

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
October 8th, 2009 at 2 p.m.
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, 10/09
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Variance Minutes and Index of Decisions, 9/09
3. Treasurer's Report, 9/09
4. Budget Comparison, 9/09
5. Managers Report, 9/09
6. Assistant Managers Report, 9/09
7. FY 08-09 Audit Report
8. Variance Request – Supplemental Well Option: a. Merrill Stagemeyer #2391 b. Colleen Minnick #1861
9. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 9/09
10. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 10/09
2. RRBC Report, 9/09
3. Water Short Year Proposal – James Uerling
4. IMP Changes During Water Short Years – James Williams
5. Best Management Practices – Clements
6. LRNRD LR181 Testimony
7. HFW Agreement - #LR 456 Larry Janicek

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:12 p.m.

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

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: None.

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Nick Simonson, Harlan Co. NRCS, Traci Witthuhn, RRBC, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Richard Scott, Omaha, Brian Dunnigan, NDNR, Jim Schneider, NDNR, James Williams, NDNR, Jason Kepler, NDNR, Aaron Thompson, Bureau of Reclamation, Senator Mark Christensen, Imperial, Randy Bialas, Holdrege, Dan Smith, MRNRD, Dr. Jasper Fanning, URNRD, Pat Underwood, Republican Valley Review, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Cambridge, James Uerling, Indianola, Jim Dietz, Cambridge, Ferda Garey, McCook, Dale Helms, Holbrook, Marv Swanda, McCook, Craig Scott, McCook. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Coe.

Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to accept the board minutes, special meeting minutes, variance hearing minutes from the September meetings. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 0.

James Uerling, Indianola, NE, presented his Proposal for Water Short Years. A copy of this presentation is in the minute book.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Jim Schneider presented DNR Compliance Options during Water Short Years. A copy of this presentation is in the minute book.

Mike Clements present the Lower Republican NRD's Best Management Practices. A copy of this is in the minute book.

Motion #2 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to accept the September treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Absent 0.

Mike Clements had nothing further to add to his manager's report.

Bryan Lubeck sent out his report in the board packet. Bryan handed out a copy of the district nitrate sampling results. Bryan had prepared a map that showed all five counties and where the concern areas are in our district.

Nick Simonson, Harlan County NRCS, gave the board an update on NRCS. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator, gave the Coalition Report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Comments from the public: Brad Edgerton presented the board with a resolution that was adopted by Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District, Hitchcock-Red Willow Irrigation District, Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District and Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District. Brad asked that the resolution be put on next month's agenda and be considered for a vote of support. Brad read the resolution to the board.

Karen Labenz, Dana Cole, LLC presented the FY2008 audit to the board. This is the end of our three year agreement with Dana Cole, LLC, they will be sending us a new quote.

Motion #3 by Dave Bartels seconded by Jim Moore to table Rules Violation with Les Bruntz until the November board meeting. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent 0.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Brian Holtze to approve supplemental well options for Merrill Stagemeyer #2391 and Colleen Minnick #1861. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent 0.

Motion #5 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to accept the September Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 0.

Roger Nelson briefly updated the board on the NARD conference. Nelson Trambly was nominated as NARD Director of the Year and received a plaque at the conference.

Mike Clements presented the board with a copy of his testimony to LR181. A copy of this testimony is in the minute book.

There was no Executive Committee Report.

There was no Groundwater Management Area Report.

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Applications for a Permit to Construct a Well were reviewed.

Motion #6 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the WILD NE Applications as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent 0.

Motion #7 by Brad Wulf seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Cost Share Time Extensions as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Absent 0.

FR498 Valley View Farms, Inc.

January 1, 2010

FU716 Joan H. Lewis Rev. Trust

December 23, 2009

FR499 D&R Potter Family Ltd. Partnership

January 3, 2010

Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to go into Executive Session at 5:32 p.m. to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Absent 0.

Motion #9 Marlin Murdoch seconded by Bill Bose to come out of executive session at 6:01 p.m. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Absent 0.

Motion #10 Roger Nelson seconded by Marlin Murdoch that a sense of the Board Resolution based on the six page summary of the Best Management Practices be approved. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 11 - Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Absent 0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 12th, starting with the Variance Hearings at 2:00 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Secretary

Date