

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
May 12th, 2011 immediately following the 7 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, 5/11
2. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 5/11
3. LRNRD Board Meeting & Variance Minutes and Index of Decisions, 4/11
4. Treasurer's Report and Budget Comparison, 4/11
5. Budget Comparison, 4/11
6. Manager's Report, 5/11
7. Assistant Managers Report, 5/11
8. NRCS Report, 5/11
9. May Variance Requests, 5/11
10. May Change in Location of Contiguous Property, 5/11
11. Rural Water Treasurers Report, 4/11
12. Rural Water – City of Franklin Water Rates

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, LRNRD Variance Hearing, 5/11
2. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 5/11

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:20 p.m.

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

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Others present: Rich Holloway, Tri-Basin NRD, Jerry Kovarik, Harlan County, NRCS, Pat Underwood, LRNRD Grant Consultant, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Roger Schroeder, Holbrook, Tony Anderson, UNL Extension, Harlan County, Dewey Lienemann, UNL Extension, Webster County, Ed George, Lincoln, Steve Cappel, Culbertson. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the board and variance hearing minutes from the April meetings. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

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

Mike Clements and Bryan Lubeck had nothing further to add to their reports. Bryan Lubeck did add that when the static water level report is completed the results would be mailed out.

Jerry Kovarik, Harlan County NRCS, gave the NRCS report a copy of this report is in the minute book.

Ed George presented the Nebraska Agriculture Education Soils Project. The LRNRD wrote a letter in support of the projects for an Environmental Trust Grant. Ed asked for financial support from the board to help purchase books and other needed materials for the project.

Marlin Murdoch presented Nelson Trambly's Variance Request #136 to the board. Marlin asked for questions or comments on the Nelson Trambly request.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Clark Andrews to approve Variance Request #136 for Nelson Trambly. Motion carried. Ayes 7 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 1 Matt Harrison. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit. Abstain – 1 Nelson Trambly

Nelson Trambly presented Roger Schroeder's Variance Request #147 to the board. The board did decide that since the pivot on the Schroeder was moved Roger needs to apply for a Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to deny Variance Request #147 for Roger Schroeder. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #5 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Brad Wulf to approve John Ahlemeyer's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Carl Lemmerman %Bethany Home's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison,. Nays – 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #7 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Nelson Trambly's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 7 Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Jim Moore. Nays – 1 Matt Harrison. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit. Abstain – 1 Nelson Trambly.

There were no comments from the public.

There was no NARD report.

Pat Underwood updated the board on the Engler Foundation and the Beginning Farmer program; these are two of the four grants we are still waiting to hear from. We should hear from BOR on the Water Smart grant soon. Pat is researching another BOR grant for desalination of brackish groundwater, i.e. the Dakota Aquifer. After discussion the board asked Pat to keep researching this project.

Motion #8 by Jim Moore seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Mike Clements was asked by the board to talk with the City of Franklin about the Rural Water rate increase. Mike received a packet from the City of Franklin explaining the increase. After discussion the board approved the increase. A copy of this packet is in the minute book.

Motion #9 by Matt Harrison seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve the Rural Water rate increase. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #10 by Dave Bartels seconded by Jim Moore move that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:52 p.m. to discuss possible litigation pertaining to the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #11 by Jim Moore seconded by Roger move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:37 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit.

Motion #12 by Jim Moore seconded by Roger Nelson to set the date of the IMP hearing for June 16th, 2011 at 7 p.m. at the Johnson Center in Alma. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoyt.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be June 9th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date