

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
March 12, 2015 at 2 pm

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.lnrmd.org.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 3/15
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 2/15
3. LRNRD, N-CORPE & Rural Water Treasurer's Report, 2/15
4. Manager's Report
5. Assistant Manager's Report
6. NRCS Report
7. Board Action on Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) Nelson Trambly
 - b.) Maynard Schriener
 - c.) Jerry Howsden
 - d.) Richard Dallmann
 - e.) Merlyn O. Bartels
8. Variance Requests
 - a.) Gary W. Jensen #230
 - b.) Ron & Bretta Robison #231
 - c.) Mike Hynek #232
 - d.) Tom Kruse #233
9. MOU between South Central PET Region and the LRNRD

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

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2. Bio – Ag Solutions
3. Board Action on Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property – Craig Grams

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:17 p.m. Bill Bose noted that guests could 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, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Charles Brooks, TriBasin NRD, Mike Hynek, Guide Rock, Chad Lindau, Hildreth, Ron Robison, Alma. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, and Kristi Heft.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the board minutes, variance minutes and Public Hearing Minutes from the February Board Meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Nelson Trambly approve the LRNRD, N-CORPE & Rural Water Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Staff reports were distributed prior to the meeting. Copies of the reports are in the minutes.

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

Brad Randall, N-CORPE director presented the board with a proposal from Bio-Ag Solutions. Bio-Ag Solutions would like to purchase a section of the N-CORPE land for an Egg Farm. A copy of this proposal is in the minute book.

Mike Clements discussed the Nebraska Appropriated Basin Coalition and with this the need for voting members.

Motion #3 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Clark Andrews to appoint the Manager and Assistant Manager to serve as voting members on the Nebraska Appropriated Basin Coalition. Motion carried. Ayes 8 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

There was brief discussion on changing the board meeting time to 1:30pm. It was the consensus of the directors present to keep the board meeting schedule the same as it currently is: November, December, January, February, March at 2 pm, April, May, June, July, August, September, October at 7pm. No action was taken.

Motion #4 Brad Wulf seconded by Tim Kahrs to impose a one-year pumping maximum allocation on groundwater during the 2015 irrigation season of 13.0 inches per effective Certified Irrigated acres or 13.0 per effective Certified Irrigated Acre if a Pooling Arrangement or Pooling Agreement has been approved by the District and set the hearing date and time for April 9, 2015 at 6:30pm to consider a possible 13.0 inch allocation for 2015 at the LRNRD office. Motion carried. Ayes 4 – Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 3 - Clark Andrews, Bill Bose Toby tenBensel. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve all Changes in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Nelson Trambly, Maynard Schriener, Jerry Howsden, Richard Dalmann, Merlyn Bartels, and Craig Grams. Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent - 4 Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Motion #6 by Matt Harrison seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the Gary W. Jansen Variance Requests #230. Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent - 4 Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Motion#7 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Ron & Bretta Robison Variance Request #231. Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the Mike Hynek Variance Request #232. Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Motion #9 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the Tom Kruse Variance Request #233. Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

N-CORPE hired a Range Management Specialist. This position will be funded by Nebraska Game and Parks.

There were no comments from the public.

NARD report: Mike Clements updated the board on legislative bills. The Governor has put together a search committee to look for qualified individuals that would meet the existing qualifications for Director of DNR. This person would have to be a professional engineer. Scott Dicke mentioned legislation on Aquatic Species and inspections on water craft in and out of the lakes because of quagga and zebra mussels.

There was no Rural Water update on the project. Mike was contacted by the State of Nebraska and the South Central PET. They are working implementing a high speed, wireless data network for public safety.

Motion #10 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to allow the State of Nebraska and the South Central PET Region to mount communication equipment on the LRNRD Rural Water tower at no charge and enter into a Memo of Understanding with the changes to state that terms of this agreement can be cancelled by either party within 30 days written notice . Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel. Nays 0. Absent - 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.
There was no other business.

Motion #11 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board go into Executive session at 3:25 p.m. to strategize pending or eminent litigation. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 7 - Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

Motion #12 by Clark Andrews seconded by Matt Harrison move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 4:00 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 7 - Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent 4 - Dave Bartels, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:00PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 9, 2015 starting at 6:30pm with a public hearing.

Secretary

Date