

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
February 9, 2017 at 2:00 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 E-MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING

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5. NRCS Report
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8. NCORPE river Flow Enhancement Revenue Bond Series 2013 A & B Refunding Analysis
9. UNL - Farm Management Competition

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, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: Andy Raun, Hasting Tribune, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Sylvia Johnson, MRNRD, Curtis, Bruce Lefler & Dallas Watkins, Ameritas, Tammy Fahrenbruch, Tri-Basin NRD, Chuck Burr, UNL. Staff present: Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser and Kristen Heft.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the board minutes, Cease & Desist Hearing minutes and the variance minutes from the January board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

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

There were no comments from the public.

NRCS reported that the LRNRD 2017 EQIP area allocation was \$490,846 for 2017. With these funds, 8 Grassland, 4 Cropland Erosion and 8 Irrigation Water, and 10 Brush Management applications were preapproved. CStWP had 62 applications for 2017. RCPP has 65 pending or eligible applications in the LRNRD. Luther Thompson, will be the student trainee in Beaver City, he will start in May.

Scott Dicke highlighted the Manager/Assistant Manager's report. The Legislative Conference was attended in January, with Governor Pete Ricketts addressing the conference and spoke primarily on budget efforts of the upcoming biennial. Senator Dan Hughes, is the chair for the Natural Resources Committee this year and discussed a few specific bills. Upper, Middle and Lower Republican NRDs submitted the Management Actions to the NDNR. The forecast required the LRNRD to provide 3,800 AF of water by June 1st. That volume has been pumped out of NCORPE to meet our obligations. All pumping from NCORPE will be complete by the end of February. PRDP project draft report is being reviewed. Landowner meetings and upcoming decisions are expected as we evaluate the findings from the draft report. TVWMA received a \$100,000 Environmental Trust Grant, this will support important activities being accomplished. Lastly, Maclane Scott has accepted the technician position. He starts on February 13th.

The Cease and Desist Order and Order imposing Civil Penalties for John F. and Carman L. Davis was tabled.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to table the Cease & Desist Order and Order imposing Civil Penalties for John F. & Carman L. Davis. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

The Cease and Desist Order and Order imposing Civil Penalties for the Estate of Gerald Schluntz, Julie Smith and Tamara Bishop was presented to the board.

Motion #4 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Cease & Desist Order and imposing Civil Penalties for the Estate of Gerald Schluntz, Julie Smith and Tamara Bishop. Ayes 8, Nays 1, Terry Hoit. Absent 2.

Scott Dicke gave a brief NCORE update. Together, the Upper, Middle, and Lower Republican NRDs submitted our management actions to the NDNR. The forecast required the LRNRD to provide 3,800 acre-feet by June 1st per the resolutions. That volume has been pumped out of NCORPE to meet our obligations. NCORPE will start a slow shut down February 13th with all pumping completed by the end of February.

Ameritas representatives, Dallas Watkins accompanied by Bruce Lefler discussed the NCORPE River Flow Enhancement Revenue Bonds Series 2013 A & B Refunding Analysis.

Instructors, Dave Rocker, Franklin FFA and Ben Robison, Alma FFA highlighted the board on the FFA Program. These two FFA Chapters won the State Land Judging contest and are now headed to the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma in May. The two FFA chapters are requesting donations to help cover expenses.

Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve donating \$1,000 to the Alma FFA and Franklin FFA for the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

UNL Agent, Chuck Burr, presented the Farm Management Competition to the board. A complete copy of this competition description is in the minute book. Chuck asked for a \$500 donation from the LRNRD for the competition.

Motion #6 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to donate \$500 to the Farm Management Competition. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be March 9th, 2017 at 2:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Secretary

Date