

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
January 14th, 2016

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.lmrnd.org.

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

1. Agenda, 1/16
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 12/15
3. LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 12/15
4. Assistant Manager's Report

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, 1/16
2. Manager's Report

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:00 p.m. Marlin Murdoch noted that guests should 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, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Tim Kahrs and Roger Nelson.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Nolan Little, TBNRD, Troy Fletcher, Oxford. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, and Kristi Heft.

Mike Clements conducted for election of officers:

Michael Clements asked for nominations by secret ballot for Chairperson, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly and Matt Harrison were nominated. Marlin Murdoch was selected as Chairperson with 7 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations by secret ballot for Vice-Chairperson, Bill Bose, Nelson Trambly and Brad Wulf were nominated. Nelson Trambly was elected Vice-Chairperson with 5 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations by secret ballot for Secretary, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, and Bill Bose were nominated. Dave Bartels was selected as Secretary with 5 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations by ballot for Treasurer, Bill Bose, Toby tenBensel, Matt Harrison and Brad Wulf were nominated. Bill Bose was elected as Treasurer with 5 votes.

Executive Committee/Officers:

Marlin Murdoch Chairperson
Nelson Trambly Vice Chairperson
Dave Bartels Secretary
Bill Bose Treasurer

Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Clark Andrews to accept Executive Committee as nominated. Motion carried.
Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 2.

Representatives:

Roger Nelson NARD Representative
Nelson Trambly NARD Alternate
Toby tenBensel Southwest Nebraska RC&D Representative

Clark Andrews.....Southwest Nebraska RC&D Alternate
 Brad Wulf.....Trailblazer RC&D Representative
 Mike ClementsTrailblazer RC&D Alternate
 Toby tenBensel.....NRRMDA Representative
 Matt HarrisonNRRMDA Alternate
 Brad WulfRural Water District Advisory Committee Rep.
 Nelson Trambly.....NCORPE
 Tim KahrsNCORPE **Alternate**

LRNRD Project Committee:

Matt Harrison
 Marlin Murdoch
 Toby tenBensel

Platte River Diversion Project: (PRDP) Representatives:

Mike ClementsVoting Member
 Scott DickeAlternate Voting Member

Scholarship Committee: (3 Directors and 2 Staff personnel)

Clark Andrews
 Terry Hoit
 Toby tenBensel
 Scott Dicke
 Jo Siel

Motion #2 by Bill Bose seconded by Brad Wulf to accept the Representatives, Scholarship and LRNRD Project Committees as nominated. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel to authorize the Lower Republican NRD Board Chairperson, Treasurer and the District's General Manager, Assistant Manager and Administrative Bookkeeper/Assistant to sign and open on all LRNRD accounts and LRNRD Rural Water Accounts. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Mike Clements as a voting member and Scott Dicke as alternate voting member for the Platte River Diversion Project (PRDP). Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion #5 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the board minutes, and variance minutes from the December Board Meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion # by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Jerry Kovarik, gave a brief NRCS report.

Mike Clements manager's report was distributed at the meeting. Mike mentioned the Water Solution Workshop being held in Curtis on January 28th. Mike updated the board on the Final Forecast, which has been adjusted from 53,000 acre-feet (preliminary forecast) to 46,400 acre-feet. The LRNRD will have a two-year deficit of -16,900 acre-feet.

Scott Dicke reported on water quality and the landowners meeting held in Oxford for those individuals owning property along Turkey Creek where our Platte to Republican Diversion Project would move water.

Jim Schneider will present the preliminary update on the aquifer under NCORPE in Curtis on February 17th.

An allocation cap of 13" for the 2016 irrigation season was discussed. A public hearing will be held in February to set this cap.

Motion #7 by Dave Bartels seconded by Nelson Trambly to hold public hearing on February 11, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. for proposing a 13" allocation cap for the 2016 irrigation season. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 2. Absent 2.

Nelson Trambly left at 3:22pm.

Motion #8 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels to move that the Board go into Executive session at 3:34 p.m. to discuss potential or pending litigation. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 8, Nays 0. Absent 3.

Motion #9 by Brad Wulf seconded by Nelson Trambly move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 4:26 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0. Absent 3.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:26PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 11th, 2016 starting at 2:00PM with a public hearing.

Secretary

Date