

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

June 14th, 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, 6/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 5/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 5/12
4. South Central Focus on Pheasants (FOP)
5. Manager's Report, 6/12
6. Assistant Manager's Report, 6/12
7. Sustainability Task Force Final Report
8. Ground Water Rules and Regulations
9. NRCS Report
10. Variance Requests
 - a. **Adeline Ballou % Brent Ballou**
11. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a. **Meyer Angus, Inc.**
 - b. **Randy Warnken**
 - c. **Wendell Jeffrey Ord**
 - d. **Leonard E. Rehtus**
12. NARD Health Insurance Update
13. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 5/12

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 6/12
2. ET Gauges – Alan Corr
3. Notice of Violation

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

Absent: Terry Hoit.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Mike Delka, Bostwick Irrigation District, Alan Corr, Minden, John Laux, NGPC.
Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Coe.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m.

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the board minutes from the May meetings. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #2 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the May Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

John Laux, NE G&P, talked to the board about the Focus on Pheasants program and other programs available in the LRNRD.

Alan Corr, UNL Extension, presented the board with Evapotranspiration Gauges. Alan would like to get five additional

ET gauges located throughout the district. The gauges will cost around \$1,125, information accessible on the internet.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jim Moore to approve purchasing up to five Evapotranspiration Gauges (ET Gauges) that will be placed throughout the LRNRD to provide Crop Water Use data for irrigators. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Mike Clements brought to the board attention a well that was running with an inoperable meter. LRNRD Technician happened upon this well/meter and spoke with tenant Andy Mohlman. Andy had not notified the District but was aware that the meter was not working. He intends to get the meter repaired or replaced as soon as possible. It was decided that Andy would need to keep track of his water usage until a new meter is installed.

Marlin Murdoch talked with the board about the soil conservation signs. NRCS contacted producers in the district who have sensors and were asked if a conservation sign could be placed in their field. Packets were given to directors in their respective counties.

Marlin Murdoch gave an update on the Final Report Republican River Basin Water Sustainability Task Force. Marlin pointed out that in *Appendix A – Dissenting Views* – there were some task force member that disagreed with the Task Force Recommendation concerning water sustainability goals. They would define water sustainability to require the continued availability of water in perpetuity. The task force's definition is not strong enough because it allows present socio-economic needs to trump future water availability, while only minimizing the risk to future generations. Marlin also mentioned that under *B: A Plan to Achieve Water Sustainability* (page 10): The Task Force recommends that consideration be given to amending the statutes governing Groundwater Management Plans to – require that NRDs identify water sustainability goals that address and *ultimately* stop aquifer declines. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Staff reports were given by Mike Clements and Bryan Lubeck.

Mike Clements spoke to the board about setting a Public Hearing for the Rule and Regulations. Matt Harrison discussed section 7.2.3.3 on page 25.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to set the Ground Water Rules and Regulation Public Hearing date for July 12, 2012 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

NRCS report was given by Jerry Kovarik.

Mike Clements presented the NSWCP priority ranking. Each year the NSWCP ranking is reviewed to see which priority needs the highest ranking.

Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to approve NSWCP priority ranking 1). Water 2). Range 3). Erosion. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Adeline Ballou's Variance Request was presented for approval.

Motion #6 Clark Andrews seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve Adeline Ballou's Variance Request #164. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #7 by Matt Harrison seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve the Meyer Angus, Inc., Randy Warnken, Wendell Jeffry Ord and Leonard E. Rehtus, Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

No comments from the public.

Roger Nelson gave the NARD report update. There was an update on the NARD Health Insurance premiums. The medical premium will go up 15% in FY13.

There were no Rural Water updates.

Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the Rural Water treasurers report. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #9 by Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel move that the Board go into Executive session at 8:43 p.m. to discuss litigation updates between KS vs NE and to discuss Personnel. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #10 by Dave Bartels seconded by Jim Moore move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #11 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the FY2013 staff salaries as recommended and to increase the Assistant Managers Annual Leave by four hours per month. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

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

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be July 12th at 6:30 p.m.

Secretary

Date