

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
April 8th, 2010 at 7 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, 4/10
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Variance Minutes and Index of Decisions, 3/10
3. Treasurer's Report, 3/10
4. Budget Comparison, 3/10
5. Managers Report, 4/10
6. Assistant Managers Report, 4/10
7. RRBC Report, 4/10
8. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 3/10
9. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. NRCS Report, 4/10

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 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, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

Others present: Pat Underwood, Lower Republican NRD Grant Consultant, Rich Holloway, TBNRD, Traci Witthuhn, RRBC, Chelsea Juricek, KS DWR, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Merle Illian, TVWMA, Nick Simonson, NRCS, Frank Kwapnioski, North Platte, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Ray Winz, Holdrege. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Coe.

Amboese Inc. withdrew their variance request.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Bill Bose to approve the board minutes from the March meeting. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 2 Jim Moore, Roger Nelson.

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

Jim Moore arrived at 7:02 p.m.

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

Lubeck reported that static water level measurements should be finished soon.

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

Traci Witthuhn gave the RRBC report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Frank Kwapnioski of Brown and Caldwell gave a shortened presentation regarding data collections in the Water Balance studies and the value of their results. Southwest Public Power District held informational meetings regarding the water balance in Trenton and other public power districts are discussing holding similar meetings throughout the basin.

Ray Winz asked to speak at the end of the meeting.

Pat Underwood, LRNRD Grant Consultant spoke to the board about grant applications.

Motion #3 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Jim Moore to approve the WaterSmart grant application as presented. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Merle Illian, TVWMA gave a presentation on the Republican River. Merle's presentation is to quantify what the Republican River Riparian Project has done.

It was decided by the board to go into closed session to discuss the RRBC membership.

Motion #4 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to discuss the Republican River Basin Coalition membership in closed session. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to discuss the Frenchman-Cambridge Water Purchase Agreement in closed session. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Clements discussed with the board last month the number of flow meters that were in violation. Violators were contacted and several of them have been corrected. The Groothuis's have an electronic meter that is buried in underground pipe four feet below the surface. The NRD needs to be able to read these types of meters and in order to do so there has to be a readable unit above ground. The meter technically is in place, except it is unreadable and removed in the winter months. The NRD has had difficulty working with the Groothuis's, so it was decided by the board to have the Franklin County Sheriff's office deliver a letter to the Groothuis's.

Amboese, Inc. withdrew their variance request.

Kristi Coe, Water Resource Administrator presented the change in location of certified acres on contiguous property for Danny Olson and Lubeck Revocable Trust.

Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Danny Olson and Lubeck Revocable Trust Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

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

Clements gave a brief NARD report. LB1057 passed and has been signed by the Governor. LB862 passed and is waiting for signature from the Governor.

The Executive Committee met with Jeff Butler from Central NE Public Power and Irrigation District. He presented a video on their concerns with surface water and the development of groundwater wells depleting stream flow.

There was no Groundwater Management Area Report.

There was no Groundwater Management Committee Report.

Brad Wulf reported for the Trailblazer RC&D. There will be a household hazardous waste collection on April 17th. Roger Stockton gave the Southwest NE RC&D report. They have had their hazardous waste collection and they are in the process of writing a tire recycling grant. The weed management area is not currently doing any tree removal. They have almost \$500,000 more Environmental Trust Grant money for the coming year.

Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to approve General Manager Mike Clements as a delegate for the Sustainability Task Force. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #9 by Brian Holtze seconded by Clark Andrews to approve board member Marlin Murdoch as board delegate for the Sustainability Task Force. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Abstain – 1 Marlin Murdoch. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

The Sustainability Task Force will be set up with two members from each of the four NRD's, one member each from four irrigation districts, then in the entire basin there will be one person representing schools - Chuck Lambert, Superintendent, Southern Valley, Cities – Kurt Fritsch, City Manager, McCook, Counties – Mike Ingram, Franklin County, Public Power Districts – Jim Dietz, Twin Valley Public Power, and two representing Agri Business – Dale Helms, Holbrook, Ron Hunter, Ag Valley Coop, Rod Ely, Guide Rock. Recommendations are to be submitted to Senator Carlson's office.

Ray Winz presented the board with his Republican Basin Irrigation Water Use Assessment Revenue Projections. A copy of this is in the minute book.

Motion #10 by Dave Bartels seconded by Jim Moore to rescind motions number 4 and number 5 and have them discussed in regular session. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch,. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Clements presented the FCID-LRNRD Agreement for Sale of Water - 2010 to the board. This is to essentially purchase the usage of water that was released from Hugh Butler Reservoir. Total amount released was approximately 20,000 acre feet. It is up to the discretion of DNR as what the net consumptive use numbers will be. Clements felt the usage will be between 7,000 to 10,000 acre-feet. Clements figured the total amount for the purchase to be \$116,500 plus interest \$89,171.31 for a total of \$205,721.

Motion #11 Marlin Murdoch seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District Agreement for purchasing water from Hugh Butler Reservoir. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #12 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to withdrawal the LRNRD's membership from the Republican River Basin Coalition (RRBC) effective immediately. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #13 by Dave Bartels seconded by Jim Moore to move that the Board go into Executive Session at 10:12 p.m. to discuss possible litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement and Personnel. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #14 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to move that the board come out of Executive Session at 11:18 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 1 Roger Nelson.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be May 13th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date