

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
January 8th, 2009
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, 1/08/09
2. Agenda, Public Hearing, Variance Requests, 1/8/09
3. Variance Request, Donald Mazour
4. LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes and Index of Decisions, 12/12/08
5. Treasurer's Report, 12/31/08
6. Budget Comparison, 12/31/08
7. Managers Report, 12/30/08
8. Assistant Managers Report, 1/08/09
9. Republican River Basin Coalition Report, 1/09
10. Change in Location on Contiguous Property, 1/09
11. Roger Luther, 2008 Meter Reading, 12/08
12. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 12/31/09
13. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report, 1/7/09

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Letter from Dick Helms, TBNRD Director
2. 2008 Water Usage
3. Article – Water Ruling lacks motive to curb use

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:10 p.m.

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.

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

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Nick Simonson, Harlan Co. NRCS, Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator, Donald Mazour, Lawrence, Janet Valasek, Nelson NRCS, Cammie Kerner, Furnas Co. NRCS, Kim Swanson, Harlan Co. NRCS, Derek Wagner, Wagner Irrigation, Ray Glaser Senninger Irrigation. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe.

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to appoint Marlin Murdoch as Director for Sub-District 2 as recommended by the Executive Committee. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Abstain 1 Marlin Murdoch.

Michael Clements read with the new board members the Oath of Office.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Chairperson, Nelson Trambly was unanimously selected as Chairperson with 8 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, and Brad Wulf were nominated. Bill Bose was elected Vice-Chairperson with 9 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Secretary, Brad Wulf was unanimously selected as Secretary with 11 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Treasurer, Brian Holtze, Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison, were nominated. Brian Holtze was elected as Treasurer with 9 votes.

Michael Clements asked for appointees to the Compact Compliance Committee. Appointed to the committee were Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, and Terry Hoit as alternate.

Officers:

Nelson Trambly	Chairperson
Bill Bose	Vice Chairperson
Brad Wulf	Secretary
Brian Holtze.....	Treasurer

Michael Clements and Nelson Trambly appointed individuals to committees:

Representatives:

Roger Nelson	NARD Representative
Nelson Trambly	NARD Alternate
Brian Holtze.....	Southwest Nebraska RC&D Representative
Clark Andrews	Southwest Nebraska RC&D Alternate
Brad Wulf	Trailblazer RC&D Representative
Nelson Trambly	Trailblazer RC&D Alternate
Marlin Murdoch.....	NRRMDA Representative
Brian Holtze.....	NRRMDA Alternate
Brad Wulf	Rural Water District Advisory Committee Rep.

Groundwater Management Committee:

Bill Bose
 Matt Harrison
 Brian Holtze
 Jim Moore
 Nelson Trambly
 Dave Bartels - Alternate

Scholarship Committee: (3 Directors and 2 Staff personnel)

Dave Bartels
 Brian Holtze
 Clark Andrews
 Bryan Lubeck
 Jo Siel

Motion #2 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to destroy the voting ballots. Motion carried.

Roll Call vote. 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.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to authorize the Lower Republican NRD Board Chairperson, Treasurer and the District's General Manager, Assistant Manager and Administrative Bookkeeper/Assistant to sign and open on all LRNRD accounts and LRNRD Rural Water Accounts. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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 Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to accept the minutes from the December board meeting. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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 Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to accept the December treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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.

Mike Clements asked if there were any questions about his report. Mike distributed thank you note from Marcy Johnson. Natural Resources Caucus Meetings are in McCook. John Burkholder was the Republican Basin Representative and has chosen not serve on the committee. There are three individuals that have expressed an interest Tom Gashler, UPNRD, Dick Helms, TBNRD, Dan Nelson, MRNRD. Preliminary 2008 LRNRD Water Usage was distributed. A copy of this is in the minute book.

Motion #6 by Bill Bose seconded by Brian Holtze to appoint Nelson Trambly as voting delegate at Legislative Conference. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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 Bill Bose to appoint Matt Harrison as voting delegate alternate at Legislative Conference. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. Ayes 10 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Absent 0. Abstain 1 Matt Harrison.

