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LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
October 11th, 2018 at 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

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

Secretary Dave Bartels called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:02 PM. Due to the absence of both the Chairman and Vice Chairman, Secretary Dave Bartels informed the board a Chairman Pro Tempore must be designated, through a vote of the body, to preside over the remainder of the meeting.

Motion #1 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Tim Kahrs to designate Dave Bartels as Chairman Pro Tempore for the October 11th, 2018 Lower Republican NRD board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 2, Abstain 1, Dave Bartels.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Bill Bose, Marlin Murdoch.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Duane Vorderstrasse, Orleans, Brad Edgerton, Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District. Staff present: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser.

Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The Pro Tempore Dave Bartels 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.

MATERIAL EMAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING & MADE PUBLIC AT THE MEETING

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting and Index of Decisions

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report

NRCS/LRNRD Staff Reports

FY2019 Prices for LRNRD Resale Stock & Customer Charges

Comments from the Public: None.

Motion #2 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the minutes and variance minutes. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 2. Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 2.

Motion #3 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Roger Nelson 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. NRCS is working on RCPP, CSP EQIP contracts.

Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed details of the written staff report. The LRNRD was represented by Roger Nelson at the Annual Conference, held in Kearney on September 24-25. What is believed to be a first, there were no NRD resolutions introduced at this year's conference. The Republican River basin was

acknowledged as being “on top of their game” by Director Fassett and that other basins could learn from the efforts of the Republican basin.

On October 3rd, Land Judging was held in Franklin for over 200 high school students from our region. This large event received support from the LRNRD, NRCS, UNL Extension, FFA advisors, and other volunteers necessary to support the student’s interest who participate in the competition. The five teams qualifying for state land judging are from these schools: Alma (finishing as the top overall team), Franklin, Southern Valley, Southwest, and Holdrege. Congratulations and good luck at State!

Kansas has notified Nebraska that they will not be calling for the remaining compact compliance volume of 9,300 acre-feet being stored at NCORPE and that management actions will not be necessary.

Dicke provided information pertaining to the Red Cloud Dam through communication with the Red Cloud City’s attorney and the NDNR. Based on his discussions, he felt that the key decision for the City of Red Cloud is to decide on whether they want to keep the Dam. If they choose to keep it, they need to show some progress on the, “easy to fix deficiencies” such as firmly securing the trash rack over the intake pipe, fencing to keep cattle off the dam and protection of the auxiliary spillway. If they choose not to keep it then they should make plans to decommission and breach the impoundment.

NARD Report: Roger Nelson reported on the NARD Annual Conference. Roger Nelson stated that this was the first time ever, that there were no NRD resolutions introduced at this year’s conference

Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the FY2019 Resale Stock and Customer Charges. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 2.

Brad Edgerton with the Frenchman Cambridge Irrigation District (FCID), state that the FCID Board of Directors (BOD) voted to bypass Harry Strunk inflows until December 31st. Direction from the FCID BOD to pass Medicine Creek flows into HCL until the end of the year supports Nebraska’s efforts to improve water conditions in HCL for accounting purposes related to the Water-Short-year trigger.

Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Nelson Trambly to move that the Board go into Executive session at 8:12p.m. to discuss contractual negotiations. 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 #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Brad Wulf to move that the Board come out of Executive Session at 8:58p.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 November 8th, 2018 at 2p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:00 pm.

Secretary

Date