

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
*Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE*  
September 10, 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.lmr.org](http://www.lmr.org).

Budget Hearing, Public Hearing and Variance Hearing at 7:00 p.m. followed by the Regular Board Meeting

**FY2016 Levy & Budget Hearing**

The Lower Republican NRD FY2016 Levy Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Marlin Murdoch at 6:47 p.m. Michael Clements stated that a notice of this hearing was published in all the newspapers in the District. County Valuations were reviewed and the amount of property taxes needed \$1,010,100, levy is 0.023522cents per \$100.

Chairman Marlin Murdoch called the Budget Hearing to order at 6:50pm. Notice of Levy hearing was published in all the newspapers in the District. Highlights of the LRNRD FY2016 Budget were presented. A copy of the budget is in the minute book.

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch adjourned the hearing at 6:55 p.m.

**Informational Material Mailed out Prior to the Meeting**

1. Agenda, 9/15
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 8/15
3. LRNRD, & Rural Water Treasurer's Report, 8/15
4. NRCS Report, Manager & Assistant Manager's Report
5. FY16 Levy Information
6. FY16 Budget Hearing Information
7. Board Action on Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
  - a.) Scot Grams
  - b.) Steve Godeken
8. Variance Requests
  - a.) Julie Ann Humphrey Trust #243

**Material Handed out at the Meeting:**

1. Agenda, 9/15
2. FY16 Budget Highlights

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 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.

Absent: none.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Jesse Bradley, NDNR, Sheryl Ohrt, Kent and Janet Extrom, Holdrege, Jack Russell, Curtis. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, and Shirlee Poyser.

**Motion #1 by Roger Nelson seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the board minutes and variance minutes from the August Board Meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 11. Nays 0.

**Motion #2 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve the LRNRD, and Rural Water Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 11. Nays 0.

Jesse Bradley, NDNR, provided an update on the accounting changes and currently proposed updates to the IMP for capturing benefits resulting from the Supreme Court decision. The presentation discussed IMP proposed changes as a

result of the accounting agreement with Kansas along with the benefits of the Supreme Court ruling. Questions and answers included the effects of pumping the mound water as not being part of the LRNRD CBCU. Additionally, questions were answered regarding the current division (Republican Basin NRD's percentage split) of imported water supply credit in the Tri-basin & others as outlined in our current IMP.

Change in Location of certified Acres on Contiguous Property were presented.

**Motion #3 Tim Kahrs seconded by Bill Bose to approve the Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Scot Grams and Steve Godeken. Motion carried.** Ayes 11. Nays 0.

Variance Request # 243 was presented for approval.

**Motion #4 Bill Bose seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the June Ann Humphrey Trust #243 Variance Request. Motion carried.** Ayes 11. Nays 0.

Manager Clements presented the FY16 Levy information to the board. County Valuations were reviewed and the amount of property taxes needed \$1,010,100, levy is 0.023522 cents per \$100.

**Motion #5 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the FY16 Levy as presented at the Levy hearing. Motion carried.** Ayes 9. Nays 2 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison.

Michael Clements presented the highlights of the LRNRD FY2016 Budget. The FY2016 budget totals \$8,995,281.

**Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the FY16 LRNRD Budget. Motion carried.** Ayes 9. Nays 2 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison.

**Motion #7 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the 1% increase in Restricted Funds Authority. Motion carried.** Ayes 9. Nays 2 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison.

Comments from the public: MRNRD Manager, Jack Russell, also had questions on the accounting changes, the proposed IMP updates, and the current division of percentage splits of the imported water supply.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 7 PM.

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Secretary

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Date