

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
May 10th, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was published on the District Website at www.lnrnd.org.

Vice Chairperson William Bose called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:06 p.m. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The vice chairman provided notice that the location of the current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws is located on the south wall and the booklet with the information is provided to all directors.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, William Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Kyle Klinkebiel, Cambridge, John Thorburn, TBNRD, Holdrege, Kate Likens, Diné Hutchens, Haley Witte, and John Lechtenberg, Southern Valley FFA, Chuck Burr, North Platte, Dave Murman, Glenvil, Seth Andrews, Cambridge. Staff present: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, Kristen Heft.

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Agenda

Variance Request #269 Rolland Eubanks

LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes, Index of Decisions, 4/18

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 4/18

Staff Report, NRCS Report

Comments from the Public: Dave Murman, Glenvil, NE is a legislative candidate running in District 38 introduced himself to the board.

Motion #1 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the board and variance minutes. Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0. Absent 3.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Toby TenBensel to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0. Absent 3.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report. Jerry reported on EQIP, RCPP, and CStwP. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed details of the written staff report. The LRNRD sold approximately 27,000 trees and shrubs this year and provided machine plantings for over 50 different sites throughout the district. The Republican River Basin-Wide Plan is nearing completion after four years, both the NDNR and the NRD's have confidence that the Basin-Wide planning process will be completed near the end of this summer. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Seth Andrews, 2018 NRD Scholarship recipient introduced himself and told the board his plans for college.

Southern Valley FFA students Aubrey Warner, Diné Hutchens and Haley Witte highlighted the FFA programs and activities. The SV chapter placed 35th out of 105 in the State Land Judging contest. They went to National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma and placed 50th. The FFA is asking for donations to help cover expenses. Jon Lechtenberg, is the Southern Valley FFA instructor.

Motion #3 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Clark Andrews to approve donating \$1,000 to the Southern Valley FFA team for expenses occurred at the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma. Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0. Absent 3.

UNL Extension Agent, Chuck Burr, presented the UNL-TAPS Management Competition to the board. A complete copy of this competition description is in the minute book. Chuck asked for a \$1,000 donation from the LRNRD for the competition. A brochure of this program is in the minute book.

Brad Wulf entered the meeting at 7:35 p.m.

Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to approve \$1,000 to the Farm Management Program (TAPS). Motion carried. Ayes 7 Nays 2 (Bose, Kahrs). Absent 2

Todd Siel presented Variance Request #269 to the board.

Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve Variance Request #269 for Rolland Eubanks. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

NARD Update: NRD Managers' tour is June 11th & 12th, both the Lower Platte South NRD and the Nemaha NRD will host and lead the tour. Roger Nelson circulated information on two local teams that participated at Envirothon. Southern Valley place 2nd and Arapahoe placed 3rd at the event.

NCORPE Update: Replacement and repairs are being made on a beaver dam, culvert and a valve at NCORPE. UNL Dr. Thompson did an economic study on NCORPE. According to the study, NCORPE is providing benefits of \$35 million per year in keeping the economy going.

Other Business: There was no other business to discuss.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Nelson Trambly to move that the Board go into Executive session at 7:51 p.m. to discuss contractual negotiations and Imminent Litigation. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Toby tenBensel to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:04 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be June 14th, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:04 pm.

Secretary

Date