

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
July 11th, 2019 at 7:00 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 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, 6/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 6/19

Staff Report, NRCS & LRNRD

Excused Absences: none.

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

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Kyle Shepherd, NCORPE.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Tim Kahrs to approve the board minutes from the June board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion #2 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

NRCS Report: Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report. Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP), Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), Conservation Stewardship Program (CStWP). Jerry approached the board at the June meeting on extending the RCPP commitment. The State Office was notified of the NRD's request for an additional \$500,000 for the RCPP. The request was confirmed and presently, we are waiting approval or denial from Washington. 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 Manager's attended the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR) hearing for the Platte Republican Diversion (PRD) project on June 28th in Lincoln. Harlan County Reservoir is currently at 100% full, with the Flood Control Pool at 20.8%. The Lake level is at 1956.63 AF. The board was also informed that Sasha Hahn's last day was June 11th. Sasha took a position with the Tri-Basin NRD. Mark Bantam and David Bantam accepted the Water Resources Technician positions. David is also the Rural Water Superintendent. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

The draft FY2020 Rural Water Budget was presented to the board for approval.

Motion #3 by Tim Kahrs seconded by David Bartels to approve the draft FY2020 Rural Water Budget as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

The draft FY2020 NCORPE budget was presented to the board. Kyle Shepherd was available for questions.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the draft FY2020 Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (NCORPE) budget as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

The PRD Budget was presented to the board.

Motion #5 by Bill Bose seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve the FY2020 Platte Republican Diversion (PRD) budget as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

NCORPE Update: Todd Siel gave a brief update on NCORPE. They have been working on the FY2020 budget. At the Long-Range Planning session, long and short-term leases and renewable energy was discussed. Siel stated that the remaining 480 acres of crop ground will be converted to rangeland next year.

Other Business: There was no further business to discuss. Scott Dicke presented pictures of the flooding.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 8:27pm to discuss Contractual Negotiation, Imminent Litigation and personnel. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 9:52pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

Motion #8 by Clark Andrews seconded by Roger Nelson to approve salary increases by the following amounts for FY2020: Todd Siel - \$3,450; Scott Dicke - \$2,450; and an additional \$9,000 for distribution to the remaining staff as determined by the General Manager. Motion carried. Ayes 11, Nays 0, Absent 0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 8th, 2019 at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Secretary

Date