



LOWER REPUBLICAN NRD
BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John, Alma, NE
October 10th, 2024, LRNRD at 8am - Virtual Meeting via Zoom

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

Meeting notices were published in the Harlan County Journal, posted in the District NRCS Office's and 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 8:00am. The chairperson provided notice that the location of the current copy of the statute dealing with public meetings laws is located on the south wall. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster.

Excused Absences: Tim Kahrs.

Directors present via Zoom: Clark Andrews, David Bartels, Lee Fintel, Chris Grams, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Directors present at the NRD Office: Don Duffy, Troy Fletcher, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch.

Others present: None

Staff present: Todd Siel, Nick Simonson, Shirlee Poyser.

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

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes, 9/24

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 9/24

NRCS Staff Report, 9/24

Comments from the Public: None.

Motion #1 by Troy Fletcher seconded by Don Duffy to approve the September minutes as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Nays 0, Absent 2. Clark Andrews, Tim Kahrs.

Motion #2 by Don Duffy seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD and Rural Water Treasurer's reports. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Nays 0, Absent 2. Clark Andrews, Tim Kahrs.

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

Clark Andrews entered the virtual meeting at 8:07am.

LRNRD Staff Report: Simonson gave the NRD manager's report. With producers still irrigating fields and calling in to ask that the NRD wait to read meters, it has put meter reading off to a slow start. We expect this to pick up soon.

Variance Request approvals: The NRD received one contiguous acre trade request for Tom Schluntz in Harlan County. Combining two wiper pivots into a single full circle pivot on contiguous quarters.

Rural Water Update: Managers will be working on the next steps of the Riverton Expansion grant regularly for the next several months. This includes our agreements with NDEE, Riverton and any other entities that we may be able to create a mutually beneficial partnership with.

RRCA Forecast: The annual forecast meeting will be on November 13th in Imperial. We are almost certain this will be another Compact Call Year unless there is a major change in the weather pattern.

Platte Republican High Flow Diversion: Managers Siel and Simonson had meetings with different parties involved with the PRD project. There will be more comprehensive discussion during the November meeting as things develop. Obviously, our current focus is on the approval of the application by DNR.

NCOPE: The next meeting is October 16th in North Platte. RWE, a renewable energy firm, is on the agenda to speak about their project in Lincoln County. While there isn't a lot to report on, more updates should be available at the November meeting.

WaterSMART Telemetry Meters: The installation of meters has started again. An installation instructor is coming from California to train Jorge. While Jorge has been through training before, staff asked them to hold off while people were finishing up irrigation to avoid any complications during an exceedingly stressful time for our producers.

NARD Update: Todd, Nick, Shirlee, Kristi, and Mary attended all or portions of the Annual NARD Conference at the end of September.

Other Business: None.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be held on November 14th at 1:30pm, at the LRNRD office.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27am.

Secretary

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