

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
October 8th, at 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order with an invitation to prayer at 7:11 pm. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The chairperson provided notice that the location of the current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws is located on the south wall.

Excused Absences: Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Brad Wulf.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: none

Staff present at LRNRD office: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, Shirlee Poyser and Kristen Heft

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Agenda

Variance Request Harden|Whipple #287

LRNRD Board Meeting, Index of Decisions, 9/20

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 9/20

Staff Report, NRCS & LRNRD

Comments from the Public: None

Motion #1 by David Bartels seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the LRNRD Board Minutes from the September board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 5 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Brad Wulf.

Motion #2 by Toby tenBensel seconded by David Bartels to approve the September treasurer's report. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 5 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Brad Wulf.

NRCS Report: The NRCS report was emailed out prior to the board meeting. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

LRNRD Staff Report: The NRD staff report was emailed out prior to the meeting. Generally, this time of year we would be discussing the NARD Annual conference and upcoming legislative items. The conference was not held but the NARD legislative meeting was convened with the introduction of one item related to climate change, which was voted down.

Tire recycling events at Alma, Hildreth, and Guide Rock all produced tonnage that surpassed the collections of past years - over 312 tons were sent to Champlin Tire Recycling, of Concordia, KS. Hazardous Household Waste recycling events were also held in the district where paint, used oil, antifreeze, pesticides, batteries, light bulbs, and other household liquids were gathered.

The Rural Water loan refinancing will begin in January 2020. Resolutions for the loan will be prepared and ready for signatures at the November meeting.

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operation (WFPO). The NRD is in good position to be awarded two, perhaps three grants. If awarded, the grants total \$1.4-\$2.1 million. When awarded, we can start looking at innovative projects. JEO, consulting firm from Nebraska contacted Scott Dicke because they are currently working on five other WFPO's which they assisted writing grants for. Dicke spoke with JEO consultants and asked if they would visit with us to see what we are doing with flow meters, where we are at, what we can do and in the

most cost-effective way. JEO has offered to come down, help develop steps one and two, assist connecting with the producers and the NRD all together in one shot and look at the funding.

The LRNRD has been watching CREP re-enrollments closely this year. CREP contract acres that were groundwater only or commingled acres expiring in 2020 totaled approximately 5,000 acres. The new enrollments and re-enrollments total 3,800 acres. Overall, the LRNRD, CREP groundwater and comingled acre net change was a negative 1,200 acres.

Last month Marlin Murdoch shared an old hydrograph of Turkey Creek. Dicke created an updated hydrograph with information on Turkey Creek. A copy of these graphs is in the minute book.

Motion #3 by Clark Andrews seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve Variance Request #287 for Patrick Harding | Steve Whipple, conditional and only effective upon the termination of the CREP contract #11238.

Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 5 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Brad Wulf.

The Platte-Republican Diversion project has finalized the water services agreement (WSA) with the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. The PRD approved the agreement on September 30th and has until October 16th to submit the updated WSA to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NeDNR).

NCORPE: The NCORPE budget hearing will be held at the October meeting. Todd Siel has been in contact with Adams Construction and others to dismantle the grain bins on the NCORPE property.

NARD Update: Roger Nelson gave the NARD update. Since the NARD Annual Conference was not held this year, in-lieu-of attending the conference, the NARD is accepting donations from the NRD's to cover the money typically raised during the conference for the NARD foundation. The NARD voted to purchase an office building and property in south Lincoln.

Motion #4 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve a \$1,200 donation to the NARD

Foundation. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 0, Absent 5 – Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Brad Wulf.

Other Business: None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.

Secretary

Date