

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
30 NORTH JOHN STREET, ALMA, NE
JUNE 13TH, 2013
PUBLIC HEARING AT 6:30 P.M. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was published in the local newspapers within the District and on the District Website at www.lrnrd.org.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 6/13
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 5/13
3. Treasurer's Report, 5/13
4. Manager's Report, Proactive Conservation Management
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. NRCS Report
7. NCORPE Statement
8. Water Contingency Cash Fund Report
9. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) *Heath Ruf*
 - b.) *David Johnson*
 - c.) *Bradley Dallman*
10. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 6/13

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 6/13
2. LRNRD Static Water Level
3. N-CORPE Statement updated

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 6:35 p.m. Nelson Trambly noted that guests should sign the attendance roster and noted the location of a current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws and the booklet with the information provided to directors.

A moment of silence was taken in memory of Director Jim Moore who passed away May 31, 2013. Jim was a director from 1977-2013. We thank him for his many years of dedicated service to the Lower Republican NRD.

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

Absent: none.

Others present: John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD, Dallas Haring, Naponee, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Cris Miller, Miller and Associates, Kearney. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, and Shirlee Poyser.

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

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

Mike Clements wrote the “Proactive Conservation Management” to be put on the NARD website and in the newsletter. Mike distributed the NARD health insurance information. Also, mentioned that we will be looking for an individual to fill Jim Moore's seat.

Bryan Lubeck presented the board with the Static Water Level information. Bryan introduced new technician Tom Kuhl to the board.

Mike Clements present to the board the NSWCP Priority Ranking.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to accept the NSWCP Priority Ranking 1.) Water 2.) Range 3.) Erosion. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0.

Mike presented the board with a bill for the ongoing N-CORPE expenses. Money would be wired to the Pinnacle Bank in Imperial, \$250,000 for maintenance and \$500,000 to go towards the loan payment.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve N-CORPE expenses to be paid. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0.

Mike talked to the board about paying the Water Contingency loan balance amount of \$1,482,173.40 back to the State of Nebraska.

Motion #5 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve paying loan balance in the amount of \$1,482,173.40 back to the State of Nebraska Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0.

Cris Miller, Miller and Associates, gave a presentation to the board, updating them on the N-CORPE Project.

Mike and Bryan discussed selling some LRNRD equipment. After lengthy discussion, it was discussed to find out the value of the equipment and bring it back to the board next month.

Motion #6 by Bill Bose seconded by Dave Bartels to find out the cost of equipment before selling it. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 1 – Roger Nelson.

Mike discussed developing additional parking in the north parking lot. It was discussed to have the curb ground down, but in order to meet the city code that makes it a bit expensive. It was decided to have the grass sprayed and then millings or gravel put down.

Motion #7 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to approve providing more parking spaces on the north side of the parking lot and to kill the grass and put millings down. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0.

The Changes in Location of Certified Acres were presented to the board.

Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for Heath Ruf, Donald Johnson and Bradley Dallman. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0.

The board discussed the amendment to rule 6-4.10.

Motion #9 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Terry Hoit to amend Rule 6-4 Flow Meters: Beginning March 1st, 2014 all flow meters on any well located within the District shall be a mechanical flow meter. Non-mechanical flow meters shall not be allowed on any well after March 1st, 2014. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, , Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 1 - Bill Bose.

Motion #10 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD Order Adopting Amendments to the Ground Water Management Rules and Regulations. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 1 - Bill Bose.

Mike Clements gave a brief NARD Report for Roger Nelson.

Motion #11 Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's Report. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0.

Motion #12 Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews to move that the Board go into Executive session at 8:04 p.m. to discuss the pending Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District and Bostwick Irrigation District Litigation and Personnel. Motion carried. Chairman admonished board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 10 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0.

Motion #13 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:25 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0.

Motion #14 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to approve FY2014 Salaries as amended. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 2 - Bill Bose, Dave Bartels.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:25 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be July 11th, 2013 at 7 p.m.

Secretary

Date