

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE

July 12, 2012

Public Hearing at 6:30 followed by the Regular Board Meeting

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, 7/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 6/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 6/12
4. Manager's Report, 7/12
5. NRCS Report
6. Flow Meter Violation Letter to Leroy Harms
7. FY 2013 Occupation Tax Budget draft
8. Consultant Agreement with Pat Underwood
9. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a. **Larry tenBensel**
 - b. **Gary Peterson**
 - c. **Peterson Livestock**
10. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 6/12
11. Rural Water FY 2013 Budget

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 7/12
2. FY 2013 Occupation Tax Budget

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

Absent: Roger Nelson.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Mike Delka, Bostwick Irrigation District, Karen O'Connor, Olson and Associates, Lincoln, Duane Vorderstrasse, Hebron, Steve Godeken, Republican City, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Senator Mark Christensen, Senator Tom Carlson, Tammy Fahrenbruch, TBNRD. Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

Motion #1 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes from the June meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the June Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Staff reports were given by Mike Clements and Bryan Lubeck. A copy of these reports are in the minute book.

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

Mike Clements brought to the board's attention a well was reported running with an inoperable electronic flow meter. The meter was in place but the power cables that were attached to a battery were unhooked. A certified letter was mailed to owner Leroy Harms. Board discussion was held with Leroy and it was decided to find out the current water usage and to table this discussion until next month.

Mike Clements introduced Karen O'Connor from Olsson & Associates. The board discussed a potential augmentation project with Karen. She will be getting an estimate prepared for the board to review at the August meeting.

Bryan Lubeck updated the board on the four ET gauges that were purchased by the NRD. The Extension office has several people willing to continue to keep track of information received through the gauges. This information will be collected and recorded on a website. Details to come.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch move that the Board go into Executive session at 7:30 p.m. to discuss updates on the KS vs. NE lawsuit. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Motion #4 by Dave Bartels seconded by Bill Bose move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 8:31 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Mike presented the board with the FY 2013 Occupation tax budget. He had it split into two different budgets, a \$5 per acre tax and the other a \$10 per acre tax.

Motion #5 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the \$10 per acre Occupation Tax for Fiscal Year 2013. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 1 Matt Harrison. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements discussed with the board retaining the services of Consultant Pat Underwood on an as-needed basis. The agreement runs from July 1, 2012 through June 30, 2013. The service provided will be grant writing and resource development services.

Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Dave Bartels to retain the services of Consultant Pat Underwood and that the Consultant hereby agrees to provide grant writing and resources development consultation services on an as-needed basis under the terms and conditions of the agreement. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 1 Bill Bose. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements discussed an Environmental Grant application for soil moisture sensors. This would be for a total of 616 sets of sensors for \$338,800, LRNRD cash match will be \$30,800.

Motion #7 Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve the request for the soil moisture sensors Environmental Trust Grant. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements explained that our contract agreement with audit company Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, will expire this year. Mike spoke to Karen at Dana Cole about drawing up a contract agreement for FY2013-2015 at \$3,900 per year.

There were no questions on the Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

Motion #8 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to approve Larry tenBensel, Gary Peterson's and Peterson Livestock, Inc., Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

There were no comments from the public at this time.

There was no NARD Report.

Motion #9 by Bill Bose seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Rural Water treasurers report. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

Motion #10 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Jim Moore to approve the Rural Water Fiscal Year 2013 budget as submitted. Motion carried. Ayes 10 - Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Roger Nelson.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 11th at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date