

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**30 NORTH JOHN STREET, ALMA, NE**  
**MAY 9<sup>TH</sup>, 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.lmrnd.org](http://www.lmrnd.org).

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING**

1. Agenda, 5/13
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 4/13
3. Treasurer's Report, 4/13
4. Manager's Report
5. News Release from DNR – NE Sends Republican River Water Downstream after KS Rejects Deal to Aid its Water Users.
6. Assistant Manager's Report
7. NRCS Report
8. Ultrasonic Flow Meter Test for Blickenstaff and Son, Inc.
9. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
  - a.) **Thad Peterson**
  - b.) **Wendell Dorn**
  - c.) **Larry Kosse**
  - d.) **Murdoch Enterprises**
  - e.) **Leon Ehrke**
  - f.) **Terry Lemmert**
  - g.) **Jerry Guthrie**
10. Request for Variance –
  - a.) **Clark Andrews**
  - b.) **Nelson P. Trambly**
11. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 5/13

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 5/13
2. Memo – Bond Resolution Summary from Steve Seglin
3. Bids for Pick-up and 4 wheeler
4. News Release – NE Reaches a Tentative Agreement with KS Bostwick Irrigation District to Halt Releases from Harlan County Reservoir
5. Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Board of Directors of the LRNRD

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 should sign the attendance roster and 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: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD, Mike Delka, Red Cloud, Nelson P. Trambly, Campbell, Kurt, Kirk, Carmen and Christen Williamson, Arapahoe, Jared Crosely, Arapahoe, Bruce Blickenstaff, Wilsonville, Doug Hallum, North Platte. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, and Shirlee Poyser.

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

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

Mike Clements discussed two news releases from DNR. The first news release was about water being released to Kansas from Harlan County Reservoir as part of Nebraska's efforts to comply with the Republican River Compact. Brian Dunnigan stated he had hopes that Kansas and the BOR would work out a plan that benefitted basin water users by making water available to them without compromising Nebraska's ability to comply with the Compact. This did not happen.

The second release from the Department of Natural Resources stated that a tentative agreement with Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District was reached. As a part of the agreement Nebraska DNR discontinued the required releases of water, in exchange for a commitment from Kansas Bostwick that their use of water will not harm Nebraska's efforts to comply with the Compact.

Mike Clements announced that we have hired two new employees. Tom Kuhl from Stamford starts on May 20<sup>th</sup> and Allen McCoy from Arapahoe starts May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Bryan Lubeck presented the LRNRD Scholarship awards to Christen Williamson and Jared Crosley both from Arapahoe. Bryan also talked about the some equipment problems. It was decided to put the equipment on the June agenda for discussion.

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

Bryan Lubeck presented the bids for the pick-up and four wheeler.

Mike Clements explained that the Rural Water has the opportunity for three new hook-ups south of Franklin. Doug and Eric Sindt would like to hook-up to the Rural Water and add a livestock hook-up. The conflict is that the waterline needs to run an additional mile and a quarter to get to Doug's place. In the past, if additional hook-ups were needed beyond the end of the waterline, the new user(s) would be responsible for all construction costs for extending the waterline. The cost to bury an extra mile and a quarter of waterline is \$8,711. Sindt's discussed with Mike the possibility of the Rural Water picking up half of that cost. Mike stated that in the past this request has been declined.

**Motion #3 by Dave Bartels seconded by Bill Bose to deny the request of having the Rural Water pay to have pipeline installed for additional hook-ups. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements discussed with the board Bruce Blickenstaff's flow meter reading 53% high after an ultrasonic flow meter test was completed.

**Motion #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews to approve adjusting meter serial number MO646489 for Blickenstaff and Sons, Inc. to take 26.3 inches off of 2012 usage and 12.45 inches off of the 2011 usage. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #5 by Dave Bartels seconded by Terry Hoit to approve Variance Request # 193 for Clark Andrews. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf. Abstain 1- Clark Andrews.

**Motion #6 by Dave Bartels seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Variance Request #194 for Nelson P. Trambly. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 – Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf. Abstain 1- Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #7 by Bill Bose seconded by Terry Hoit to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for Thad Peterson, Wendell Dorn, Larry Kosse, Murdoch Enterprises, Terry Lemmert and Jerry Guthrie.**

**Motion carried.** Ayes 8 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf. Abstain 1- Marlin Murdoch.

**Motion #8 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for Leon Ehrke with the exception that the end gun is removed. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

There was no NCORPE update.

Steve Seglin prepared a Bond Resolution Summary for the board. A copy of this is in the in minute book.

**Motion #9 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the Bond Resolution authorizing the issuance of the District's Limited Obligation Occupation Tax Supported River Flow Enhancement Bond, Series 2013, in the maximum principal amount not to exceed \$25,000,000. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

Roger Nelson reported that the NARD will meet in June in Valentine.

**Motion #10 Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

After the pick-up and four wheeler bids had finally been reviewed, the board decided to purchase a new pick-up and a four wheeler.

**Motion #11 by Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel to accept the bid from Heartland Motor Sports for one Honda Rancher TRX420FA. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 –Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #12 by Clark Andrews seconded by Toby tenBensel to accept the bid from Tripe Motor for the 2013 Chevrolet Extended Cab 4 x 4 Work Truck. Motion Carried.** Ayes 5 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Toby tenBensel. Nays 4 – Bill Bose, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Absent 2 – Jim Moore, Brad Wulf.

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

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2013 starting with the public hearing at 6:30 followed by the variance hearing and the monthly board meeting.

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Secretary

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Date