



LOWER REPUBLICAN NRD – BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John, Alma, NE

December 9th, 2021, at 2pm

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 2:00 pm. 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. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster.

MATERIAL E-MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING & AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes, 11/21

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 11/21

NRCS Staff Report, 12/21

LRNRD Staff Report, 12/21

Memo from Dean Edson, LR23 Hearing December 3rd, 2021

LRNRD FY2022 Resale Stock and Customer Charges

Excused Absences: Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit.

Directors present at NRD Office: Clark Andrews, David Bartels, Bill Bose, Tim Kahrs, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Others present at the LRNRD office: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Karen Labenz, Dana Cole, LLC., Linda Nelson, Superior, Kyle Schlutz, Red Cloud, Dean Edson, NARD, Lincoln.

Staff present at LRNRD office: Todd Siel, Nick Simonson and Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Tim Kahrs seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the November board meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried. 9 Ayes, Nays 0, Absent 2. Matt Harrison and Terry Hoit.

Motion #2 by Roger Nelson seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve the LRNRD and Rural Water Treasurer's reports for November. Motion carried. 9 Ayes, Nays 0, Absent 2. Matt Harrison and Terry Hoit.

NRCS Staff Report: Jerry Kovarik emailed the NRCS report. The report provided updates on EQIP, CSP and RCPP renewal and deadline dates. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

LRNRD Staff Report: Technicians are winding down on meter readings with slightly over 100 left to read. Managers attended the annual forecast meeting for the basin in Cambridge, it was determined that 2022 will likely not be a Compact Call or Water Short year. WFPO meetings were held in Oxford and Riverton, with good participation from landowners in the watershed.

Matt Harrison entered at 2:11pm

Comments from the Public: Dean Edson, NARD, recognized Roger Nelson for serving 23 years on the LRNRD Board of Directors. Edson updated the board on the LR23 study hearing.

Kyle Schlutz contacted Manager Todd Siel about a possible contiguous acre trade. Siel and Schlutz presented the acre trade to the board for understanding and consideration.

Karen Labenz, CPA, Dana F. Cole presented a summary of the FY2021 financial information to the board.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews to approve FY2021 financial report presented by Dana F. Cole & Company LLP, Karen Labenz, CPA. Motion carried. 10 Ayes, Nays 0, Absent 1. Terry Hoit.

Nick Simonson presented the board with the FY2022 Resale Stock and Customer Charges. A copy of the updated prices is in the minute book.

Motion #4 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the FY2022 Resale Stock and Customer Charges. Motion carried. 10 Ayes, Nays 0, Absent 1. Terry Hoit.

Flag Creek Watershed: Closing date for purchase and acquisition of Flag Creek Section 34 and 35, Township 4, Range 19, Harlan County, will take place once the title insurance and all parties signatures have been compiled.

Motion #5 by David Bartels seconded by Brad Wulf to authorize the LRNRD staff to proceed to closing with the purchase and acquisition of property located in Sections 34 and 35, Township 4 North, Range 19 West, Harlan County, Nebraska and authorize the Chairman of the Board to execute all closing documents or other obligations necessary per legal counsel. 10 Ayes, Nays 0, Absent 1. Terry Hoit.

Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program (WFPO): Open house for Turkey Creek and Thompson Creek Projects were held on November 16th and 17th in Oxford and Riverton. Guests attended both meetings and expressed their opposition or agreement towards the projects. The LRNRD is the project sponsor, and responsible for the development of the project and watershed plan. The LRNRD will facilitate the process at the local level and coordinate with NRCS throughout the evaluation process.

Platte Republican High Flow Diversion Project (PRD) Update: There has been no notification from DNR on the Motion to Dismiss.

NCORPE Update: Both Todd and Nick attended the hearing for the LR23 study, in Lincoln. LR23 is a review of how the NRDs accomplish the 12 objectives that we were charged with when the NRD system was formed 50 years ago. Twin Platte's anticipated pumping for each year is just over 5,000AF. This year, the volume was only 3,600AF.

NARD Update: Roger Nelson said this is his last NARD report. He has enjoyed being a part of the NARD Committees over the years and he will greatly miss everyone.

Other Business: Dana Daniels, Miller and Associates, Kearney, is working with the Village of Edison on a drainage issue. Daniels asked Siel to look at the drainage issue to see if the NRD could help come up with a solution.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 4:16pm to discuss Contractual Negotiation, Imminent Litigation, and personnel. Motion carried. 10 Ayes, Nays 0, Absent 1. Terry Hoit.

Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 4:38pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. 10 Ayes, Nays 0, Absent 1. Terry Hoit.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be January 13th, 2022, at 2pm.

Meeting adjourned at 4:39pm.

Secretary

Date