

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
*Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE*  
December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013  
Variance Hearing at 2:00 p.m. 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.lnrnd.org](http://www.lnrnd.org).

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

1. Agenda, 12/13
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 11/13
3. Treasurer's Report, 11/13
4. Manager's Report
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. Series C 2013 Bond Explanation to Board, 12/12/2013
7. Extract from Minutes of Meeting of Board of Director of the LRNRD
8. A Resolution By: NRRMDA Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District
9. NRCS Report – Jerry Kovarik
10. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
  - a.) **Howard Johnson**
  - b.) **Evelyn Hauserman**
  - c.) **Jay Graf**
  - d.) **James Hodge**
11. Variance Requests
  - a.) **Dallas Haring**
12. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 11/13

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 12/13
2. FCID 2014 Storage Water Supply Reservoir Content for 2014 Irrigation
3. 2013 Water Usage Report

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:08 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, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: None.

Others present: Attorney Steve Seglin, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Tri-Basin NRD, Mike Delka, Bostwick Irrigation District, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Dallas Haring, Steve Henry, Arapahoe, Chelsea Erickson, Stockton, KS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Ray Winz, Holdrege. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe, Melissa Schluntz, Jo Siel, Lynetta Snelling, Samantha Kemp.

**Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the variance hearing, and board minutes from the November Board Meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill

Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0.

**Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the November Treasurer's Report as distributed. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0.

Michael Clements introduced new Furnas County Field Secretary Samantha Kemp. Mike reported that there is an N-CORPE meeting on December 18<sup>th</sup>, in McCook and an NRRMDA meeting following that same day. Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson and Mike toured the N-CORPE project from Harry Strunk to the project site. They all thought it would be good for the entire board to tour the project in January.

Assistant Manager Bryan Lubeck talked about the increase in tree sales. Presently, the NRD has sold around 8,000 trees, that is up considerably from last year. Bryan reported there have been sixteen wells decommissioned. With the good weather the technicians are out doing meter maintenance in the northern townships of Furnas, Harlan and Franklin Counties.

The LRNRD board was presented with the Resolution Authorizing the Issuance of the LRNRD Limited Obligation Occupation Tax Supported River Flow Enhancement Bond, Series 2013C in the amount of \$4,782,558. Steve Seglin explained, as part of the private financing for the acquisition, construction and installation of ground water piping, pipeline and related facilities, property rights and equipment to transport water from wells on land owned by the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project in Lincoln County, Nebraska, ("Water Transmission Improvements") at a total cost of \$15,700,000, it is necessary for LRNRD board of directors to give formal approval to the Bond Resolution authorizing the District's Limited Obligation Occupation Tax Supported River Flow Enhancement Bond, Series 2013 C in the amount of \$4,782,558 (which is prorated share of the cost with URNRD, MRNRD and Twin Platte NRD). This bond to be approved by the District is to provide security for payment of a bond to be issued by N-CORPE to the Adams County Bank & Trust Co. which is providing the funding for the Water Transmission Improvements. This bond will be assigned to Union Bank & Trust Co. as Trustee, as additional security for the loan from Adams County Bank & Trust Co. under a First Supplemental Trust Indenture and Security Agreement. The bond is taxable, is for a term of 5 years and bears interest at the rate of 5% per annum. N-CORPE will also give a real estate mortgage to Union Bank and Trust Company, the Trustee, as additional security for the \$15,700,000 loan from Adams County Bank & Trust Company. This transaction is similar to the one with Pinnacle Bank for the interim financing on the purchase of the 19,500 acres in Lincoln County. At some time in the future and before N-CORPE's bond matures, Steve was informed that it is the intent of N-CORPE to secure long term financing by the sale of bonds to the public. Closing is scheduled for December 20<sup>th</sup>, 2013. Mike Clements added that the resolution number is 2013-12.

**Motion #3 by Dave Bartels seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of the Lower Republican Natural Resources' Limited Obligation Occupation Tax Supported River Flow Enhancement Bond, Series 2013C in the amount of \$4,782,558. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0.

Mike Clements explained the NRRMDA Resolution. This resolution was not on the agenda at the last NRRMDA meeting and Mike felt that the resolution needed to be presented to the individual boards. Essentially, the resolution gives the credit for lack of surface water deliveries in a given year the reduction there would be associated with consumptive use to the district where that occurs. The board needs to direct our representative (Marlin Murdoch) on how to vote at the next NRRMDA meeting. Mike's perspective is that this is a good resolution, and this would be good for our District and the Middle Republican. Mike's concern is that we need to purchase 8,000AF of water from the URNRD.

Brad Edgerton, FCID spoke to the board about reduction in consumptive use. A copy of this information was distributed and a copy is in the minute book.

After lengthy discussion the board decided the following:

**Motions #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Brad Wulf to have LRNRD representative abstain from the Nebraska Republican River Management District Association Resolution prepared by Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 - Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 3 – Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS update. He updated the board on EQIP, CStP. Jerry also added that the National Conference on Cover Crops and Soil Health is to be broadcasted in Alma on February 18<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM to 3:30PM at the Alma Golf Course. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements discussed the 2013 pumping volume. The District came in at 8.55 inches on the effective acres, totaling 218,659AF of water pumped in 2013. The target we should not exceed according to our IMP is 194,000AF. A copy of this is in the minute book.

The LRNRD board discussed implementing pooling of irrigated acres. After discussion the following motion was made. The revised rules will be presented at the January meeting.

**Motion #5 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Clark Andrews to implement pooling of irrigated acres for the remainder of the current allocation period 2014-2017, these guidelines maybe comparable to the Middle Republican NRD's and to have a 12" per acre limit on pooled acres in 2014 if it is a Compact Call Year. Motion Carried.** Ayes 6 – Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 5 – Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve all Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property: Howard Johnson, Evelyn Hauserman Estate, Jay Graf, and James Hodge. Motion Carried.** Ayes 11 - Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0.

**Motion #7 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Dallas Haring's #208 Variance Request as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 - Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0.

Comments from the public. Ray Winz asked a question about the N-CORPE project.

**Motion #9 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 - Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch. Nays 0.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:47PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be January 9<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 2PM.

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Secretary

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Date