

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
February 13, 2020 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 2:05 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 AT THE MEETING

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes, Index of Decisions

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report

Staff Report, NRCS, LRNRD

Excused Absences: David Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Roger Nelson.

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

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Dave Rocker, Franklin FFA Instructor, Franklin FFA students: Anthony Olson, Michelle Falkenstine, Joe Haas, Orleans.

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

Comments from the Public: None

Motion #1 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the board minutes from the January board meeting, with correction. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0. Absent 4.

Motion #2 by Brad Wulf seconded by Toby tenBensel 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. Jerry reviewed maps of all NRCS programs in the Lower Republican and where each practice is located.

LRNRD Staff Report: Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed the NRD staff report. The managers, staff and three directors attended Legislative Conference in Lincoln. The South-Central Water Conference was held on February 6th at the Phelps County Fairgrounds in Holdrege. Jeff Fassett was the keynote speaker and presented on water management in the Platte River Basin and the Republican River Basin. Director Fassett also announced his retirement from NeDNR at the end of February. Several presenters spoke about current conditions and trends, technology, and projects associated with water in south central Nebraska. The Republican River Basin Wide Plan annual meeting is February 20th in Cambridge.

Franklin FFA will be attending the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma. Students Anthony Olson and Michelle Falkenstine spoke to the board about the events leading up to Nationals and asked for a donation to help cover expenses.

Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve donating \$1,000 to the Franklin FFA team for expenses occurred at the National Land Judging contest in Oklahoma. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0. Absent 4

Variance Request #277 for Jason Bose was presented.

Motion #4 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve variance request #277 for Jason Bose. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0. Absent 4

Rural Water Update: The State of Nebraska Department of Transportation will be restructuring Highway 136 from Riverton to Red Cloud in 2020 and 2021. The rural water line is clear and will not impede construction throughout most of the new state right of way, but there is one area of conflict and a 2-1/2" line will have to be moved. Details of the relocation will be determined this spring.

PRD Update: The prescribed burn on our PRD property has been tentatively scheduled for early spring of 2020.

NCORPE Update: The next NCORPE meeting has not been scheduled yet and there has been no decision regarding a potential renewable energy lease.

Other Business: Scott Dicke gave the Water Resources update at the South Central Water Conference.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:36pm.

Secretary

Date