

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
30 John Street, Alma, NE
Immediately following the Variance Hearing
October 9th, 2014 @ 7PM

Board of Directors Meeting

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 10/14
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Hearing Minutes, & Index of Decisions, 9/14
3. Treasurer's Report, 9/14
4. Manager's Report
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. Variance Request –
 - a.) **Michael Schurman (withdrew)**
 - b.) **Rodney Steinkruger**
7. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) **V&W FARMS, LLC**
 - b.) **V&W FARMS, LLC**
 - c.) **MELVIN CHRISTENSEN**
 - d.) **STEVE JOHNSON (REVISITED)**
 - e.) **THOMAS SMITH, PREMIER TRUST INC.**
8. N-CORPE Budget Comparison & Treasurer's report 9/14
9. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 9/14

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 10-14
2. Permit to Construction a New Well
3. LRNRD Resale Stock & Customer Charges
4. Email to Pete Ricketts

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00PM. 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, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Andy Raun, Hasting Tribune, Nolan Little, TBNRD, Chelsea Erickson, Stockton, KS, Stephen Johnson, Upland, Rodney Steinkruger, Franklin. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Heft.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the September Board, and Variance Minutes as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 3 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

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

Motion #3 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to hire Scott Dicke as Assistant Manager of the Lower Republican Natural Resources District at an annual salary of \$70,000. Further it is moved that Scott Dicke be paid an allowance not to exceed \$2,500 to go towards moving expenses and further it is moved that Scott Dicke be added to the list of individuals who are allowed to sign checks for the Lower Republican NRD. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 3 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements gave the manager's report. Mike reported that Jo Siel did a fantastic job organizing the Land Judging contest that was held on October 1st. There were 265 students at the contest. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Scott Dicke updated his Assistant Manager's report. Scott emailed Pete Ricketts with information regarding N-CORPE and the potential economic impact. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report. Jerry also mentioned the Land Judging contest and that an Arapahoe team won the team division, Franklin and Alma were award seconded and third.

Mike explained to the board that Mike Sughroue from Industrial Pipeline's had spoken to him about drilling a new irrigation well to be used for highway construction purposes.

Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Clark Andrews to allow Industrial Pipelines to construct a new well for the use of highway construction. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 3 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Scott Dicke presented the board with the updated LRNRD Resale Stock & Customer Charges for FY2015.

Motion #5 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the LRNRD Resale Stock & Customer charges. Motion carried. Ayes 8 –Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 3 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Motion #6 by Matt Harrison seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve Change in location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for: V & W Farms, V & W Farms, Melvin Christensen. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 3 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Motion #7 by Matt Harrison seconded Dave Bartels to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for: Thomas B. Smith, Premier Trust, Inc. Motion carried. Ayes 7 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Abstain 1 – Marlin Murdoch. Absent 3 - Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Bill Bose arrived at 7:30pm.

The board tabled Steve Johnson's Change in Location of Certified Acres at the September board meeting. It had been brought to the NRD's attention that Steve Johnson had watering new acres without receiving permission from the Board. A certified letter was sent to Mr. Johnson explaining his violations and the board requested his presence at the October board meeting to discuss the matter further.

Motion #8 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for: Steve Johnson. Motion carried. Ayes 9 –Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Motion #9 by Matt Harrison seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve Variance Request #223 for Rodney Steinkruger. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Abstain 1 - Bill Bose. Absent 2 - Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

There was no N-CORPE update.

Roger Nelson reported at the NARD conference that he attended several sessions. One particular session with lots of interest, was on the N-CORPE project where Jasper Fanning, Manager, Upper Republican NRD gave the presentation. There was a Basin meeting, and during the meals the NARD presented individual awards to NRD Director of the Year, Educator of the Year, Tree Planter of the Year, to name a few.

Mike Clements said that there have been approximately 20 new hook-ups on the Rural Water line so far this year.

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

Brad Wulf arrived at 7:47pm.

Motion#11 by Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel to go into executive session at 7:56pm to discuss Kansas vs Nebraska Supreme Court Lawsuit. Motion carried. Ayes 10 –Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 1 - Terry Hoit,

Motion #12 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews move that the Board come out of Executive session at 8:17pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Ayes 10 –Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 1 - Terry Hoit.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 13th at 2PM at the Lower Republican NRD office.

Secretary

Date