

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
LOWER REPUBLICAN NRD MEETING ROOM, 30 NORTH JOHN STREET, ALMA, NE
DECEMBER 13TH, 2012
VARIANCE HEARING AT 2:00 P.M. FOLLOWED BY THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was published in the local newspapers within the District.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO MEETING:

1. Agenda, 12/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 11/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 11/12
4. NRCS Report, 12/12
5. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) *Dean Dallmann*
 - b.) *Gary Dunse*
 - c.) *Kevin Heft*
 - d.) *Dale Skiles*
 - e.) *Estalene Russell Estate*
6. Request for Variance –
 - a.) *Estalene Russell Estate #173*
 - b.) *Nelson Trambly #174 (withdrawn at meeting)*
 - c.) *Nelson Trambly #175 (withdrawn at meeting)*
7. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 11/12

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 12/12
2. Assistant Manager's Report, 11/12
3. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property – *Margaret Ruf*

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

Absent: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Tammy Fahrenbruch, TBNRD, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Kayla Rehnberg, Dana Cole, Garth Wentworth, Inavale, Don Tegtman, Stamford, Richard Russell, Holdrege. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe, Joan Perkins, Lynetta Snelling and Garold Ohmstede.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:08 p.m.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly announced that the Open Meetings Law is available for review on the south wall.

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

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

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the variance hearing minutes from the November meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit. Nays 0.

Mike Clements and Bryan Lubeck discussed their staff reports. Copies of these reports are in the minute book.

Jerry Kovarik, Harlan County NRCS, gave the NRCS report. He reported on EQIP, CSP, WHIP. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Kayla Rehnberg, Dana Cole LLC, presented the 2012 Audit Report.

Estalene Y. Russell Estate variance request was discussed. Discussion was held on adding more acres. It was decided back in 2009 that the LRNRD was not adding new irrigated acres.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to deny the Estalene Y. Russell Estate Variance Request #173. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit. Nays 0.

Nelson Trambly variance Request #174 and #175 were withdrawn.

Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jim Moore to approve the following Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property Dean Dallman, Gary Dunse, Kevin Heft, Dale Skiles and Margaret Ruf's. No action was taken on the Estalene Y. Russell Estate Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property a new request will be resubmitted. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit. Nays 0.

Discussion was held on the Estalene Y. Russell Change in Location of Certified Acres Contiguous Property.

It was decided by the N-CORPE to not have the Manager's as voting delegates. Therefore, the LRNRD needs to change the voting delegate and alternate to consist of two board members.

Motion #6 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Jim Moore to appoint William C. Bose as the voting delegate member and Dave Bartels as the alternate voting member of the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Enhancement Project (N-CORPE). Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison. Abstain 1 – Dave Bartels. Absent 2 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit. Nays 0.

Don Tegtman discussed with the board termination of his AWEP Contract, Permanent Retired irrigated to dry acres and why he would like to do this. Mike Clements expressed his concerns why the LRNRD should not start allowing producers to request a termination from contracts. Mike Clements also spoke to Attorney Vern Duncan and he said there is no legal reason why the LRNRD could not reverse this contract.

Motion #7 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Brad Wulf to approve terminating Don Tegtman's AWEP Contract, Permanent Retire irrigated to dry only with the approval of the Federal Government. Motion failed. Ayes 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel. Nays 7 - Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. . Absent 2 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

There were no comments from the public.

There was no NARD report.

Motion #8 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. . Absent 2 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #9 by Dave Bartels seconded by Jim Moore to move that the Board go into Executive session at 2:58 p.m. to discuss the Lincoln County Land Acquisition and Review Bids for Dry Year Lease Program. Motion carried. Chairman admonished board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 9 – Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. . Absent 2 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #10 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 4:06 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. . Absent 2 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #11 by Dave Bartels seconded by Roger Nelson to accept the Bids for the Dry Year Lease Program. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. . Absent 2 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be January 10th, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date