

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE  
April 12<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7:00 pm

**Board of Directors Meeting**

A notice of the meeting was published on the District Website at [www.lrnrd.org](http://www.lrnrd.org).

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:06 p.m. Marlin opened the meeting with prayer. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The chairman provided notice that the location of the current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws is located on the south wall and the booklet with the information is provided to all directors.

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

Absent: Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Dennis Reiss, Wilcox, Jack Russell, Curtis, Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Kyle Shepherd, NCORPE. Staff present: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, Kristen Heft and Sasha Hahn.

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**Agenda**

Variance Request #268 Dennis Reiss  
LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes, Index of Decisions, 3/18  
LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 3/18  
Staff Report, NRCS Report

**Comments from the Public:** none

**Motion #1 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes. Motion carried.**

Ayes 10, Nays 0. Absent 1.

**Motion #2 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 10, Nays 0. Absent 1.

Jerry Kovarik gave the NRCS report. Jerry reported on EQIP, RCPP, CStwP renewals, and RCPP. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed details of the written staff report. They reported on the upcoming Water Jamboree and clean up on the Milrose project. Other Updates: This year the LRNRD sold approximately 26,000 trees and shrubs. Tree planting will likely begin sometime in mid-April. Plans are to start in Furnas County and move east. Harlan County Reservoir is currently 77.5% full, as March inflows average 158cfs (312 AF/day). A copy of this report is in the minute book.

The 2018 LRNRD scholarships recipients are Ty Heft of Alma, and Seth Andrews of Cambridge, alternate is Cory Conway of Campbell.

There were no comments from the public.

UNL-TAPS requested the LRNRD's interest in being a sponsor again this year. TAPS stands for Testing Agriculture Performance Solutions. The goal of the Nebraska Farm Management Competition is to promote efficiency and profitability while providing interaction among all those involved in the production and/or the business of agriculture production. The UNL-TAPS is asking for a \$1,000 sponsorship donation. With the popularity of last year's contest, they are including not only corn but adding sorghum to this year's competition. Middle, Tri-Basin, Upper, and Twin Platte NRD's are \$1,000 sponsors as well. The board requested more information and would like Chuck Burr to come to the next board meeting.

Variance request #268 for Dennis Reiss.

**Motion #3 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Bill Bose to approve Variance Request #268 for Dennis Reiss. Motion carried.** Ayes 10, Nays 0. Absent 1.

**Rural Water Update:** Bids for the Rural Water 1997 Ford pick-up were accepted. The rural water tower is up for inspection. This inspection is done approximately every 10 years.

**Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the sale of the 1997 Rural Water pick-up in the amount of \$2,751. Motion carried.** Ayes 10, Nays 0. Absent 1.

**Platte Republican Diversion Update:** The application for the diversion has been submitted to the state There was brief discussion of renting out the property for possible grazing.. A tour of the PRD property for directors was set for April 20th.

**NCORPE Update:** Kyle Shepherd gave the NCORPE update on the fencing, spring/summer grazing and the in-kind payment. NCORPE is not pumping at this time.

**Other Business: Nebraska Bostwick Project:** Tim Kahrs mentioned there has been progress made on the areas where the Rubicon gates will be installed. They are hoping to have gates installed to Franklin by June 1.

**Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Toby tenBensel to move that the Board go into Executive session at 8:22 p.m. to discuss contractual negotiations and Imminent Litigation. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session.** Ayes 10, Nays 0. Absent 1.

**Motion #6 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Toby tenBensel to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:30p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** Ayes 10, Nays 0. Absent 1

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be May 10<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:51 pm.

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Secretary

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Date