

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Rule 7-6 Pooling Arrangements or Agreements and Allocation for Groundwater**  
**Johnson Center 509 Main Street, Alma, NE**  
**February 13, 2014 at 1:30 p.m.**

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE PRIOR TO MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 2/13/14
2. Power Point Presentation by Mike Clements on Pooling
3. Pooling Arrangements or Agreements Summary
4. Draft Rule 7-6 Pooling Arrangements or Agreements and Allocation of Groundwater

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING:**

1. Testimony for NE Department of Natural Resources

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the Public Hearing of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 1:30 p.m.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Toby tenBensel.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf.

Brad Wulf arrived at 1:33PM.

Others present: Others present: Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Nolan Little, Tri-Basin NRD, Mike Delka, Bostwick Irrigation District, Chelsea Erickson, Stockton, KS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Dick Hickenbottom, Holdrege, Roger Johnson, Holdrege, Scott Huston, Holdrege, John Millen, Aurora, Jack Frear, Oxford, Kevin Peterson, Oxford, Kris Schepker, Axtell, Scott Blank, Wilcox, Kenton Peterson, Orleans, Brant Karr, Oxford, Jeremy Russell, Holdrege, John Lueking, Oxford, Ryan Wells, Holdrege, Craig Baily, Oxford, Duane Murdoch, Oxford, Jerry Schluntz, Stamford, Kyle Santer, Holdrege, Richard Ohrt, Orleans, Mary Robison, Orleans, Brad Barwick, Orleans, Jerry Guthrie, Alma, Isaac Kuck, Bertrand, Rolland Fletcher, Oxford, Eric Wasenius, Oxford, Brad Knuth, Holdrege, Randy Bialas, Holdrege, Jessica Swanson, Alma, Dane tenBensel, Arapahoe, Brad Janda, Alma, Brett Hodge, Orleans, Dennis Rankin, Oxford, Jacob Noonan, Bloomington, Kenneth Schoen, Oxford, Kim Molzahn, Naponee, Chris Schluntz, Republican City, Eric Maaske, Oxford, Jerry Schoen, Oxford, Greg Christensen, Alma, Connie Schmidt, Gale Lush, Wilcox, Alex Lush, Wilcox, Tony Davis, Kearney, Val Phelps, Franklin, Dan Hughes, Vanango. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe, Scot Lenneman, Tom Kuhl.

Mike Clements presented a Power Point Presentation on the Pooling Arrangements and Agreements. A copy is in the minute book.

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch explained the Purpose of the Hearing and Procedures that will apply.

Mike Clements introduced exhibits one through eight – Affidavits of publication from the District Newspapers.

Exhibit Nine – A copy of the **Rule 7-6 Pooling Arrangements or Agreements and Allocation for Groundwater**

Exhibit Ten – Letter from the Department of Natural Resources – A copy is in the minute book.

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch asked for testimony from:

- 1.) Federal Agencies: None
- 2.) State Agencies – None
- 3.) NRD's – None
- 4.) Irrigation Districts – None
- 5.) All others – Mike Delka,

Bradly Knuth, of Holdrege, farms North of Orleans with his parents. They see pooling as a good opportunity for farmers, who may incorporate other crops into their rotation in order to come up with water for their priority corn and soybeans.

John Miller, Rain & Hail Crop Insurance, believes his industry would be in favor of any arrangement that would help farmers raise the best crops with limited water supplies. They see this as giving the producers another tool to manage their irrigation water supply.

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m.

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Date

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