

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
July 9, 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.lmrdr.org.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 7/15
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 6/15
3. LRNRD, N-CORPE & Rural Water Treasurer's Report, 6/15
4. Manager's Report, Assistant Manager's Report, NRCS Report
5. Board Action on Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) **Kenneth Schoen**
 - b.) **Randy & Janet Knehans**
6. Variance Requests
 - a.) **Kenneth Schoen**
7. NCORPE Update
8. Frenchman Cambridge – Rubicon Water
9. Criteria on Variance Request and Modification Contiguous Process
10. CSI/Nex-Tech – IT System

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. AGENDA
2. VARIANCE REQUEST MAP – SCHOEN
3. RUBICON WATER PAMPHLETS

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:09 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, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Terry Hoit.

Others present: John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Tom Knutson, Sr. Advisor, Rubicon Water, Remy Halm, Rubicon Water, Kenneth Schoen, Oxford, John Laux, NE G&P, Chelsea Erickson, KDA-DWR. Staff present: Scott Dicke and Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes, and variance minutes from the June Board Meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 10. Nays 0.

Motion #2 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the LRNRD, N-CORPE and Rural Water Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 10. Nays 0.

Staff reports had been distributed and attached to the minutes.

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

Motion #3 Nelson Trambly seconded by Bill Bose to approve the Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Kenneth Schoen. Motion carried. Ayes 10. Nays 0.

Motion #4 Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Randy & Janet Knehans. Motion carried. Ayes 10. Nays 0.

The July Variance Request was presented to the board.

Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the Kenneth Schoen #241 Variance Request. Motion carried. Ayes 10. Nays 0.

Bill Sellers, NCORPE, gave a presentation updating the seeding operation and grasses planted at NCORPE.

Rubicon Water spoke to the board about their advanced technology that optimizes gravity-fed irrigation, providing unprecedented levels of operational efficiency and control, increasing water availability and improving farmers' lives by using the Rubicon modular TCC technology. Brad Edgerton, provided testimonial for the Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District.

Criteria required for Variance Requests and modification on the Contiguous process was discussed by Scott Dicke.

Scott Dicke has asked CSI/Nex-Tech to come to the next LRNRD board meeting and give a presentation on IT Systems.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Executive session at 9:07 p.m. to discuss and strategize pending litigation. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 10. Nays 0.

Motion #7 by Bill Bose seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:47 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 10. Nays 0.

Meeting adjourned at 9:47PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 13th, 2015 at 7 PM.

Secretary

Date