

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
June 8th, 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, 5/17
3. LRNRD/RWP/PRDP Treasurer's Report, 5/17
4. Manager/Assistant Manager's Report
5. Mike Clements Letter of Retirement
6. Variance Requests
 - a. Roger Volk

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:03p.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, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel.

Absent: Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Nolan Little TBNRD, Jack Russell and Sylvia Johnson, MRNRD, Roger Volk, Upland, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, and Kristen Heft.

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

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

Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report. EQIP, RCPP and CStwP and the Work Agreement between the LRNRD and NRCS were discussed.

The LRNRD Manager and Assistant Manager attended The Republican River Compact special meeting with the three states on May 25th. The meeting focused on discussions regarding amendments to the Accounting Procedures and Reporting Requirements, discussed proposal regarding Rules and Regulations of the Republican River Compact Administration, and finally accepting the Engineering Committee report containing the 2005-2015 accounting inputs and accounting results. The Bureau also provided a water update that indicates supplies exceed storage projects enough to come out of a Water Short Year in 2017. They are moving forward with the Basin-wide planning process. A coordination meeting was held in Holdrege on May 16th in preparation for the next stakeholder meeting on June 20th. The group is making good progress and hopes to have a complete plan by the end of the year.

- Harlan County Reservoir is currently at 83.6 % full. The May inflows averaged about 475 CFS (~950 AF/day). About 27,000 AF flowed into the lake during May. The BOR numbers indicate that Harlan is storing nearly 14,000 acre feet more than it was at this time last year.

Roger Volk's Variance Request was given presented to the board.

Motion #3 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Variance Request for: Roger Volk, #263. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Renewing pooling arrangement/agreements will be discussed at later date.

A cost share program for older flow meters was mentioned, no action taken.

Rural Water Update: Water Smart grant opportunity will be open next month for submittal.

NARD Update: Roger Nelson will attend the NRD Water Tour in Elkhorn June 12th and 13th.

NCORPE Update: The Resolution authorizing the issuance of an amended limited obligation occupation tax will be discussed next month. NCORPE will be working on the FY18 budget.

Motion #4 by Clark Andrews seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board go into Executive session at 7:31p.m. to discuss personnel. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion #5 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:05 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.

Motion #6 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Roger Nelson to approve FY18 Salaries as presented for the staff. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be July 13th, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Secretary

Date