

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**

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

September 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008 following 7:00 p.m. Budget Hearing, 7:10 Final Tax Request Hearing, & Variance Hearing, followed by a Public Hearing then the Board meeting.

**FY2009 Budget Hearing**

The Lower Republican NRD FY2009 Budget Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Nelson Trambly at 7:00 p.m.

Michael Clements stated that a notice of this hearing was published in all the newspapers in the District.

Michael Clements presented the highlights of the LRNRD FY2009 budget. A copy is in the minute book.

Directors absent: None.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the hearing at 7:10 p.m.

**Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request**

The Lower Republican NRD Special Hearing to Set Final Tax Request was called to order by Chairperson Nelson Trambly at 7:10 p.m.

Michael Clements stated that a notice of this hearing was published in all the newspapers in the District.

Michael Clements presented the highlights of the Final Tax Request. A copy is in the minute book.

Directors absent: None.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

**Board of Directors Meeting**

A notice of the meeting was announced over radio station KRVN and published in the newspapers within the District.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO MEETING:**

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 9/11/08
2. Agenda, Variance Hearing, 9/11/08
3. LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes and Index of Decisions, 8/14/08
4. LRNRD Variance Minutes, 8/14/08
5. Republican River Basin Coalition Report, 9/08
6. LRNRD Treasurers Report and Budget Comparison, 8/31/08
7. Managers Report, 9/08
8. Assistant Managers Report, 9/08
9. Variance Request – J.F. Hoffman
10. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 8/31/08
11. Application for a Permit to Construct a Well in the LRNRD
12. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report, 8/31/08

**MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:**

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 9/11/08
2. Memo of Understanding - NRCS
3. Change in Location on Contiguous Property
4. Change in Location on Contiguous Property Ron Robison
5. FY2008-2009 Budget Breakdown & Summary
6. FY 09 County Valuations
7. Haug Communication & Billing
8. NARD Resolutions
9. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Extension

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler.

Absent: None

Nelson Trambly informed the audience of the Open Meetings Laws posters posted in the meeting room.

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Diana Lambson, Hastings Tribune, Nick Simonsen, Harlan Co. NRCS, J.F. Hoffman, Arapahoe, Steve Meyer, Trailblazer RC&D, Wendell Dorn, Franklin, Harlan Herman, Inavale, Deb Herman, Inavale, Mark Billinger, Stockton, KS. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe.

**Motion #1 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jim Moore to accept the minutes from the August board meeting. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Absent 0.

**Motion #2 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to accept the August Variance Request minutes. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews. Absent 0.

**Motion #3 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to accept the July treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose. Absent 0.

**Motion #4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to reduce Wendell Dorn's meter reading for each year from 2005-2008 by 11%, and the meter is to be inspected (serial number 04-8-1403). Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 0.

Mike Clements updated the board on his report. Mike reminded the board that he is a member of the Hazardous Mitigation Planning team and will have to attend a few meetings. Mike passed around two brochures Know Your NRD created by Jo Siel and Know Your NRD Basin created by Traci Witthuhn for our district. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Bryan Lubeck updated the board on his report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Bryan updated the board on our resale stock and customer charges. Discussion was held on site preparation and possibly charging \$50 extra if sites have to be reflagged. The board decided to wait another year before adding a penalty charge.

**Motions #5 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Bill Bose to approve FY2009 LRNRD Resale Stock/Customer Charges as presented and increasing the tree cost to 66¢. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent 0.

The board reviewed the bids for the Pick-up and SUV. They will be taking bids on the gray van and the extra pick-up.

**Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to accept the Pick-up and SUV bids from Tripe Motor, Alma. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Absent 0.

Nick Simonson, Harlan County NRCS gave the NRCS report. Nick read to the board the Memorandum of Understanding between the USDA – NRCS and the State Department of Ag (or) the State Department of Natural Resources, the Civil Rights and Equal Employment Opportunities, MOU Basics, Civil Rights Basics.

Shirlee Poyser gave the Republican River Basin Coalition Report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements updated the board on meetings that will be held with DNR. DNR wants to have a series of meetings with the Republican Basin NRD's over the next three months to discuss arbitration, meter readings.

There were no comments from the public.

