

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

*30 North John Street, Alma, NE*

*Immediately following the 2pm Variance Hearing*

March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 2PM

**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, 3/14
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Public Hearing Minutes, Variance Hearing Minutes, & Index of Decisions, 2/14
3. Treasurer's Report, 2/14
4. Manager's Report
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. NRCS Report – Jerry Kovarik
7. Variance Request –
  - a.) ***Grove Corporation***
  - b.) ***Andrew Hansen Trust % Richard Hansen***
  - c.) ***Leland Anderson***
8. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
  - a.) ***Darrell Nelson***
  - b.) ***Brent Hinrichs***
  - c.) ***Robert Thayn***
9. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 1/14

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 3/14
2. Nebraska Water Balance Alliance (NEWBA)
3. Pooling Example
4. Handout from Brad Edgerton - AM2360 to LB1074
5. Amendment to LB1074

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:17PM. Bose 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, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Tri-Basin NRD, Leland Anderson, Axtell, Garth Wentworth, Inavale, Jake Noonan, Bloomington. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe.

**Motion #1 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the February Minutes as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 6 - Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the LRNRD Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 6 - Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

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

Bryan Lubeck, Assistant Manager, added that tree sales up this year compared to recent years. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Jerry Kovarik presented the NRCS report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements discussed the Nebraska Water Balance Alliance (NEWBA). Mike announced that he has been asked to serve on the NEWBA board.

Mike Meier, Computer Solutions, presented how the pooling process will work in the new database to the board.

It was decided to move agenda item #13 up for next discussion. Change Certified Irrigated Acres because original map was wrong, after lengthy discussion it was determined more information was needed.

Late certification of irrigated acres was discussed. The board decided more information was needed because in the Rules and Regulations (Rule 6-6.12) states on July 18, 2009, the board decided not to consider or approve any future requests to certify irrigated acres unless a variance has been applied for and approved by the board.

**Motion #3 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Nelson Trambly to table Changes to Certified Irrigated Acres because original map was incorrect. Motion carried.** Ayes 6 - Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #4 by Clark Andrews seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve the variance request #210 for Grove Corporation. Motion carried.** Ayes 5 - Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf. Abstain 1 - Dave Bartels.

**Motion #5 Clark Andrews seconded by Tim Kahrs to table both the Andrew Hansen Trust #211 and Leland Anderson #212 variance request for further examination of the rules. Motion carried.** Ayes 6 - Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Questions were asked about irrigated acres on Darrel Nelson's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. It was decided to table this request until next month when the NRD can get more information.

**Motion #6 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to table Darrell Nelson's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried.** Ayes 6 - Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #7 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Brent Hinrich's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property: Motion carried.** Ayes 6 - Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #8 by Clark Andrews seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve Robert Thayn's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property: Motion carried.** Ayes 6 - Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Comments from the public: Brad Edgerton discussed and distributed amendments to LB1074 to the board. A copy of this amendment is in the minute book.

Mike Clements discussed with the board Amendment to LB1074. Mike plans to attend the hearing in Lincoln.

**Motion #9 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Dave Bartels to vote in opposition of LB1074. Motion failed.** Ayes 2 – Nelson Trambly, Dave Bartels. Nays 4. Tim Kahrs, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Correction:

**Motion #9 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Dave Bartels to have Manager testify in opposition of LB1074. Motion failed.** Ayes 2 – Nelson Trambly, Dave Bartels. Nays 4. Tim Kahrs, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements gave the NCORPE update. Everything is done in the well field; two of the thirty wells are running. Two issues need to be resolved yet. One individual needs to be served condemnation papers and the other is two major stream

crossings that need to be made bigger. NCORPE will not be running till the end of March. Mike spoke with Jasper Fanning and he said we have until April 10<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>.

Mike had seven town hall meeting across the district, with very good attendance and good questions were asked. Soil Moisture Sensor meetings went well. Bill Bose and Tim Kahrs think educating the public on NRD current events is a very good idea and suggested the NRD have Town Hall Meetings more often.

**Motion #10 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 6 – Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #11 by Dave Bartels seconded by Nelson Trambly to move that the Board go into executive session at 4:17PM to protect the public interest in regards to a personnel matter. Motion carried.** Ayes 6 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

**Motion #12 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Dave Bartels move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 5:10PM and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session.** Motion carried. Ayes 6 – Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Absent 5 – Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 10<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00PM at the Lower Republican NRD office.

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Secretary

Date

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