

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
June 11, 2015 at 7 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, 6/15
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 5/15
3. LRNRD, N-CORPE & Rural Water Treasurer's Report, 5/15
4. Manager's Report, Assistant Manager's Report, NRCS Report
5. Bond Resolutions 2015-1 Call Resolution, 2015-2 District Bond Resolution
6. Board Action on Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) Fischer Cattle, LLC
 - b.) Travis Woollen
 - c.) Jerome Fritz
 - d.) Jerome Fritz
6. Variance Requests
 - a.) Matt Sullivan

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. AGENDA
2. 414(H) AMENDMENT AND RESTATEMENT RESOLUTION

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m. Marlin Murdoch 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, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: none

Others present: John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD, Matt Sullivan, Superior, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, and Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Roger Nelson seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve the board minutes, and variance minutes from the May Board Meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 10. Nays 0. Abstain 1 – Bill Bose.

Motion #2 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD, N-CORPE and Rural Water Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

Staff reports had been distributed and attached to the minutes.

Mike asked the board to review the priority ranking for the NSWCP. The current ranking is Water, Range and Erosion.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve NSWCP ranking 1.) Water 2.) Range, 3.) Erosion. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

NCORPE is working with Ameritas to reissue the 2013C Bond. This bond is a five year \$15,700,000 loan agreement for pipeline and well field work. It was necessary in the beginning to make this arrangement due to pending litigation with Frenchman Cambridge and Bostwick. It is now time to reissue the bond for long term and lower payments at a better interest rate.

Motion #4 Bill Bose seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the 2015-1 Bond Call Resolution and the 2015-2 District Bond Resolution. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

The June Changes in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property were presented to the board.

Motion #5 Toby tenBensel seconded by Matt Harrison to approve all Changes in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Fischer Cattle, LLC, Travis Woollen, Jerome Fritz (2). Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

The June Variance Request was presented.

Motion #6 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the Matt Sullivan #240 Variance Request. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

The NARD is required to rewrite the 414(h) Retirement Plan in 2015. The rewrite will incorporate the existing document and the three interim amendments that have already been adopted by the Districts. The NARD Board will act on the resolution at the June 15 meeting. Each district needs to subsequently approve their resolution to amend and restate the Plan and return it to the NARD.

Motion#7 Roger Nelson seconded by Dave Bartels to approve The Amendment and Restatement of the Nebraska Association of Resources District 414(h) Plan to bring it into compliance with the Pension Protection Act of 2006. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

NCORPE will be purchasing a new grass drill to spot in grass and sorghum. The bin sights have been taken down and the concrete crushed in a various sizes to help with the erosion problems. There have been complaints on erosion; therefore the concrete is being used to help with the erosion problem.

There were no comments from the public.

Mike Clements shared pictures of flooding along the Platte River.

Mike and Jack Russell from Middle Republican NRD would like to start a dialogue on transferring excess flows from the Platte to the Republican.

Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Nelson Trambly to direct the Manager to start a dialogue with the MRNRD and appropriate agencies pertaining to transferring excess flows from the Platte to the Republican. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

NARD Report: NARD Basin Tour is June 14-16.

Motion #9 by Clark Andrews seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board go into Executive session at 7:52 p.m. to discuss Personnel. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

Motion #10 by Bill Bose seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:16 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

Motion #11 by Dave Bartels seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve the FY2016 salaries as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 11. Nays 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:17PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be July 9th, 2015 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date