to say the fall of 2013. Mike added at the

Riparian Vegetation Task Force meeting, they are looking to add a statewide coordinator. Mike feels that the TVWMA will oppose this, as they have been successful getting grants from the Environmental Trust. There will also be a Scrap Tire Collection in Harlan, Franklin and Webster Counties.

Mike Clements introduced new employee Lauri Smith of Franklin.

Bryan Lubeck reported that Brandyberry started mulching again in the district this afternoon. Hopefully, he will get everything done with the amount of mulch Bryan and Dave got together. Bryan added that the signs for conserving water need to be placed around the district. It was mentioned that producers should be notified before a sign is placed on their property. Bryan handed out the Static Water Level measurement from spring 2012 to fall 2011. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

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

Motion #3 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Matt Harrison approved Willis Woodring's Variance Request #163. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 1 –Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

Motion #4 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the Willis Woodring, Gary Brown, Dean Lans and James Farms, Inc., Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 1 –Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

There were no comments from the public.

Brad Edgerton requested a change of wording on the agenda from Supplemental Wells and Co-mingled Land to Conjunctive Management. Recently, Mike Clements and Brad visited about Conjunctive Management in the LRNRD rules. Brad explained how the surface water consumptive use is calculated, and educated the board on surface water transfers in the district. Brad spoke to the board about the LRNRD offering incentives to use surface water over ground water. After lengthy discussion the board decided to conduct a workshop to discuss these options.

There was no NARD report.

Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Rural Water treasurers report. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0. Absent 1 –Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:52 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be June 14th at 7 p.m.

Secretary

Date