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LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
July 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, 7/10
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 6/10
3. Treasurer's Report, 6/10
4. Budget Comparison, 6/10
5. Managers Report, 7/10
6. Assistant Managers Report, 7/10
7. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 6/10

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 7/10
2. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report

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: Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Bill Bose, Clark Andrews, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

Others present: Pat Underwood, Grant Consultant, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Jerald Kovarik, NRCS, Rich Holloway, TBNRD, Richard McNiff, Franklin. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, and Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Jim Moore seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the board minutes from the June meeting. Motion carried. Ayes – 7 Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent - 4 Bill Bose, Clark Andrews, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

Bill Bose entered at 7:05 p.m.

Motion #2 by Roger Nelson seconded by Matt Harrison to accept the June treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes – 8 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent - 3 Clark Andrews, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

Clark Andrews entered at 7:10 p.m.

Mike Clements had nothing further to add to his report. The NRD did receive a thank you card from the Superior FFA Chapter for our contribution to send them the National Envirothon. Brad Wulf asked about the monitoring wells on the Scott Grams. Mike is hopeful that the water levels will stay stable while the other wells are still pumping. Mike explained that transducers will be installed to give a more accurate and constant reading.

Bryan Lubeck had nothing to add to his report. A copy of his report is in the minute book.

Jerald Kovarik gave the NRCS report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Marlin Murdoch gave an update on the Sustainability Task Force. On June 23 the Sustainability Task Force met for the first time. Mike, Bryan, Nelson, Matt, Brad and Marlin all attended the meeting. There are 22 voting members and 4 non-voting members (Senators). Executive committee is Brian Dunnigan, Senator Tom Carlson, Tom Terryberry, Marlin Murdoch and Ralph Scott. The Executive committee is to hire a facilitator.

Bryan Lubeck discussed with the board the bids he received on the grass drills. A copy of this is in the minute book. After lengthy discussion Brad Wulf made a motion seconded by Jim Moore to purchase 2 John Deere 15 foot drills. Motion was withdrawn. It was decided that more information was needed.

Pat Underwood presented the board with a fact sheet on the AWEPP Partnership and the AWEPP Project Proposals Approved for FY2010. The AWEPP grant was approved for \$3,996,961 for the five-year project, which will be matched by \$1,000,000 from the LRNRD over five years. The first year of funding (\$999,240) will be released to the NRD soon. A copy of the fact sheet is in the minute book.

There were no comments from the public.

Mike discussed with the board that Richard Hersh whom has land on the river bottom wants to pump a well to lower the water table on his land so he can install underground pipe. After discussion the board decided if Richard would pump the well water into the river, the water usage would not be counted against his allocation.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to allow Richard Hersh to use his existing irrigation well to lower the groundwater table to install underground pipeline. Water that is being withdrawn is to be piped to the river and will not be counted against his allocation. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent - 2 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

There are no updates on the Rural Water. Operations are running smoothly.

Motion #4 by Jim Moore seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent - 2 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

Mike presented the FY2011 Rural Water draft budget.

Motion #5 Roger Nelson seconded by Jim Moore to approve the Rural Water FY2011 budget. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent - 2 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

There was no NARD report.

The Executive Committee met and discussed the Rural Development Grant.

There were no RC&D reports

Motion #6 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Bill Bose to approve the Cost Share Time Extensions as presented. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent - 2 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

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Motion #7 Bill Bose seconded by Dave Bartels to move that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. to discuss possible litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent - 2 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to move that the board come out of Executive Session at 9:28 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent - 2 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 12th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date