An article from the Omaha World Herald was distributed. David Aikens, UNL Professor made a disturbing quote in the paper. Michael Clements and Bill Bose both contacted the UNL Board of Regents. Brad Wulf mentioned that Tom Osborne be updated on the situation. Senator Carlson and Christensen have been contacted also and a meeting has been arranged with UNL President J.B Milliken.

Soil Moisture Sensor Meetings were discussed.

Michael Clements wants to put together a temporary salary restructuring committee. Brian Holtze, Dave Bartels, Michael Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser and Jo Siel have been asked to be on the committee.

Michael Clements updated the board on the five new Natural Resources Committee members selected at the Legislative session. Senator Tom Carlson is the Chairperson of the Agriculture Committee and Senator Chris Langemeier is the Chairperson of the Natural Resources Committee.

Next month DEQ will be here discussing Groundwater Quality issues the LRNRD has. Problem areas are portions of Furnas County, northern Harlan County and part of Franklin County.

Bryan Lubeck distributed the Assistant Managers report. Bryan discussed static water level measurements. A copy of this is in the minute book.

Nick Simonson introduced his staff that was present Janet Valasek, Kim Swanson and Cammie Kerner. Nick gave a brief report. Implementation of the Farm Bill as it relates to conservation programs are still up in the air. So, NRCS will carry on with business as usual until directed to do otherwise. Nick reported that he and Mike Clements met with the NRCS Regional Assistant Chief. Mike gave a presentation to the regional assistant on the Republican River issues.

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

Ray Glaser from Senninger Irrigation gave a presentation on his electronic flow meter.

Kristi Coe presented Don Mazour's variance request.

Motion #8 by Terry Hoit seconded by Roger Nelson to approve Variance Request No. 67 for Don Mazour. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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.

Kristi Coe presented Larry Beahm's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

Motion #9 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to approve Larry Beahm's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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.

There were no comments from the public.

Michael Clements updated the board on the Rural Water. A bill had been sent to Nuckolls County for moving the pipeline in the amount of \$3,000. Nuckolls County replied that they were not going to be paying the bill.

Motion #10 Bill Bose seconded by Roger Nelson to accept the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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.

There was no NARD report.

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.

There were no WILD NE applications.

There was no RC&D or SW NE RC&D report.

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

FU694	Danny Ruf	April 3, 2009
H577	Kevin Heft	May 15, 2009
NU259	General Ag Services	April 28, 2009
FU696	Greg Hill	April 18, 2009
FR478	Casey Hemje Estate	May 1, 2009

Motion #12 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Clark Andrews to go into Executive Session at 4:17p.m. to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement and Possible Litigation for Rules Violations. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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.

Motion #13 Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to come out of executive session at 4:50 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Roll Call vote. 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.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 12th, at 2 p.m.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the meeting at 4:50 p.m.

 Secretary

 Date

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Variance Hearing
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January 8th, 2009

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO MEETING:

14. Agenda, 1/08/09

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the variance hearing meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m.

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, Tribune, Nick Simonsen, Harlan Co. NRCS, Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator, Donald Mazour, Lawrence, Janet Valsek, Nelson NRCS, Cammie Kerner, Furnas Co. NRCS, Kim Swanson, Harlan Co. NRCS, Derek Wagner, Wagner Irrigation, Ray Glaser Senninger Irrigation. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe.

Michael Clements presented the list of Exhibits: Request for Variance, Order of Hearing, Notice of Hearing, LRNRD Guidelines for Reporting Irrigated Acres, News Release, LRNRD Newsletter, Rule 6-6 Certification of Uses.

Nelson Trambly read a brief statement of how hearings are conducted.

Donald Mazour presented his variance request to the board. A copy of the variance request is in the minute's book.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly closed the hearing at 2:10 p.m.

Secretary

Date