

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
*Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE*  
**August 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, 8/8/08
2. Agenda, Variance Hearing, 8/14/08
3. LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes and Index of Decisions, 7/10/08
4. LRNRD Variance Minutes, 7/10/08
5. Republican River Basin Coalition Report, 8/08
6. LRNRD Treasurers Report and Budget Comparison, 7/31/08
7. Managers Report, 8/8/08
8. Assistant Managers Report, 8/6/08
9. Variance Request - E. Jean Henke
10. Groundwater Management Rules & Regulations & IMP
11. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 7/31/08
12. Application for a Permit to Construct a Well in the LRNRD
13. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report, 7/31/08

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 8/14/08
2. Change in Location on Contiguous Property Casey Hemje
3. Change in Location on Contiguous Property Scot Grams
4. FY2008-2009 Budget Breakdown & Summary

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m.

Directors present: Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson Jay Ziegler

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

Others present: Marlin Murdoch, Orleans, Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Traci Witthuhn, RRBC, Nick Simonsen, Harlan Co. NRCS, Juan Hernandez, Lincoln NRCS, Gary Stoelting, Orleans.  
Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser & Kristi Coe.

**Motion #1 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to appoint Marlin Murdoch as Director in Sub-district 2. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 6 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 4 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson, Jay Ziegler.

Marlin Murdoch read his Oath of Office to the Board.

Jay Ziegler entered at 7:15 p.m.

**Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Jim Moore to accept the minutes from the July board meeting. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to accept the July Variance Request minutes. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to accept the July treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

Mike added to his manager's report that Senator Carlson invited a few State Senators to the LRNRD, to tour the Republican River where they observed vegetation management practices. The Senators were very impressed with the results. Mike Clements received a thank you note from Senator Langemeier.

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

Nick Simonson, Harlan County NRCS introduced his supervisor Juan Hernandez from Lincoln. EQIP deadline to sign up for funds is October 1st.

CSP payments are currently being made for 2008. Field reviews are being done on every contract to ensure compliance. They will be spot checking these again prior to making the 2009 payments.

NRCS is still in the rule writing stage for the Farm Bill Programs and until the rules are completed, they have limited information on the specifics of these programs such as EQIP, WRP, and CSP.

NRCS will be checking irrigated to dryland EQIP contracts in the next month to ensure no fields were irrigated that are currently receiving an incentive payment.

Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator, gave the Coalition update. A copy of this report is in the minute book. Traci added that the next NRRMDA meeting will be August 19<sup>th</sup> in Holdrege.

**Motions #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jim Moore to have the Republican River Basin Representative approve the RRBC by-laws as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

Kristi Coe presented Casey Hemje's change in location of certified acres on contiguous property.

**Motion #6 by Jay Ziegler seconded by Brian Holtze to approve Casey Hemje's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

Kristi Coe presented Scot Grams change in location of certified acres on contiguous property.

**Motion #7 by Jim Moore seconded by Terry Hoit to approve Scot Grams Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8

Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

The board asked Kristi to make a list of contiguous property to be inspected.

Kristi Coe presented the E. Jean Henke variance request.

**Motion #8 by Brian Holtze seconded by Brad Wulf to approve E. Jean Henke's variance request #63 as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements reviewed the FY09 Budget Breakdown. Mike proposed to the board that we raise the property tax from \$690,100 to \$760,100 a 9% increase. There has not been an increase in our general fund in several years.

**Motions #9 by Jay Ziegler seconded by Marlin Murdoch to move the FY2009 budget as presented to public hearing. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #10 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison set budget hearing date for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #11 by Brad Wulf seconded by Brian Holtze to set Final Tax Request hearing for September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:10 p.m. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

Mike was asked to readdress the changes that were made in the municipal and industrial portion of the Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations. Attorney Harriett Hageman and Mike discussed that we table any decision on the rules until next month. There are a few concerns that still need worked out.

There was no update on the Rural Water Project.

**Motion #12 by Jim Moore seconded by Brian Holtze to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #13 by Jim Moore seconded by Marlin Murdoch to have Roger Nelson as NARD voting Delegate and Nelson Trambly as NARD voting Alternate. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

There was no NARD report.

There was no Augmentation update.

There is no Executive Committee report.

There is no Groundwater Management Area report.

There is no Groundwater Management Committee report.

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

There were no RC&D reports.

There were no Board of Education Land and Funds Leases.

There were no Wild Nebraska applications.

The next Nebraska Republican River Management District Association meeting is August 19<sup>th</sup>, in Holdrege.

**Motion #14 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Cost Share Time Extensions as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

H570	Jeff Swanson	October 17, 2008
W447	Joe Vavricka	October 25, 2008

Mike Clements asked that Marlin Murdoch be appointed as representative to the SW RC&D, NRRMDA, and Compact Compliance Committees. These are the committees that Toby tenBensel was on.

**Motion #15 by Brian Holtze seconded by Terry Hoit to go into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m. to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

**Motion #16 Marlin Murdoch seconded by Brad Wulf to come out of executive session at 9:13 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 8 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Absent 3 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Roger Nelson.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. starting with the Budget Hearing

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the meeting at 9:13 p.m.

---

 Secretary

---

 Date