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LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
November 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 2:00pm. 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 AT THE MEETING

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes, Index of Decisions, 10/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 10/19

Staff Report, NRCS, LRNRD

FY19 Financial Audit Report

Excused Absences: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Toby tenBensel.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Chelsea Erickson, KS DWR, Jack Russell, MRNRD, Karen Labenz, Dana Cole.

Staff present Todd Siel, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Heft.

Comments from the Public: None

Motion #1 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes from the October board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0. Absent 4.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews 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. The Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the NRDs and NRCS is being updated for the first time since 1996. Once the MOA is approved, the official signing will be held during the NARD Legislative Conference in January 2020. Updates will then begin on the Cooperative Agreement. The NRCS report also included updates on the EQIP, CStwP contracts and the RCPP deadline. The new deadline for RCPP signup is January 17, 2020.

LRNRD Staff Report: Manager Todd Siel reviewed the NRD staff report. Scott Dicke attend the Nebraska Wind and Solar Conference in Lincoln on October 29th and 30th. The event brought together professionals from the renewable energy industry. Speakers included agency officials, industry professionals and Nebraska elected officials. Jim Macy, Director of Environment and Energy, indicated that Nebraska currently has around 2,500 MW of wind power generation with nearly another 1,000 MW in the pipeline. The NCORPE project has evaluated the possibilities of renewable energy for nearly five years. The potential for a renewable generation project on the NCORPE property itself could have a tax swing impact ranging as high as 65 million dollars over a 25-year period. This tax swing effect would deliver all the nameplate tax to Lincoln County while any generated revenue royalties could be used to offset future operational costs, which are currently paid with occupation tax.

Debra Klingenberger was hired as the NRCS Field Office secretary in Franklin County. She began working on October 28th

Karen Labenz, CPA for Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP presented the FY19 financial audit to the board.

Motion #3 by David Bartels seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the FY2019 financial report presented by Dana F. Cole & Company, LLP, Karen Labenz, CPA. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0. Absent 4.

PRD Update: The PRD property has been prepared for a prescribed burn in early in 2020.

NCORPE Update: NCORPE held a meeting on November 4th at Curtis, NE. Jack Colelli, Invenergy, gave another presentation on renewable energy. NCORPE is considering a potential lease agreement with Invenergy on NCORPE property. We will hopefully have documents to review at our meeting on December 4th in North Platte. Another meeting has been tentatively set for December 17th.

The FY2020 Resale Stock and Customer Charges were presented to the board.

Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the FY2020 Resale Stock and Customer Charges. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0. Absent 4.

Todd Siel introduced a resolution for “Participating Members” of LARM to ratify the elections of Members of the LARM Board of Directors for approval.

Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to approve resolution for “Participating Members” of LARM to ratify the elections of Members of the LARM Board of Directors. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0. Absent 4.

NARD Update: Roger Nelson and Nelson Trambly were elected in 1999 to the LRNRD Board of Directors, they received honors at Annual Conference in Kearney for their 20 years of service.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be December 12th at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:17pm.

Secretary

Date