

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

Informational Material Mailed out Prior to the Meeting

1. Agenda
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, & Index of Decisions
3. LRNRD, & Rural Water Treasurer's Report
4. NRCS Report, Manager & Assistant Manager's Report
5. Meter Reading Adjustment – Randy DeJonge
6. Interlocal Agreement – Platte to Republican Basin High Flow Diversion Projects (PRD Project)
7. 2015-2016 Preliminary Forecast
8. Integrated Management Plan

Material Handed out at the Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. IMP update 10/2/2015

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:12 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.

Board Member Present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Marlin Murdoch .

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Jesse Bradley, DNR, Lincoln, John Thorburn, Tri-Basin NRD, Mike Delka, Bostwick Irrigation District, Red Cloud, Tracy Smith, Bostwick Irrigation District, Red Cloud, Aaron Thompson, Bureau of Reclamation, McCook, Chelsea Erickson, Stockton, KS. Staff present: Mike Clements, Shirlee Poyser, and Kristen Heft.

Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the board minutes from the October Board Meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Nays 0. Absent 1.

Motion #2 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD, and Rural Water Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Nays 0. Absent 1.

Staff reports were distributed prior to the meeting. Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report. He discussed CSP, EQIP, CRP and welcomed the new NRD field secretary Mary Goebel to the team. Mike Clements asked for questions or comments about his report. Scott Dicke submitted his report prior to the meeting. A full copy of these reports are in the minute book.

Kristen Heft distributed the preliminary water usage results for the 2015 irrigation season. District wide the average water use is 6.22". Heft stated that there were approximately 500 meters left to read as of November 9th.

Motion #3 by Clark Andrews seconded by Nelson Trambly to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 2:20 p.m. to discuss potential litigation. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Nays 0. Absent 1.

Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Terry Hoit to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 2:40 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. Absent 1.

Kyle Shepherd gave the NCORPE update. NCORPE has been running since the last week of October with an output of 35,000 gpm, running about 80-85% capacity. NCORPE opened two and a half sections of land up for public hunting this year, pheasant hunting, archery, shot gun deer, with several individuals taking advantage of this opportunity. Kyle talked about the personnel at NCORPE and what their duties are. Dale Sellers, Range Manager, Mike Keller, Operations Manager, and Austin Andrews, Equipment Operator.

Randy DeJonge requested an Ultra Sonic flow meter test on meter 96-8-1984. Throughout the testing it was determined that his meter was reading high and he asked for an adjustment on his 2013, 2014 and 2015 meter readings. If given back the 9% for those three years it would total 165.65 acre inches or 2.03 inches overall.

Motion #5 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Dave Bartels to credit Randy DeJonge's meter 96-8-1984 by 9% or 27.98 acre inches for the 2015 irrigating season. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Nays 0. Absent 1.

Mike Clements thanked the Tri-Basin NRD and John Thorburn's for their partnership on putting the High River Flows from the Platte to the Republican Basin Project together. Mike explained what has transpired with the project and stated that Agreements, the Interlocal Agreement, User's Easement, and draft RFP's for engineering firms have been written up. There have been several meetings with CNPPID to consider cost and permit's required to divert water down East Turkey Creek. CNPPID has proposed an estimated cost of \$104,000 to install the diversion apparatus, do the boring and put in rip rap on the bottom side of the discharge. CNPPID will require two permits, 1). The Excess Flows Permit and 2). The Interbasin Transfer Permit. They will be using the E65 canal to divert water into Turkey Creek between Elwood and Smithfield. Anytime there are excess flows in the Platte and there are not any appropriations downstream, and CNPPID has room in their canal, water can be diverted. The pipe is 24" diameter pipe, 40CFS, which Turkey Creek can hold.

Mike Clements presented the board with the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement with the Tri-Basin NRD and the Lower Republican NRD. The purpose of this agreement is transferring high river flows from the Platte to Republican Basin.

Motion#6 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Roger Nelson to enter into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Tri-Basin NRD and the Lower Republican NRD. The purpose of this agreement is the Platte to Republican Basin High Flow Diversion Project (PRD Project). Motion carried. Ayes 10 Nays 0. Absent 1.

Mike Clements outlined the 2015-2016 Preliminary Forecast. The basin as a whole has a deficit of 53,000 acre feet, of which 33,000 acre feet needs to be mitigated by June 1. The LRNRD deficit of 11,500 acre feet needs to be made up by June 1, 2016.

There was no discussion on the IMP; however Mike Clements asked the board to consider approving the Integrated Management Plan at the December board meeting, giving everyone time to completely review the written testimony.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be December 10th at 2 PM.

Secretary

Date