

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
30 John Street, Alma, NE
Immediately following the 7pm Variance Hearing
August 14th, 2014 @ 7PM

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.lmrdr.org.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 8/14
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Hearing Minutes, & Index of Decisions, 7/14
3. Treasurer's Report, 7/14
4. Manager's Report
5. NRCS Report
6. Variance Request –
a.) Wayne Guthrie #220
7. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
a.) GERALD SCHLUNTZ
b.) GREG CHRISTENSEN
c.) MIKE BARTELS
8. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 7/14

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Flow Meter Requirement Status in NE by NRD's
2. NRD's are Managing Water Statewide
3. Resolution to Exempt Small Dams Built before 1973 for Certain DNR Regulations
4. N-CORPE Budget Comparison

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:05PM. Murdoch 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, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel.

Absent: Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Andy Raun, Hasting Tribune, Mark Steinkruger, Franklin, Tracy Guthrie, Holdrege, John Thorburn, TBNRD. Staff present: Mike Clements, Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the July Board, and Variance Minutes as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

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

Mike Clements gave his manager's report. Mike announced that Scott Dicke has accepted the Assistant Manager's position. Scott will start September 15th. Mike discussed those who have not replaced their electronic flow meters. Producers were contacted and we are waiting for information from them to finish up the needed paperwork to complete this project. Mike invited the board to the Manager's retreat that will be held here in Alma on August 25 – 27 and to the NARD Annual Conference will be held on September 22-23 in Kearney at Younes Conference Center. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report and discussed EQIP, CSP and the Land Judging contest that will be held October 1st.

Mark Steinkruger discussed with the board that his meter had not read correctly since 2012. Mark said that the NRD technician Scot Lennemann had brought it to his attention. The board felt more information is needed before they can make a decision.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Tim Kahrs to table Mark Steinkruger's meter reading adjustment until additional information is provided. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

John Thorburn, TBNRD Manager discussed with the board a resolution to Exempt Small Dams Built before 1973 from certain DNR regulations.

Motion #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to support the Tri-Basin NRD resolution to Exempt Small Dams Built before 1973 from certain DNR Regulations. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Motion #5 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Dave Bartels to approve funding for the irrigation meter calculator app. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Motion #6 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Variance Request ##220 for Wayne Guthrie. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Motion #7 by Roger Nelson seconded by Terry Hoit to approve All Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented: Gerald Schluntz, Greg Christensen, and Mike Bartels. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Discussion was held on the N-CORPE budget. Mike also informed the board that there will be an N-CORPE treasurer's report and budget comparison.

Motion #8 by Roger Nelson seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the FY2015 N-CORPE Budget as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch,. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements presented detailed information about the FY2015 LRNRD budget. Several questions were asked and answered.

Motion #9 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the FY2015 LRNRD Budget and set the budget hearing date for September 11th, 2014 at 6:45PM. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 1 – Bill Bose. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Dave Bartels gave an update on the N-CORPE Project.

Roger Nelson had no NARD update.

There was no update on the Rural Water Project.

Motions #10 by Matt Harrison seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

The meeting adjourned at 8:57PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 11th, starting with the Budget Hearing at 6:45PM at the Lower Republican NRD office.

Secretary

Date

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