

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

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The vice 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, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Chelsea Erickson, KDWR, Stockton, KS. Troy Fletcher, Oxford, Nolan Little, TBNRD. Staff present: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser.

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Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting and Index of Decisions, 6/18

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 6/18

Staff Report, NRCS Report

FY2019 Rural Water Budget

FY2019 NCORPE Budget

**Comments from the Public:** None.

**Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

**Motion #2 by Tim Kahrs 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 final meeting of the full Stakeholders group for the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan was held June 26<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge. The Department of Natural Resources, along with the NRDs, will continue to work on the plan language and the coordination group will meet, as needed, to finish the plan. The LRNRD has been awarded the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality Grant for Tire Recycling in 2018. Three locations within our district hosting collection sites this coming fall include; Alma, Franklin, and Red Cloud. Exact dates for each event are not yet determined but are tentatively scheduled for late October and early November. Ty Heft, LRNRD Scholarship recipient thanked the board for the scholarship, and told of his plans in college.

Wulf inquired about the Red Cloud Dam. Dicke spoke with the City of Red Cloud and suggested that they come discuss the dam with the LRNRD BOD next month.

The Project Committee met to discuss the Water Resources Cash Fund contract. The committee came up with questions, presented them to the State and they were resolved. The committee gave staff the direction to move forward with the contract. Contracts will include land retirement funding; additional projects will need approved by the DNR on a specific basis. The LRNRD will develop ranking criteria and determine the cost for land retirement.

**Motion #3 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to move forward on the Water Resource Contingency Cash Fund. Motion carried.** Ayes 8, Nays 1 – Terry Hoit. Absent 2.

**Motion #4 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to correct agenda items 12 & 13 to say FY 19 instead of FY 18. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Todd Siel presented the FY19 Rural Water Budget to the board.

**Motion #5 by Dave Bartels seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the FY19 Rural Water Budget. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

Todd Siel presented the FY19 NCORPE Budget to the board, changing the Augmentation Utilities line from \$380,000 to \$610,000.

**Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the FY19 NCORPE Budget and change the Augmentation Utilities line item from \$380,000 to \$610,000. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

**NARD Update:** NARD Annual Conference is September 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

**NCORPE Update:** Kyle Shephard updated the board on NCORPE activities. Currently, work is being done on the budget, range work, spraying, haying, and reseeding.

**New Business:** There was no new business.

**Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Terry Hoit to move that the Board go into Executive session at 8:12 p.m. to discuss contractual negotiations, Imminent Litigation and 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 #8 by Clark Andrews seconded by Terry Hoit to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 9:35 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 #9 by Clark Andrews seconded by Dave Bartels to approve a 3% salary increase to all LRNRD employees.** Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 2, Tim Kahrs, Bill Bose. Absent 2.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37 pm.

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Secretary

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Date