

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

September 13th, 2012

Budget Hearing and Variance Hearing at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Regular Board Meeting

FY2013 Budget Hearing

The Lower Republican NRD FY2013 Budget Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Nelson Trambly at 7:00 p.m. Michael Clements stated that a notice of this hearing was published in all the newspapers in the District. Michael Clements presented the highlights of the LRNRD FY2013 budget. A copy is in the minute book. Directors absent: Clark Andrews, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the hearing at 7:07 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, 9/12
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 8/12
3. Treasurer's Report, 8/12
4. Manager's Report, 9/12
5. NRCS Report, 9/12
6. Dry Year Leasing Program
7. FY2013 LRNRD Resale Stock & Customer Charges
8. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) *JSRJ – Richard Ohrt*
 - b.) *JSRJ – Richard Ohrt*
 - c.) *4J Farms – John Freburg*
 - d.) *Horwart Bro.*
 - e.) *Eric Boudreau*
 - f.) *Eric Boudreau*
 - g.) *Tracy Guthrie*
9. Request for Variance –
 - a.) *Glasgow Revocable Trust*
 - b.) *Schluntz Land, Ltd*
 - c.) *Ron & Bretta Robison*
10. Policy on Water Short Year & Compact Call Year
11. FY2013 Budget Resolution
12. NARD Resolutions
12. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 8/12

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 9/12
2. Policy on Water Short Year & Compact Call Year

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

Absent: Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Mike Delka, Bostwick Irrigation District, John Thorburn, TBNRD, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Ron & Bretta Robison, Chris Schluntz, Eric Boudreau, Ray Winz. Chelsea Juricek, Stockton, KS. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck and Shirlee Poyser.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:40 p.m.

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

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

Staff reports were given by Mike Clements and Bryan Lubeck. Mike received a letter of appreciation from the Twin Valley Weed Management Coordinator Merle Illian on the grant assistance received by Pat Underwood on the 2013-2014 Nebraska Environmental Trust Grant Environmental Trust. They feel it may be one the strongest applications submitted. Copies 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 received a letter from Jesse Bradley and Brian Dunnigan about the water management challenges within the basin. They would like to know if the three NRD's within the basin would work with the Department to develop a collaborative process to implement a dry-year leasing program for the upcoming year. If the program is agreeable, the Department will offer \$3,000,000 (60%) of Water Resources Cash Fund (WRCF) monies with the exception that the Districts within the basin would provide \$2,000,000 (40%) for a total of \$5,000,000. The program would be designed to prioritize leases which achieve the maximum reduction in depletions to stream flow and help each District achieve the compliance standards set forth in their respective integrated management plans.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve pursuing Water Resources Cash Fund (WRCF) dry year leasing program. Motion Carried. Ayes 9 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Bryan Lubeck presented the increases on the Resale Stock & Customer Charges.

Motion #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Roger Nelson to approve increases to the FY13 LRNRD Resale Stock & Customer Charges as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve all Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for JSRJ #1 – Richard Ohrt, JSRJ #2 – Richard Ohrt, 4J Farms –John Freburg, Horwart Brothers, Eric Boudreau #1, Eric Boudreau #2 and Tracy Guthrie. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Glasgow Revocable Trust variance request #166 to adjust the 2012 meter reading by 7½%. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Motion #7 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Schlutz Land, Ltd variance request #167 as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Motion #8 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Brad Wulf to approve Ron and Bretta Robison's variance request #168 as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Mike Clements and Steve Seglin came up with a summarized version the IMP and Rules and Regulations. A copy of this summarized policy is in the minute book.

Motion #9 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the FY2013 Budget Resolution as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 2 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Motion #10 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Brad Wulf to approve both policies on the Water Short Year and Compact Call year and to add surface water users to the policy. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 1 - Matt Harrison. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Roger Nelson reported that the NARD conference is September 24th and 25th. The board reviewed the 2012 Annual Conference Resolutions.

Motion #11 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0 -. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Motion #12 by Dave Bartels seconded by Clark Andrews to move that the Board go into Executive session at 8:24 p.m. to discuss updates on the KS vs. NE Supreme Court Lawsuit. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0 -. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

Motion #13 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Brad Wulf to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 10:13p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 9 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0 -. Absent 2 – Terry Hoit, Jim Moore.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 p.m.

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

Secretary

Date