Mike Clements spoke to Larry Dix about sending out an occupational tax statement saying that there is a zero amount owed for 2008. The board thought it would be best to put a notice in the LRNRD newsletter.

The meter reading adjustment for Roger Luther is postponed till next month.

Kristi Coe presented J.F. Hoffman's variance request to the board.

**Motion #7 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to approve J.F. Hoffman's variance request #64 as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Absent 0.

Kristi Coe presented V&W Farms Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

**Motion #8 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve V & W Farms Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Absent 0.

Kristi Coe presented Ron Robison's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

**Motions #9 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Ron Robison's Change in Location on Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 11 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Absent 0.

**Motion #10 by Jim Moore seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the FY 2009 Budget as presented. Motion carried.** Roll Call. Ayes 10 Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Nays 1 Bill Bose. Absent 0.

**Motion #11 by Brad Wulf seconded by Jay Ziegler to approve the Final Tax Resolution as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call.** Ayes 11 Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt

Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Absent 0.

There were no updates on the Rural Water Project.

**Motion #12 by Bill Bose seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 11 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Absent 0.

Mike Clements talked to the board about purchasing Telemetry equipment and software to be installed at the booster station for the Rural Water District. This equipment and software will be installed on Garold Ohmstede and John Bush's computers to help monitor and identify quickly any problems at the pumping station.

**Motion #13 by Jim Moore seconded by Roger Nelson to approve purchasing the telemetry equipment from Haug Communications for the Rural Water Project.** Motion carried. Ayes 11 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews. Absent 0.

Roger Nelson reported that the NARD Annual Conference is September 29<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>.

The Board discussed and considered the 2008 Resolutions for the NARD Annual Conference. A vote was taken on each of the proposed resolutions to provide the delegates with direction on how to vote. (Copies of the resolutions are attached to the minutes.)

Resolution #2008-1	Certified Irrigated Land Transfers, Vote at Conference – 5 no
Resolution #2008-2	Water Contingency Revolving Fund, Vote at Conference – 5 yes
Resolution #2008-3	Governmental Sub-Division Aid, Vote at Conference – 3 yes 2 no
Resolution #2008-4	Storage Permit Deadline for Beginning Dam Construction Vote at Conference – 5 yes

There was no Executive Committee Report.

There was no Groundwater Management Area Report.

There was no Groundwater Management Committee Report.

There were no Applications for a Permit to Construct a Well.

Steve Meyer, Trailblazer RC&D introduced himself to the board. There was no Southwest RC&D report.

**Motion #14 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Cost Share Time Extensions as presented. Motion carried.** Motion carried. Ayes 11 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose. Absent 0.

W448	Stephen Janda	December 13, 2008
FR 473	Steven L'Heureux	December 7, 2008
FR476	Ronald Fritson	December 13, 2008

**Motion #15 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Clark Andrews to go into Executive Session at 8:55 p.m. to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement**

**Agreement. Motion carried.** Motion carried. Ayes 11 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 0.

**Motion #16 Jay Ziegler seconded by Brad Wulf to come out of executive session at 9:35 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** carried. Ayes 11 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent 0.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the meeting at 9:35 p.m.

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Secretary

Date

**MINUTES**  
 LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
**Variance Hearing**  
 30 North John Street, Alma, NE  
 September 11, 2008 at 7:15 p.m.

**INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO MEETING:**

13. Agenda, 9/11/08

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the variance hearing meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler.

Absent: None.

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Diana Lambson, Hastings Tribune, Nick Simonsen, Harlan Co. NRCS, J.F. Hoffman, Arapahoe, Steve Meyer, Trailblazer RC&D, Wendell Dorn, Franklin, Harlan Herman, Inavale, Deb Herman, Inavale, Mark Billinger, Stockton, KS. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser, Kristi Coe.

Michael Clements presented the list of Exhibits: Request for Variance, Order of Hearing, Notice of Hearing, LRNRD Guidelines for the Reporting of Irrigated Acres, News Release 8-19-04, LRNRD Review Volume 5 Rule 6-6 Certification of Uses.

Nelson Trambly read a brief statement of how hearings are conducted.

J.F. Hoffman presented his variance request to the board. A copy of the variance request is in the minute's book.

Chairperson Nelson Trambly closed the hearing at 7:20 p.m.

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