

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
March 10th, 2011 immediately following the 2 p.m. Variance Hearing
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, LRNRD Variance Hearing, 3/11
2. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 3/11
3. LRNRD Board Meeting & Variance Minutes and Index of Decisions, 2/11
4. Treasurer's Report, 2/11
5. Budget Comparison, 2/11
6. Assistant Manager's Report, 3/11
7. NRCS Report, 3/11
8. NARD – Legislative Report
9. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 2/11

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Managers Report, 3/11
2. Cooperative Agreement, Ne Game & Parks and LRNRD
3. Variance Request, 3/11
4. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property, 3/11
5. Supplemental Well Option
6. Testimonies LB645 & LB653
7. Drill Update/Purchase
8. NSWCP Cost Share Report

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:17 p.m.

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose informed the audience of the Open Meetings Law posters posted in the meeting room.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: Pat Underwood, Lower Republican NRD Grant Consultant, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Rich Holloway, Tri-Basin NRD, Wallace Broeker, Orleans, Dewey Knuth, Oxford, Dan Bauman, Harlan County NRCS, Roger Stockton, Southwest RC&D. Staff present: Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe.

Motion #1 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board and variance hearing minutes from the February meetings. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews to accept the February treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Mike Clements Manager's Report was distributed at the meeting.

Bryan Lubeck reported on the possibility of selling soil moisture sensors to other producers outside the district.

Motion #3 by Dave Bartels seconded by Brad Wulf to allow the LRNRD to sell soil moisture sensors to individuals in district as well as others outside the district. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Dan Bauman, gave the NRCS report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

There was no Twin Valley Weed Management update.

Bryan Lubeck presented the Cooperative Agreement between the NE Game and Parks Commission and the LRNRD. This agreement will run from **March 1, 2010** through February 28, 2012, unless terminated sooner. This is for office assistance for Game and Parks employee John Laux plus postage.

Motion #4 by Matt Harrison seconded by Jim Moore to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the NE Game and Park Commission and the LRNRD March 1, 2010 through February 28, 2012. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Bryan Lubeck presented Wallace Broeker variance request #132 to the board.

Motion #5 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Variance Request #132 for Wallace Broeker. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Jim Moore, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Bryan Lubeck presented TriCo – Dewey Knuth Variance request #130 replacement well.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Variance Request #130 for Tri-Co – Dewey Knuth. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Jim Moore, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Bryan Lubeck presented TriCo – Dewey Knuth Variance request #131, transfer of acres.

Motion #7 by Jim Moore seconded by Clark Andrews to approve Variance Request #131 for Tri-Co – Dewey Knuth. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Kristi Coe presented all of the Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Clark Andrews to approve TriCo, Inc., Brad Quadhamer, Brian Ballou, Kenneth Houghtelling, Robert Dodds and Jay Graf's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

There were no comments from the public.

Kristi Coe discussed with the board the Surface Water Option in the IMP. A copy of this is in the minute book. After lengthy discussion the board decided the following:

Motion #9 by Jim Moore seconded by Brad Wulf to approve wording change in the IMP under the Surface Water Option 7-2.3.2 and state that the allocation loss under the Option be that 4½ acre inches of surface water times the amount of co-mingled signed up be deducted from each year(s) when the Option is available. Allocation loss under this option will not change if fewer acres are irrigated at the end of the season. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

There was not an NARD report. Mike Clements and Nelson Trambly were in Lincoln testifying on LB645 and LB653. Copies of these testimonies are in the minute book.

There were no grant updates from Pat Underwood. Bryan Lubeck updated the board on the grant for the grass drill. The board needed to decide which drill to purchase. After lengthy discussion it was decided to maintain the current NRD drills and to collect a list of custom operators who would be interested in drilling for producers in the district. A copy of the drill bids is in the minute book.

Motion #10 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to not purchase a new grass drill, maintain the old drills, collect a list of custom operators who would be interested in drilling for producers in the district. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

There were no Rural Water updates.

Motion #11 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Rural Water treasurer’s report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

There were no time extensions.

Roger Stockton gave the Southwest RC&D report.

Motion #12 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels move that the Board go into Executive Session at 3:28 p.m. to discuss possible litigation pertaining to the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes 6 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #13 by Jim Moore seconded by Clark Andrews move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 5:17 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Ayes 6 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays – 0. Absent 5 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 14th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date