

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
*Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE*  
October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Variance Hearing at 7:00 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, 10/9/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 9/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 9/12
4. Assistant Manager's Report, 10/12
5. Meter Reading Discrepancy
  - a.) *Douglas Palmer*
  - b.) *Greg Simpson*
6. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
  - a.) *Andrew Bunger*
  - b.) *Greg Simpson*
7. Request for Variance –
  - a.) *JF Hoffman*
  - b.) *Wayne Fouts*
8. Dry Year Leasing Program
9. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 9/12

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 10/12

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

Absent: Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Mike Delka, Bostwick Irrigation District, Tammy Fahrenbruch, TBNRD, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Jerry Hoffman, Cambridge, Doug Palmer, Wilsonville, Wayne Fouts, Hildreth, Mike Delka, Bostwick, Scott Bonifas, Red Cloud. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck and Shirlee Poyser.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m.

**Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the board minutes from the September meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the September Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements did not have a written report manager's report. Mike did comment that he had read an article in the Lincoln Journal Star by Art Hovey. The Bureau had just come out with the first projection of a water short year. They are projecting as of June 30<sup>th</sup>, the irrigation supply will be about 97,000 AF short of the 119,000 AF, and so they are projecting a water short year. Annual Compact meeting will be in Junction City, KS, October 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>.

Bryan Lubeck reported on the Static Water level measurements. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Bryan also report that at last month's meeting there were questions about Raymond Durners meter installation. Technician Ron Imm did inspect the meter installation and found that it is installed correctly.

Kim Quant from McCrometer will be here to explain in detail about automated pivot systems dealing with meter reading, measurer's precipitation, output of sprinkler package, etc.

Jerry Kovarik, Harlan County NRCS: EQIP, all eligible applications have been funded and are looking for more applications for 2013. There is \$10,000 going toward soil moisture sensors next year through a separate EQIP fund. If they get the Environmental Trust Grant then the money can be pulled and put back towards EQIP. NRCS is under continued resolution at 48.77% of the budget. Red Cloud is starting construction of their service center. Game & Parks, FSA, NRCS and the LRNRD on November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. at the Johnson Center are having a coffee shop meeting to talk about programs we have to offer.

Doug Palmer talked with the board about an issue he had with his meter and water flowing through the meter.

**Motion #3 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to approve changing Doug Palmers flow meter 00-8-2509 reading to show 23.44 inches were applied in 2012. Motion Carried.** Ayes 8 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Scott Bonifas presented the Gottsch Ag Partnership meter discrepancy to the board.

**Motion #4 by Dave Bartels seconded by Bill Bose to reduce Gottsch Ag Partnership flow meter 06-8-2600 2012 reading by 7%. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #5 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Bill Bose to approve the following Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property: Andrew Bunger and Greg Simpson. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #6 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve JF Hoffman's variance request #170 as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #7 by Matt Harrison seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Wayne Fout's variance request #169 as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Bill Bose feels that NRD needs to make sure that those affected in the Rapid Response Area know and understand the Dry Year Leasing Program and the bid process. Bill also wants to make sure that if there are multiple wells on a particle of ground (example 3 well in the rapid response and 1 well is out, how many acres can the one that is out of the rapid response water)? Mike Clements felt that in this case the number of acres certified to that one well. Mike Clements also indicated that there will be a letter sent to all those in the Rapid Response area, in the cover letter it will be stated that these producers have a well or wells affected in this area. Maps of the Rapid Response area are available on the LRNRD website and at the NRCS offices and the main office.

Mike Clements said that Jess Bradley was unable to attend. DNR was to have preliminary water usage off of the power records as of today, but they are still waiting on information from three different power companies that are in the Upper Republican.

There were no comments from the public.

Scot Lennemann, NRD Technician approached Mike about reading half the meters in Webster and Nuckolls Counties on the weekends. We currently have those meters read by a contract laborer. The board decided that Mike needed to contact the current person reading the meters to see if he was still interested.

Roger Nelson briefly talked about the NARD Fall Conference. He felt the conference went smoothly.

Mike Clements spoke to the board about implementing the Dry Year Leasing Program. If the board chose's to do so, there has to be Memorandum of Agreement between each NRD and the State of Nebraska since we are all contributing money to this program. Mike read through the agreement and it says DNR will limit it's reimbursement to \$250 per acre. Mike said that is 60% of the cost of this program and the LRNRD is 40%. Any contract over approximately \$416 per acres the LRNRD will have to make up the difference. Mike Clements discussed the Resolution with the board.

**Motion #8 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Dry Year Leasing Program Resolution with the LRNRD Board of Directors reserving right to reject any application.** Ayes 8 - Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #9 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the Republican River Basin Memorandum of Agreement as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #10 by Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #11 by Dave Bartels seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Executive session at 8:56 p.m. to discuss a potential land acquisition. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #12 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #13 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Bond Resolution as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #14 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels to approve changing the next board meeting to November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Motioned carried.** Ayes 8 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 3 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 15<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date