

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

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. NRD Logo

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 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, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Others present: Rich Holloway, Tri-Basin NRD, Jerry Kovarik, Harlan County, NRCS, Pat Underwood, LRNRD Grant Consultant, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Tony Herrman, Hastings Tribune, Clark, Peggy and Adam Vetter, Franklin, Frank Kwapnioski, Chris Miller, Miller and Associates, Matt Lindburg, Brown & Caldwell, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Steve Cappel, Culbertson. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

Terry Hoit entered at 7:05 p.m.

Bryan Lubeck introduced Adam Vetter of Franklin to the board. Adam is one of the recipients of the LRNRD Scholarships.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Bill Bose to approve the board and variance hearing minutes from the May meetings. Motion carried. Ayes 8 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0. Absent – 3 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Roger Nelson entered at 7:07 p.m.

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

Mike Clements reported that Helen Ingram resigned from the Franklin County Field office secretary position. The NRD has hired former employee Jan Harvey as a part time secretary.

Bryan Lubeck reported on the grass drills and the Static Water Level Measurements.

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

Nebraska Corn Processing Offset Plan will be heard next month.

Chris Miller, Miller & Associates gave a report on Augmentation. A copy of this presentation is in the minute book.

Matt Lindburg, Brown and Caldwell who did the Water Balance Study gave a presentation on the study. Frank Kwapnioski assisted Matt in the study.

Mike Clements talked about the Great Plains Aquifer System (Dakota Aquifer). Pat Underwood also talked to the board about the Dakota Aquifer and the desalination process. A copy of this is in the minute report.

Mike Clements discussed NSWCP priority ranking.

Motion #3 by Dave Bartels seconded by Brad Wulf to approve NSWCP Ranking as follows: 1) Water 2) Range 3) Erosion. Motion carried. Ayes 8 - Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 1 Bill Bose. Absent – 2 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

The Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property will be heard at a later date.

Steve Cappel, talked to the board about the URNRD augmentation project. The land quality is considered blow sand; they are moving wells to the north because the current wells on the south are drying up. The wells have a 100 feet difference in saturated thickness.

Shirlee Poyser presented the board with a new logo for the NRD. The LRNRD is one of the last NRD's to update their logo.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the new LRNRD logo as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 8 - Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels Bill Bose. Nays – 1 Matt Harrison. Absent – 2 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

There was no NARD report.

Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison,. Nays – 0. Absent – 2 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose move that the Board go into Executive Session at 9:05 p.m. to discuss possible litigation pertaining to the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Toby tenBensel, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays – 0. Absent – 2 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #7 by Dave Bartels seconded by Brad Wulf move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 10:43 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel. Nays – 0. Absent – 2 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Manager's salary increase of 2.5%, to approve an additional 6 days of vacation leave, with no salary increase for the Assistant Manager, and approve staff salaries as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 8 - Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel, Roger Nelson. Nays – 1 Bill Bose. Absent – 2 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

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

Secretary

Date