

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE  
June 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019 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 with an invitation to prayer at 7:00 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 & AVAILABLE OUT AT THE MEETING**

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting, Index of Decisions, 5/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 5/19

Staff Report, NRCS

Excused Absences: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Nate Fox, Oxford.

Staff present: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke and Shirlee Poyser.

**Comments from the Public:** None

**Motion #1 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the board minutes from the May board meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

Bill Bose entered at 7:09pm.

**Motion #2 by David Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 3.

**NRCS Report:** Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report. Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CStWP). A copy of this report is in the minute book.

**LRNRD Staff Report:** Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke gave the NRD staff report. The Harlan County Lake is at (1951.2). Bostwick indicated through conversation that automated gates have all been installed but they will be operated manually until the server is installed. The Watersmart flow meter pilot project is installed but no information has been received because nobody has irrigated yet. At the manager's meeting in Norfolk, there were lots of questions about the grain bag recycling and discussion on the recent flooding in Nebraska. The 2019 Tree planting is finally in the books and was ahead of many NRD's who have been impacted by the flooding. The next NCORPE Planning meeting is June 19 in Curtis. A copy of the

occupational exemption acres was presented. The board was informed that Maclane Scott's last day is June 20<sup>th</sup>. Maclane took a position with the Lower Platte South NRD.

Nate Fox, Fox Insurance Agency in Oxford, NE discussed the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) and potential benefits of joining the organization

**Motion #3 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews to allow the General Manager the authority to review and approve, and our Chairman authority to sign, an Interlocal Agreement and Resolution to join the League Association of Risk Management (LARM) for one year.** Motion carried. Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 3.

**RCPP:** Jerry Kovarik approached the board on extending the RCPP commitment. Jerry stated that there are funds available for RCPP program for another year.

**Motion #4 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to request additional funds to our current RCPP contract. Motion carried.** Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 3.

**NCORPE Update:** NCORPE Planning Session will be June 19<sup>th</sup> in Curtis. Discussion was held on leasing the land, renewable energy and solar energy. Discussion consensus was provided to the NCORPE representatives that the LNRD would like revenue from the land (renewables, grain production, and grazing) to support operational cost.

**NARD Update:** Roger Nelson attended the 2019 NARD tour.

**Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 8:25pm to discuss Contractual Negotiation, Imminent Litigation and personnel. Motion carried.** Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 3.

**Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 9:28pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** Ayes 8, Nays 0, Absent 3.

**Motion #7 by Bill Bose seconded by Tim Kahrs to remove the last paragraph on Family Employment (Staff & Directors) from the employee handbook: Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 3, Abstained – Clark Andrews.**

*Omitted paragraph: "No current District Director or family members shall be hired for a full-time or part-time position during the term of said elected office. However, this would not include relative who were hired prior to the District Director's term."*

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be July 11<sup>th</sup>, 2019 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

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Secretary

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Date