

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
July 10th, 2008 following the 7:00 Public Hearing

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was announced over radio station KRVN and published in the newspapers within the District.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO MEETING:

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 7/10/08
2. Agenda, Variance Hearing, 7/10/08
3. LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes and Index of Decisions, 6/12/08
4. LRNRD Variance Minutes, 6/12/08
5. LRNRD Treasurers Report and Budget Comparison, 6/30/08
6. Managers Report, 7/10/08
7. Assistant Managers Report, 7/1/08
8. Republican River Basin Coalition Report, July 2008
9. Variance Request
 - a. Variance Request – Chad Johnson
10. Groundwater Management Rules & Regulations & IMP
11. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 6/30/08
12. Application for a Permit to Construct a Well in the LRNRD
13. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report, 6/30/08

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 7/10/08

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Nelson Trambly informed the audience of the Open Meetings Laws posters posted in the meeting room.

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Traci Witthuhn, RRBC, Nick Simonsen, Harlan Co. NRCS, Brad Edgerton, DNR, Cambridge, Merle Illian, TVWMA, Steve Sindt, Inavale, Chad Johnson, Cambridge, Mark Billinger, KS DWR. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to accept the minutes from the June board meeting. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 6 Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Absent 4 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Motion #2 by Clark Andrews seconded by Brian Holtze to accept the minutes from the June Variance Request minutes. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 6 Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews. Absent 4 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Clark Andrews to accept the June treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 6 Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews. Absent 4 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Bill Bose entered at 7:08 p.m.

Mike Clements handed out his staff report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Bryan Lubeck had nothing further to add to his staff report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Motion #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Brad Wulf to approve Brian Holtze as LRNRD Board Treasurer, effective July 1, 2008 due to Toby tenBensel resigning. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 6 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson. Abstain 1 Brian Holtze.

Nick Simonsen, Harlan County NRCS gave the NRCS report. 203 CSP Applications were funded in the Middle Republican Watershed from the signup in April and May. Nebraska had the most funded applications in the nation, nearly 10% of the total applications.

The Local Work Group meeting will be held this month to discuss resource concerns and priorities for the 2009 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP). The cut off for applications for 2009 will be October 1st.

The NSWCP Priority Ranking for FY 08 will be: 1. Water, 2. Range, 3. Erosion.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion #5 by Brian Holtze seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Chad Johnson's variance request #62 as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

There were no Board of Educational Lands and Funds.

There were no Wild Nebraska applications.

Brad Wulf gave a brief RC&D report. The new RC&D coordinator Steven Meyer has started.

Merle Illian gave the Easter Republican River Riparian Improvement Project Final Report and presented a video of the Republican River riparian project from the Harlan Co. Dam to the state line.

Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jay Ziegler to budget a \$15,000 contribution towards the Twin Valley Weed Management associated activities. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze. Absent 4 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Mike mentioned that on July 24th the Governor's Riparian Task Force is meeting in Franklin and the Environmental Trust is meeting in Alma on the same day. They are going to join together after their meetings and tour several vegetation management sites between Franklin and Red Cloud. Mike opened the invitation to the board members.

Traci Witthuhn gave the Republican River Basin Coalition report. Traci also discussed the RRBC Bylaws with the board. This report is in the minute book.

Motion #7 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jay Ziegler to accept the Republican River Basin Coalition Bylaws with associated changes. Motion Failed. Roll Call. Nays 7 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements presented Steve Sindt's flow meter/well dilemma. John Bush inspected the meter and did an ultrasonic reading. A copy of Bush's report is in the minute book.

Motion #8 by Clark Andrews seconded by Brian Holtze to remove the 4.40 inch overage on Steve Sindt's meter #99-8-1163 for the 2005-2007 allocation period, due to well pumping air. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 5 Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze. Nays 2 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Traci Witthuhn handed out the updated version of the Republican River Basin Coalition bylaws.

Motion #9 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to accept the Republican River Basin Coalition Bylaws as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements reviewed the revisions to the Groundwater Rules and Regulations that Harriet suggested. Also, Mike had a meeting with Tina Krutz. They found a few more revisions that should possibly be made. A copy of these changes is in the minute book. No hearing date was set.

There was no update to the Rural Water Project.

Motion #10 by Jay Ziegler seconded by Brian Holtze to approve the June Rural Water treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Motion #11 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve the FY09 Rural Water Budget as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

There was no NARD report.

There was no Augmentation update.

There is no Executive Committee report.

There is no Groundwater Management Committee report.

Bryan Lubeck reported on the Groundwater Management Area Report. The technicians are back down to the SPA to take water samples this month.

The board reviewed the Applications for a Permit to Construct a Well.

There was no update on the Nebraska Republican River Management District Association.

There were no time extension requests.

Motion #12 by Clark Andrews seconded by Brian Holtze to go into Executive Session at 9:17 p.m. to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement and possible Litigation Pertaining to Rule Violations. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Motion #13 Brian Holtze seconded by Brad Wulf to come out of executive session at 9:56 p.m. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 14th at 8 p.m.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Secretary

Date