

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
June 14th, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:07 p.m. 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, William Bose, Matt Harrison, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Terry Hoyt, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Jennifer Shellpepper and Carol Flaute, NDNR. Staff present: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser.

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Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting and Variance Minutes, Index of Decisions, 5/18

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 5/18

Staff Report, NRCS Report

Comments from the Public: None.

Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve the board and variance minutes. 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.

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

Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed details of the written staff report. The NE Supreme Court heard the Schluntz appeal on May 24th in Lincoln. Review of the oral arguments along with the submitted written briefs will hopefully allow the Court to render a decision sometime within the next 120 days. Republican River Basin Wide Stakeholders met on June 1st. Even though we have a consensus for the concepts contained in most of the sections, there are three remaining sections needing approval: Conflict Procedure, Measurable Hydrologic Objectives, and Plan Area. Construction phase of the NE Bostwick's automated gate project is in full swing and they will strive to complete as many gate installations as time will allow before irrigation begins. The remainder of the gates will be installed this coming fall after the Franklin Canal is shut off once the irrigation season ends.

NARD Update: The State Envirothon event was held in April, Southern Valley placed 2nd and Arapahoe placed 3rd.

NCORPE Update: The in-kind audit report should be available June 20th.

Other Business: There was no other business to discuss.

Motion #3 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Executive session at 7:48 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 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Motion #4 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:21 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 July 12th, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Secretary

Date