

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
March 14, 2019 at 2:00 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 with an invitation to prayer at 2:00 PM. 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.

MATERIAL E-MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING & HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting and Variance Minutes, Index of Decisions, 2/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 2/19

Staff Report, LRNRD and NRCS

Absent: Terry Hoit, Roger Nelson.

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

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Troy Fletcher, Oxford. Staff present; Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser, Kristen Heft, Maclane Scott, Scot Lennemann, and Colt Livingston.

Comments from the Public: None

Motion #1 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Bill Bose to approve the board minutes and the variance request minutes from the February board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 9, Nays 0, Absent 2.

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

NRCS report: Jerry Kovarik reported on Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), the Republican Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CSTwP). A copy of this full report is in the minute book.

LRNRD Staff Report: Manager's Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed the written staff report. Additional comments included, LB606, and grain bag recycling efforts.,.

Franklin FFA will be at the April board meeting.

The Project Committee met February 21st to review budgeted projects and discuss future projects associated with collected Occupation Tax funds. The committee's direction was presented to the board. The committees direction was for staff to focus on the existing Water Resources Cash Fund (WRCF) match and not pursue or extend existing grant options such as WaterSmart, Water Sustainability Fund, NET or RCPP. A possible option for Occupation Tax funds was to pay down the NCORPE bond debt if collected funds exceed the budget cap . It was noted if we are to prepay any of the bond indebtedness, we should do so before the end of this fiscal

year. Staff will continue working with the committee to refine the project plans under the WRCF and pursue grants associated with rural water improvements.

NCORPE Update: Todd Siel testified as opposed on two different bills, LB148 and LB606.

NARD: none.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 11th, 2019 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Secretary

Date