

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
*Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE*  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 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, 5/09
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Variance Minutes and Index of Decisions, 4/09
3. Treasurer's Report, 4/09
4. Budget Comparison, 4/09
5. Managers Report, 5/09
6. Assistant Managers Report, 5/09
7. RRBC Report, 5/09
8. Variance Requests: a.) Bryan Lubeck b.) Loyd Howsden c.) Charles Gabus Revocable Trust
9. Vacation Leave Policy
10. FY2010 Salary Proposals
11. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 4/09
12. Proposed LRNRD GW Rules & Regulations & IMP
13. Application for Permit to Construct a Well in the LRNRD
14. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report, 5/09

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 5/09
2. NRCS – Conservation Crop Rotation, Irrigated to Dryland Cropland
3. EQIP – NE Payment Schedule & Management Practice Payments Criteria 3/1/09
4. Republican River Riparian & Restoration Partners – Ted Tietjen
5. SW NE RC&D Report

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m.

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

Absent: Brian Holtze, Jim Moore

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Tribune, Nick Simonson, Harlan Co. NRCS, Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator, Brad Edgerton, Cambridge, Nick Hawley, Superior, Loyd & Peggy Howsden, Kearney, Ted Tietjen, Grant, Leroy Schafer, Riverton, Mark Gustafson, Hastings, James Williams, NE DNR, Jim Schneider, NE DNR, Jason Kepler, NE DNR, Jerry Guthrie, Wilcox. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

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

**Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Roger Nelson to accept the board and variance minutes as presented from the April board meeting. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 9 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0. Absent - 2 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore.

**Motion #2 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to accept the April treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 9 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays – 0. Absent - 2 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore.

Mike Clements gave his staff report. Mike shared with the board thank you letters the NRD received from the Alma Public Schools third grade class for inviting them to our Outdoor Classroom Open House and pictures

from the Outdoor Classroom Open House. The NRD received a thank you from Nick Hawley. Nick received one of the LRNRD Scholarships.

Bryan had no additional information to add to his report.

Jim Moore entered at 7:20 p.m.

Nick Simonson, Harlan County NRCS, gave the NRCS. He reported on conservation programs, specifically EQIP and the new options available through EQIP in accordance with the 2009 Farm Bill. He briefly updated the board on the new signup deadlines for these new options.

Traci Witthuhn presented the Republican River Basin Coalition report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

There were no comments from the public.

Bryan Lubeck presented Nick Hawley with the NRD Scholarship. Nick thanked the board for the scholarship and also talked about the Envirothon contest he participated in.

Ted Tietjen gave a presentation on the Republican River Riparian & Restoration Project. Copies of these handouts are in the minute book.

**Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Variance Request No. 70 for Lubeck Enterprises. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 10 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

**Motion #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to approve Variance Request No. 71 for Loyd Howsden. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 10 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

**Motion #5 by Roger Nelson seconded by Brad Wulf to approve Variance Request No. 72 for Charles H. Gabus 2001 Revocable Trust. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 10 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

**Motion #6 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to agree to leave the Employee Annual Leave policy as currently stated. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 10 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

Mike Clements and Kim Robak met with the NE Department of Revenue pertaining irrigated versus dryland valuation issues. The Assessors will now be able to use an already existing irrigatable category that wasn't being used. There will be three main classifications will be irrigated, irrigatable, and dryland. The rates will be based on market value there will be very little difference between irrigated and irrigatable. We have changed the wording in our rules and regulations to reflect this change.

James Williams, DNR gave a brief update on the Preliminary 2008 Compact Accounting. James believes our outlook is positive for our issues. The Arbitrator is scheduled to give his decision by June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Motion #7 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to accept the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 10 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

Mike Clements gave the NARD update. LB 98 was passed and signed by the governor. LB681 is still setting in committee Mike does not believe the bill will go anywhere in the legislature.

Mike Clements presented the proposed Groundwater Rules & Regulations and Summary sheet. The Rules will be posted on the lnrd.org website.

**Motion #8 Bill Bose seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Proposed Groundwater Rules & Regulations hearing date on June 11, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 10 Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

There was no Executive Committee Report.

Bryan Lubeck gave the Groundwater Management Committee Report. The technicians will be headed to Superior this month to get water samples. Water Samples are taken every March, May, July and October.

There was no Groundwater Management Committee Report.

Applications for a Permit to Construct a Well were approved.

There was no Trailblazer's RC&D report. Roger Stockton gave a brief Southwest NE RC&D report.

There were no Board of Educational Lands and Funds Leases.

There were no Wild NE Applications.

**Motion #9 by Matt Harrison seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve the Cost Share Time Extensions as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call – 10 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

FU708	Steve Henry	August 12, 2009
FU703	Ballou & Son, Inc.	August 04, 2009
FU697	Norman Huxoll	August 14, 2009
FR481	G&C Land & Cattle	August 01, 2009
H578	Gladman Farms	August 12, 2009
H577	Kevin Heft	August 15, 2009
W462	Lanny Greenhalgh	August 12, 2009
W461	Andrew Mohlman	August 13, 2009
W 463	Robert E. Greenhalgh	August 13, 2009

**Motion #10 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Matt Harrison to go into Executive Session at 8:48 p.m. to discuss personnel and possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement.** Motion carried. Roll Call – Ayes - 10 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

**Motion #11 Clark Andrews seconded by Terry Hoit to come out of executive session at 10:28 p.m. Motion carried.** Aye - 10 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

**Motion #12 Dave Bartels seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the FY2010 Salary Schedule as presented. Motion carried.** Aye - 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0. Absent - 1 Brian Holtze.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be June 11<sup>th</sup> following the 6:30 p.m. public hearing.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the meeting at 10:29 p.m.

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Secretary

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Date