

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
Immediately following the Conclusion of the Variance Hearings
May 11th, 2017 at 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was published on the District Website at www.lrnrd.org.

MATERIAL E-MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING & HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING

1. Agenda
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 4/17
3. LRNRD/RWP/PRDP Treasurer's Report, 4/17
4. Manager/Assistant Manager's Report
5. Variance Requests
 - a. Randy Warnken
6. WaterSMART Grant Resolution

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:08p.m. Marlin Murdoch noted at the beginning of the Variance Hearing that guests should sign the attendance roster and noted the location of a current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Nolan Little TBNRD, Jack Russell and Sylvia Johnson, URNRD, Randy Warnken, Hildreth. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, Kristen Heft, Maclane Scott and Scot Lennemann.

Motion #1 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes, variance minutes. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

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

This last month the managers have been busy working on the Platte-Republican Diversion, NCORPE, grant preparation and supporting the Water Jamboree. Platte-Republican Diversion efforts continue with meetings between partners and stakeholders, including Platte basin interest. During the next few months we anticipate more interaction with landowners as we start final the design in preparation of a water rights application.

We have also been preparing two grants and plan to submit one this month. One grant is for the LRNRD rural water district to get remote read meters. This application will be like the one that fell short for Environmental Trust funding. The second grant application a web-interface that allows farmers to look at their field allocation in real-time as pumping occurs. As simple as that sounds, it is a new concept that may take a couple years to get implemented.

Comments from the public: none.

Scott Dicke presented the WaterSMART Grant Application funding plan resolution plan to the board.

Motion #3 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the WaterSMART Grant Resolution No. LR05-11-01. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Randy Warnken's Variance Request #262 was presented to the board.

Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve Variance Request for: Randy Warnken #262. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

There were no updates on the Rural Water Project.

The NARD will be hosting the 2020 North American Envirothon. This is an excellent opportunity to showcase the success of the Nebraska's NRD system to manage resources on river basin boundaries to the top environmental science students in North America. We expect 260 students and 150 sponsors and teacher from the United States and Canada at this event. The NARD is working on a detailed draft budget for this event. The NARD is asking the district contribution to be spread out over three years. However, if we can work together and secure funding from the private sector, the third-year contribution may not be needed from the districts.

Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Roger Nelson to approve contributing for two years to the NARD North American Envirothon. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 3 Bill Bose, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly. Absent 2.

The next NCORPE meeting is June 21st. There were no further updates.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into closed session at 7:53 pm. to discuss personnel and eminent litigation. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion #7 by Terry Hoit seconded by Dave Bartels to move that the Board come out of closed session at 8:45 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be June 8th, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Secretary

Date