

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**30 NORTH JOHN STREET, ALMA, NE**  
**JULY 11<sup>TH</sup>, 2013**  
**IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE VARIANCE HEARING**  
**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](http://www.lrnrd.org).

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

1. Agenda, 7/13
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 6/13
3. Treasurer's Report, 6/13
4. Manager's Report
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. NRCS Report
7. Variance Requests
  - a.) **David & Margaret Ruf #195**
  - b.) **James Stoelting #196**
8. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 6/13
9. New Director Applications

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3. N-CORPE

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:10 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.

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

Absent: Terry Hoit.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Christian Schluntz, Alma, Wesley Broeker, Orleans, Val Hunt, Orleans, Royce Bose, Orleans, Craig Poyser, Alma, Jim Stoelting, Orleans, John Lueking, Oxford, Dale Murdoch, Holdrege, Randy Bialas Holdrege, Craig Brand, Oxford, Greg Christensen, Alma, Lee Bose, Orleans, Kevin Hodge Orleans, John Boehler, Holdrege, Nathan Dunse, Republican City, Dallas Haring, Naponee, Rhn Jacobsen, Franklin, Dewey Knuth, Oxford, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Don Broeker, Oxford, Brad Knuth, Holdrege, Jeff Huston, Holdrege, Jerry Ehrke, Orleans, Craig Hoxmeier, Orleans, Doug Horwart, Orleans, Seth Ivey, Oxford, Rolland Fletcher, Oxford, Jeremy Russell, Holdrege, Scott Beahm, Alma, Larry Beahm, Alma, Craig Baily, Oxford, Matt Broeker, Oxford, Glen Broeker, Oxford, Tim Bohl, Oxford, Tim Kahrs, Franklin, Wayne Brummer, Wilcox, Dave Schubert, Wilcox, Jim Hodge, Holdrege, Max Schultz, Oxford, Ron Ivey, Oxford, Scott Huston, Holdrege, Roger Johnson, Holdrege, Margaret Ruf, Wilsonville, Jerry Guthrie, Alma, Brian Gray, Holdrege, Mike Bartels, Holdrege, Terry Hays, Alma, Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

**Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the public hearing and board minutes from the June Board Meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 1 - Terry Hoit.

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

Mike Clements added to his manager's report that there will be a Lower Republican River Riparian Project Tour on August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2013. The tour starts at the Black Powder Restaurant in Franklin. RSVP online at [tvwm@gpcom.net](mailto:tvwm@gpcom.net) by July 31, 2013.

Bryan Lubeck had no further additions to the Assistant Managers report.

Terry Hoit arrived at 7:17 p.m.

Comments from the public were taken at this time. Roger Johnson spoke to the board about water usages and the possibility of taking two inches of water from irrigated beans and transferring them to another field. Several concerned patrons discuss water allocations with the board. It was decided that an emergency meeting is needed to discuss water allocations further.

**Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to schedule an emergency board meeting on July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7 p.m. to discuss allocation for the 2013 irrigation season. 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.

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

Mike Clements spoke to the board about implementing a \$10 per acre 2013 Occupation Tax for FY2014.

**Motion #4 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Bill Bose to approve the \$10 per acre Occupation Tax for Fiscal Year 2014. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 1 - Matt Harrison.

Mike Clements presented the board with the NCORPE updates. Attorney Steve Seglin presented the board with updates to statements and agreements. Steve commented this has to do with amending the preliminary official statement, the Trust Indenture & Security Agreement and amending the previous resolution that was passed in May that will allow NCORPE to create a debt service fund. This is an amount that will be taken out of the sale of the bonds and put in this fund to pay for the interest in the event the Occupation Tax is not enough to pay the interest of the bond. The reason is because the rating agency did not rate the bond very high the first time around, now the bond underwriter thinks that we have applied for this debt service and that the bonds will be more secure at a higher rating. Essentially, they are saying the eight million dollars the four NRD's put up initially as the down payment on the purchase of the land was to be returned after the bonds were sold, that may not be returned now. Either all or a part of it will be put in the debt service fund. They are hoping this will help our rating.

**Motion #5 by Dave Bartels seconded by Marlin Murdoch move the adoption of the attached resolution, which amends and supplements a prior resolution of the District authorizing the issuance of a limited obligation occupation tax supported River Flow Enhancement Bond, Series 2013, in the maximum principal amount of not to exceed \$25 million and the delivery of such 2013 District Bond to the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project to reflect certain obligations of the District relating to said 2013 District Bond, and particularly obligations relating to the debt service reserve fund to be establish and maintained by the Agency for the 2013 Agency Bonds as described in the Resolution; otherwise affirming and ratifying the prior resolution, repealing any conflicting resolutions and providing**

**for the effectiveness of this Resolution. 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.

Big Iron representatives Dave Steinbrink and Kirk Kircher presented the board with ways they could help the NRD advertise and sell equipment.

**Motion #6 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to table the equipment sale till the August meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 – Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 2 Terry Hoit, Clark Andrews.

**Motion #7 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to approve Variance Request # 195 for David & Margaret Ruf. 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.

**Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Variance Request #196 for James Stoelting. Motion carried.** Ayes 10 –Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0.

**Motion #9 Bill Bose seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.** Ayes 10 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0.

Mike Clements presented the Rural Water FY2014 budget to the board.

**Motion #10 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve the FY2014 Rural Water Budget. 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.

The LRNRD Interviewed 3 individuals for the Sub-district 2 position. Tim Kahrs, Rhn Jacobson and Dallas Haring. Tim Kahrs was selected to fill the term.

**Motion #11 by Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews to appoint Tim Kahrs of Franklin as new director for sub district 2. Motion carried.** Ayes 5 – Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel. Nays 4 - Terry Hoit, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Abstain 1 - Dave Bartels,

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at 7 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date