

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
30 NORTH JOHN STREET, ALMA, NE
APRIL 11TH, 2013
VARIANCE HEARING AT 7:00 P.M. IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWED BY THE
REGULAR BOARD MEETING

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was published in the local newspapers within the District and on the District Website at www.lmrdr.org.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 4/13
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 3/13
3. Treasurer's Report, 3/13
4. Manager's Report
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. NRCS Report
7. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) *Hawkins Equipment*
 - b.) *Ohmstede Cattle Co.LLC*
 - c.) *Donald Bartels*
 - d.) *Mark Bertrand*
 - e.) *Randy Dallman*
 - f.) *Curt Wolf*
 - g.) *Jerry Joe Rutt*
 - h.) *Steve Schmidt*
 - i.) *Gary Dunse*
 - j.) *Patrick Harding*
 - k.) *Ronald Peterson*
 - l.) *David Ruf*
8. Request for Variance –
 - a.) *Arvid Bell*
 - b.) *David Black*
 - c.) *David & Margaret Ruf*
 - d.) *Rolland & Troy Fletcher*
9. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 4/13

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 4/13
2. Allocations Sheets for Bell, Fletcher

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m. Nelson Trambly noted that guests sign the attendance roster and he also noted the location of a current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws and the booklet with the information provided to directors.

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

Absent: Clark Andrews, Terry Hoit.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Chuck Burr, Holdrege, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Bill Bunger, Upland, Roger Kahrs, Franklin, Myron Dallman, Franklin, David Lienemann, Hildreth, David and Margaret Ruf, Wilsonville, Isaac & Mary Kuck, Bertrand, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Tri-Basin NRD, John Lueking, Oxford, Mike Delka, Red Cloud. Staff present: Mike Clements, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Coe.

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

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

Clark Andrews entered at 7:25 p.m.

Mike Clements spoke with the board about hiring an additional technician and remodeling the technician's office. Mike put together cost information pertaining to hiring an additional technician.

Motion #3 by Matt Harrison seconded by Jim Moore to hire two new technicians. When Ron Imm retires, the NRD will continue to pay his health insurance until October 1st, 2013. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #4 by Matt Harrison seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve remodeling the technician's office. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Mike had no further additions to his Manager's Report. A copy of his report is in the minute book.

A copy of Bryan Lubeck's Assistant Managers report is in the minute book.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report. He updated the board on EQIP, AWEP, and CSP. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements wants the board to look at the entire process of cost sharing on electronic meters that will be replaced and the installation deadline. Bill Bose invited Derrick Waggoner and Ray Glanzer to talk to the board on how they can make the electronic flow meters tamper proof. Bill discussed the adversity of replacing the electronic flow meters by May 15, 2013.

Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews move that the April 15, 2013 effective date of the revision to the LRNRD's Rules requiring that Mechanical Flow Meters be installed in the District no later than May 15, 2013 be stayed until further action is taken by the board. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 2 – Brad Wulf, Dave Bartels. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #6 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Bill Bose to approve \$500 cost share on installed mechanical flow meters that replace electronic flow meters and set a hearing date for June 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Bryan Lubeck and Shirlee Poyser spoke with Chuck Burr, UNL Extension Agent, about a method to help producers manage water usage. This method would allow producers to enter in a meter reading and tell how much water is being pumped, and where this meter is in accordance with its allocation. Hopes are to evidently have an app for cell phones and computers available. Chuck demonstrated his spreadsheet.

Isaac Kuck, Ag Navigator, Bertrand, NE approached the board about the possibility of doing a study on low gpm wells vs. high gpm wells and the water efficiency between them.

Mike Clements spoke to the board about mailing the 2008-2012 over allocation letters out by certified mail.

Motion #7 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve mailing certified letters to producers who went over on their 2008-2012 allocation. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

John Lueking received his over usage water allocation sheets. After further research it was detected on the Flow Meter Installation Certification forms that two meters were put on the wrong wells (switched around). This same problem also happened to Marlin Murdoch where two wells and two meters were switched around on the Flow Meter Installation Certification forms. They asked that the information be corrected in the database.

Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve John Lueking's request to move meter 04-8-1464 to well registration number G-065800 and move 04-8-4429 to well registration number G-040931 (meters were installed on the wrong well according to the Flow Meter Installation Certification Forms) and change the water use reports to correspond with the meters. Then to approve Marlin Murdoch's request to move meter 05-8-2039 to well registration number G-064068 and meter 02-8-3006 to well registration number G-020919 (meters were installed on the wrong well according to the Flow Meter Installation Certification Forms) and change the water use reports to correspond with the meters. Motions carried. Ayes 9 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit. Abstain 1 Ayes 10 – Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit. Abstain 1 – Marlin Murdoch.

Roger Kahrs reported his meter reading too high. Scot Lennemann did an ultrasonic test on his meter and found that the meter running 21.3% higher than it should.

Motion #9 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve adjusting Roger Kahrs meter 99-8-1745 by 21.3% and to get the meter repaired. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #10 by Matt Harrison seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Variance Request # 187 for Arvid Bell. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #11 by Bill Bose seconded by Brad Wulf to approve Variance Request # 188 for David Black. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #12 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Variance Request # 190 for David and Margaret Ruf. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #13 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Jim Moore to approve Variance Request # 191 for Rolland Fletcher and to combine pools 1174 and 2450 making them retroactive back to 2012. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #14 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for Curt Wolf with the exception that Franklin County Assessor updates their acres to match the NRD acres. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Motion #15 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve all Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Hawkins Equipment, Ohmstede Cattle Co. LLC, Donald Bartels, Mark Bertrand, Randy Dallman, Jerry Joe Rutt, Steve Schmidt, Gary Dunse, Patrick Harding, Ronald Peterson, David Ruf. Motion carried. Ayes 10 – Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

There were no comments from the public.

Recently, a producer spoke to Mike Clements about surface water allocations and until the first part of April they were to receive 4" of water from Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation; therefore the producer did not apply for the exemption. Frenchman Cambridge decided at their April meeting to merely deliver 2" of surface water this year. Consequently, the producer doesn't feel this enough water to grow a crop and now has missed the deadline to sign up for the tax exemption. Mike told the board that in order to apply for the Occupation Tax Exemption you must do so by March 1st. Mike asked if he could speak to either Senator Carlson or Christensen to introduce a bill changing the statute date of March 1st to May 1st.

Motion #16 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to have Mike Clements talk with legislature representatives about changing the date to apply for the Occupation Tax Exemption from March 1st to May 1st. Motion carried.
Ayes 10 – Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

Bill Bose gave the NCORPE update.

There was no NARD report.

Motion #17 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jim Moore to approve the Rural Water Treasurer report. Motion carried.
Ayes 10 – Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 1 – Terry Hoit.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be May 9th, 2013 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date