

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
April 9, 2015 at 7 pm

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.lnrdr.org.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 4/15
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 3/15
3. LRNRD, N-CORPE & Rural Water Treasurer's Report, 3/15
4. Manager's Report
5. NRCS Report
7. Board Action on Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) Schoen Brothers Partnership
 - b.) Tom Yelken
 - c.) Greg Christensen
 - d.) Darleen K. Nielsen Testamentary Trust
8. Variance Requests
 - a.) Roger, Randal & Ardell Volk, #234
 - b.) Calvin Wineland & Tasha Lou Beckman, #235
 - c.) Gary Shipman, #236
9. Republican River Basin-wide Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 4/15
2. Assistant Manager's Report

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. Marlin Murdoch noted that guests could 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, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Clint & Gary Shipman, Randy Bialas, Dale Murdoch, Holdrege, Brad Barwick, Orleans, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Craig Brand, Oxford, Dewey Knuth, Oxford, Roger Johnson, Holdrege, Bradley Knuth, Holdrege, Doug Sindt, Riverton, Rich Siel, Franklin, Charles Brooks, TriBasin NRD, Kyle Klinkebiel, Cambridge, Brad Edgerton, Cambridge. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, and Kristi Heft.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the board minutes, and variance minutes from the March Board Meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Toby tenBensel, Terry Hoit.

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

Staff reports were given. Mike Clements talked about the Outdoor Classroom dedication the NRD will be having for Bryan Lubeck on April 30 for his 29 years of service to the NRD. Scott Dicke gave programs and outreach updates to the board and revealed the 2015 LRNRD Scholarship winners: Clay Blank, Wilcox and Brandon Andrews, Holbrook,

are the recipients, Artyom Zhilin of Alma is the alternate. Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report and updated the board on the EQIP, and Sodbusting program in our district.

Testimony and evidences was received by the Board to consider the approval and adoption of the amendment to Rule 7-14.12, this shall become effective May 14, 2015.

Motion #3 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Tim Kahrs to impose a one-year pumping maximum allocation on groundwater during the 2015 irrigation season of 13.0 inches per effective Certified Irrigated acres or 13.0 per effective Certified Irrigated Acre if a Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement has been approved by the District. Motion carried. Ayes 6 – Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 3- Bill Bose, Marlin Murdoch, Clark Andrews. Absent 2 - Toby tenBensel, Terry Hoit.

Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property were presented:

Motion #4 Bill Bose seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve all Changes in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Schoen Brothers Partnership, Tom Yelken, Greg Christensen, and Darleen K. Nielsen Testamentary Trust. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent 2 – Toby tenBensel, Terry Hoit.

Variance requests were presented:

Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to approve the Calvin Wineland & Tasha Lou Beckman Variance Request #235. Motion carried. Ayes 7 – Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 2 - Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch. Absent 2 – Toby tenBensel, Terry Hoit.

Motion#6 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Brad Wulf to approve Roger, Randal & Ardell Volk's Variance Request #234. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 2 – Toby tenBensel, Terry Hoit.

Motion #7 by Dave Bartels seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the Gary Shipman's Variance Request #236. Motion carried. Ayes 9 – Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Absent 2 – Toby tenBensel, Terry Hoit.

Mike Clements gave the NCORPE update. All wells have been shut down. Now that the investment company has seen what the NCORPE is capable of pumping, they are looking at taking the money that was used for interim financing and putting it into bonds so we can lower our payments and receive interest.

Mike Clements presented the board with a Letter of Engagement with Bruning Law Group. David Cookson and Katie Spohn will now be representing the LRNRD. A copy of this letter is in the minute book.

Motion #8 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the Letter of Engagement with Bruning Law Group. Motion carried. Ayes 6 – Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 3 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Absent 2 – Toby tenBensel, Terry Hoit.

There were no comments from the public.

Mike Clements discussed the Republican River Basin-wide Plan Stakeholder Advisory Committee Meeting that was held on March 31. This meeting was organized to provide an opportunity to introduce the basin-wide water management planning process, participants and timeline. They discussed goals, objectives and the groundwater and surface water controls from the current Integrated Management Plans (IMPs). The group will begin to develop goals for the Basin-wide Plan (BWP). There are 46 Stakeholders on the Advisory Committee.

Roger Nelson will be attending the State Envirothon in Cozad on Wednesday, April 29.

There was no Rural Water update.

Bostwick Irrigation District has approached N-CORPE about potentially purchasing water from N-CORPE. Bostwick is still in the discussion process with N-CORPE.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be May 14, 2015 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date