

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE  
September 12<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).

**FY2020 BUDGET HEARING**

The Lower Republican NRD FY20 Budget Hearing was called to order by Vice Chairperson Bill Bose at 7:00 p.m. The notice to this hearing was published in the District newspapers. Highlights of the LRNRD FY20 budget were presented. A copy of the budget was available for review. County Valuations were reviewed and the amount of property tax asking is set at \$1,349,340; levy is 0.033936 cents per \$100 of assessed value. There were no questions or comments from the public.

Excused Absences: Clark Andrews, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel.

Directors present: Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS; Nate Munter, Tri-Basin NRD

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

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose adjourned the budget hearing at 7:04 p.m.

**LRNRD BOARD MEETING**

Vice Chairperson Bill Bose called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:04 pm. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The vice chairperson 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 AT THE MEETING**

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting, Index of Decisions, 8/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 8/19

Staff Report, NRCS & LRNRD

FY2020 Budget Breakdown

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Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Nate Munter, TBNRD.

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

**Comments from the Public:** None

**Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes from the August board meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

**Motion #2 by Tim Kahrs seconded by David Bartels to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

**NRCS Report:** Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report. He reported on EQIP, RCPP and Conservation Stewardship Program (CStWP). A copy of this report is in the minute book.

**LRNRD Staff Report:** Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed their written NRD staff report. The LRNRD is eligible to receive conservation funding as a part of the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP). Funding practices include installation of high intensity soil moisture sensors, converting gravity systems to subsurface drip, and permanently retiring end guns on pivots. We are publicizing the availability of funds and interested producers within all 3 of the Republican NRD's need to contact their local NRCS office to sign up for eligible practices.

The Republican River Basin NRD's and NeDNR will be meeting monthly to prepare for the first annual basin-wide meeting. As part of this preparation, an annual report will be published which outlines progress on goals, objectives, and action items. Additional, discussion was held on the potential revisions to the IMPs of each NRD.

**Motion #3 by David Bartels seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve the increase in Restricted Funds Authority by an additional 1%. Motion carried.** Ayes 6, Nays 1: Tim Kahrs. Absent 4.

**Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the FY2020 Budget as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 6, Nays 1: Bill Bose. Absent 4.

**Motion #5 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Resolution 09122019 as required by the Nebraska Revised Statute 77-1601-02. Motion carried.** Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4. A copy of the resolution is in the minute book.

**NCORPE:** NCORPE board meeting was held on September 4<sup>th</sup> at the NCORPE Office. The LRNRD was represented by Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, and Director Nelson Trambly. Highlights include: FY2019 Financial Statements accepted; Approval of the FY2020 Budget; Discussion of Senator Dan Hughes' legislative resolution - LR114; and future lease options for the property.

**NARD:** Annual Meeting September 22-24.

**Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to proceed with the PRD prescribed burn.** Ayes 5, Nays 2, Bill Bose, Tim Kahrs. Absent 4.

**Motion #7 by Terry Hoit seconded by Brad Wulf to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 8:13pm to discuss Contractual Negotiation, Imminent Litigation and personnel. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session.** Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

**Motion #8 by Terry Hoit seconded by Nelson Trambly to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 8:41pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be October 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:42pm.

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Secretary

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Date