

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
30 John Street, Alma, NE  
Immediately following the Variance Hearing  
November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2014 @ 2PM

**Board of Directors Meeting**

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

1. Agenda, 11/14
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Hearing Minutes, & Index of Decisions, 10/14
3. Treasurer's Report, 10/14
4. Manager's Report
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. Variance Request –
  - a.) **ROB HINRICH #224**
  - b.) **ROB HINRICH #225**
  - c.) **CRAIG HOXMEIER #226-WITHDRAW**
  - d.) **STEPHEN JOHNSON #227**
7. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
  - A.) **MATT ALBERS**      C.) **CRAIG HOXMEIER**      E.) **TOM MOORE**      G.) **DM SCHLUNTZ CORP.**
  - B.) **PATRICK HARDING**      D.) **STEPHEN JOHNSON**      F.) **RICHARD SCHEPLER**
8. N-CORPE Budget Comparison & Treasurer's report 10/14
9. Rural Water District Treasurer Report, 10/14

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, 10/14
2. 2014 Audit Report

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:25PM. 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, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Andy Raun, Hasting Tribune, Charles Brooks, TBNRD, Stephen Johnson, Upland, Robin Hinrichs, Axtell, Ray D. Winz, Holdrege. Staff present: Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Heft.

**Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the October Board, and Variance Minutes as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

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

In the absence of the Manager and Assistant Manager their reports distributed prior to the meeting. There were no additions to their reports.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report.

Staff updated the board on the Holiday office hours.

**Motion #3 by Dave Bartels seconded by Tim Kahrs to table purchasing new desks for the Manager and Assistant Manager. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Auditor Karen Labenz, from Dana Cole, LLC reviewed the FY2014 audit report with the report.

**Motion #4 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve FY 2014 Audit report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

A letter was sent out to area dealerships requesting bids for a 2015 pick-up. Tripe Motor Company was the only proposal that was received.

**Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Tim Kahrs to accept the 2015 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 4WD proposal from Tripe Motor Co. Motion carried.** Ayes 8 – Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison. Nays 1 - Bill Bose. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #6 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Change in location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for Matt Alberts. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Terry Hoit to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for Patrick Harding. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #8 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for Craig Hoxmeier. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #9 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for Stephen Johnson. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #10 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for Tom Moore. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #11 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for Richard Schepler. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #12 by Matt Harrison seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property as presented for D.M. Schlutz, Corp. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Motion was made by Toby tenBensel seconded by Terry Hoit to approve Robin Hinrichs variance request. After discussion the motion was rescinded by both.

**Motion #13 by Dave Bartels seconded by Roger Nelson to table Variance Requests #224 & 225 for Robin Hinrichs until the December board meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Variance Request #226 for Craig Hoxmeier was withdrawn prior to the meeting.

**Motion #14 by Brad Wulf seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve Variance Request #227 for Stephen Johnson. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Preliminary Republican River Basin Forecast for 2015 was presented at a meeting at the Tri-Basin NRD on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The Preliminary Accounts Results for 2013-2014 are in the minute book. The Basin has a positive 19,800AF balance for 2014 and a negative drought balance for 2015 of 38,800AF. This makes the 2014/2015 average a negative 19,000AF.

The LRNRD has a positive balance of 11,800AF for 2014 and a negative balance of 13,400AF for 2015. This make the 2014/2015 average a negative 1,600AF for the LRNRD.

There was no N-CORPE update and the N-CORPE financial report was reviewed.

Comments from the Public: Ray D. Winz spoke to the board briefly. Charles Brooks from the Tri-Basin NRD introduced himself to the board and what his responsibilities are at the TBNRD.

Scot Lennemann has stepped down as Rural Water Superintendent. Technician Richard Chrisman has accepted the position. An ad for the technician position will be put in the area newspapers.

Roger Nelson attended the NARD Board of Director's meeting in Grand Island on November 9<sup>th</sup> and 10th.

**Motion #15 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion#16 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels to go into executive session at 4:09pm to discuss Kansas vs Nebraska Supreme Court Lawsuit. Motion carried.** Ayes 9 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

**Motion #17 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews move that the Board come out of Executive session at 5:00 and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session.** Ayes 9 – Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays 0. Absent 2 - Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be December 11<sup>th</sup> at 2PM at the Lower Republican NRD office.

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Secretary

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Date