

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
October 9th, 2008
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, 10/09/08
2. Agenda, Variance Hearing, 10/09/08
3. LRNRD Board Meeting Minutes and Index of Decisions, 9/11/08
4. LRNRD Variance Minutes, 9/11/08
5. Republican River Basin Coalition Report, 9/08
6. LRNRD Treasurers Report and Budget Comparison, 9/30/08
7. Managers Report, 10/08
8. Assistant Managers Report, 10/08
9. Variance Request – James Copley
10. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 9/30/08
11. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report, 9/30/08

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 10/9/08
2. NRCS Report, 10/9/08
3. Letter from Dana Cole, Coalition Audit – 9/08
4. NSWCP Priority Scoring Sheets
5. Certification of Acres – James Copley
6. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Extension

Secretary Brad Wulf called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:20 p.m.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler.

Absent: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Brad Wulf informed the audience of the Open Meetings Laws posters posted in the meeting room.

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Nick Simonsen, Harlan Co. NRCS, Traci Witthuhn, RRBC, Kynn Molzahn, Naponee, Senator Tom Carlson, Holdrege. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Clark Andrews seconded by Matt Harrison to accept the minutes from the September board meeting. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 6 Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Nays 0. Absent – 5 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Brian Holtze to accept the September Variance Request minutes. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 6 Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent – 5 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #3 by Roger Nelson seconded by Jay Ziegler to accept the September treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 6 Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews. Nays 0. Absent – 5 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Jim Moore and Bill Bose entered at 7:25 p.m.

Mike Clements gave his manager's report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Motion #4 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to the open sealed bids for the 1998 Chevy Pick-up and 1998 Dodge Caravan SE as presented. After bids were opened the 1998 Chevy Pick-up bid went to PR Livestock, Inc. for \$3,501.00 and the 1998 Van bid went to Maxine Krolkowski for \$1,000.00. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Bryan Lubeck discussed with the board the Fall 2008 Static Water Level Measurements and the No-till Cover Crops Research Field Day near Bladen he attended. There were twenty different crops, in twenty-five different plots. The impressive part of the demonstration was the water sensors and they showed the water use for each of the cover crops.

Senator Tom Carlson talked to the board briefly about vegetation management and how he is going to ask for a two year extension for the work and more funding. Senator Carlson said the Governor is okay with the extension, but Carlson needs to convince the legislature. Tom would like to come up with a believable, appropriate estimate of water saved to present to the legislature.

Nick Simonson, Harlan County NRCS gave the NRCS report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator gave the Basin Report. A copy of this is in the minute book. Traci also reported that the Nebraska Republican River Management Districts Associations next meeting is November 17th. Traci is working on getting the approval from the districts to get the Coalition audit done by Dana Cole.

There were no comments from the public.

Bryan Lubeck handed out the LRNRD NSWCP Priority Scoring Sheet. Bryan talked to the board about cost share and priority ranking of the Soil Moisture Sensors.

Motion #5 by Brian Holtze seconded by Bill Bose to approve Soil Moisture Sensors as a top priority in NSWCP, with a limit of one set of four sensors per producer unless all cost share is not used by the end of the fiscal year. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #6 by Bill Bose seconded by Roger Nelson to not approve cost share for NC20 Brush Management. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Jim Moore to approve James Copley's variance request #65 as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

There was no Rural Water update.

Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

There was no NARD report.

There was no Executive Committee Report.

There was no Groundwater Management Area Report.

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

There were no RC&D reports.

Motion #9 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the Cost Share Time Extensions as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

FU694 Danny Ruf	January 3, 2009
FU691 Floren Hyke	January 4, 2009
FU696 Greg Hill	January 18, 2009
W451 Rodney Imler	January 18, 2009
W447 Joe Vavricka	January 25, 2009

Motion #10 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to start the November meeting at 7 p.m. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #11 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to go into Executive Session at 8:35 p.m. to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement and Possible Litigation for Rules Violations. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Jay Ziegler, Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

Motion #12 Bill Bose seconded by Clark Andrews to come out of executive session at 9:00 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler. Nays 0. Absent – 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 13th at 7 p.m.

Secretary Brad Wulf adjourned the meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date

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 LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Variance Hearing
 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
 October 9th, 2008

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL MAILED OUT PRIOR TO MEETING:

12. Agenda, 10/9/08

Secretary Brad Wulf called the variance hearing meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Brad Wulf, Jay Ziegler.

Absent: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly.

Others present: Ginger Jensen, Kearney Hub, Tribune, Nick Simonsen, Harlan Co. NRCS, Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coordinator, Kynn Molzahn, Naponee, NE, Senator Tom Carlson, Holdrege . 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.

Brad Wulf read a brief statement of how hearings are conducted.

Kynn Molzahn presented James Copley's variance request to the board. A copy of the variance request is in the minute's book.

Secretary Brad Wulf Trambly closed the hearing at 7:15 p.m.

 Secretary

 Date