

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

*Immediately following the Conclusion of the
Groundwater Management Rules and Regulations Public Hearing and the Variance Hearings
March 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.

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7. Platte Republican Diversion Project Feasibility Review

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:27p.m. Marlin Murdoch noted at the beginning of the Public Hearing 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, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel.

Others present: Andy Raun, Hasting Tribune, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Sylvia Johnson, MRNRD, Curtis, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Vernon Blickenstaff, Stamford, Ray Winz, Holdege, Nelson F. Trambly, Campbell, John Thorburn, TBNRD, Kyle Shepard, NCORPE, Steve Godeken, Republican City, Joe Strickland, Adam Moore, Tristan Niles and Taylor Manchanthasouk, Red Cloud High School, William L. Horwart, Stamford. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser and Kristen Heft.

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes, and the variance minutes from the February board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 2.

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

NRCS reported on the EQIP, and RCPP programs.

The Manager/Assistant Manager's report highlighted many activities in February. The Rural Water missed being approved by 1 point for the Environmental Trust Grant. RCPP applications are being ranked and the LRNRD is going to have up to 44 contracts at the cost to the District of \$293,301. Platte-Republican Diversion project has evaluated a draft report and has shared it with CNPPID and the landowners to discuss the project feasibility. Based on all discussion and report result, diversion of water down Turkey Creek is feasible.

There were no comments from the public.

Joe Strickland, Red Cloud FFA Instructor, Taylor Manchanthasouk, Adam Moore and Tristan Niles (students) highlighted the FFA programs and activities. The Red Cloud chapter placed 5th in the NE State Land Judging contest. They are now headed to the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma in May. The FFA is asking for donations to help cover expenses.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Dave Bartels to approve donating \$1,000 to the Red Cloud FFA for the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 2.

Discussion was held on the Order Imposing Civil penalties for John F. and Carman L. Davis, the order was tabled at the February board meeting.

Motion #4 by Dave Bartels seconded by Tim Kahrs to direct our attorney to revise the Davis Order to reflect payment of the occupation tax for 2016 and an allocation adjustment to reflect 2016 usage along with a penalty of 13 acre-inches to be removed from the remaining 2013-2017 allocation as requested by the board. Motion carried.

Variance Requests were presented to the board.

Motion #5 by Dave Bartels seconded by Bill Bose to approve Variance Request's for: Blickenstaff, Hawley & Martin #257, Nelson F. Trambly #258 and Steve Godeken #259. Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0, Abstain 1, Absent 2.

Kristi Heft asked if we need to include both the landowner and operator's signature to the Occupation Tax Form.

Kyle Shepard gave the NCORPE report. March 24th, wells will be shut down.

Motion #6 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Terry Hoit to approve a 13-inch cap in years designated as a Compact Call Year by DNR. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 2, Absent 2

Clark Andrews left at 3:38pm

Rural Water Update

Scott Dicke gave a power point presentation on the Platte Republican Diversion Project Feasibility Study.

Motion #7 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to authorize the Platte Republican Interlocal agreement to move forward on the with the Platte Republican Diversion Project final design, negotiations on land rights and to continue working with Central Public Power and Irrigation District on a water services agreement. Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 3.

Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Nelson Trambly to move that the Board go into closed session at 4:10 p.m. to discuss personnel and eminent litigation. Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 3.

Motion #9 by Terry Hoit seconded by Dave Bartels to move that the Board come out of closed session at 4:40 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 next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 13th, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.

Secretary

Date