

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
October 8th, 2015 at 7 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was published in the local newspapers within the District and on the District Website at www.lnrnd.org.

Informational Material Mailed out Prior to the Meeting

1. Agenda, 10/15
2. LRNRD Board Meeting, Variance Minutes & Index of Decisions, 9/15
3. LRNRD, & Rural Water Treasurer's Report, 9/15
4. NRCS Report, Manager & Assistant Manager's Report
5. Bids for New District Vehicle
6. 2015 Series Bond Resolution 2015-20
7. Draft Integrated Management Plan
8. LRNRD Price List Update
9. Board Action on Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a.) **Nicholas Haak**
 - b.) **Todd Christensen**

Material Handed out at the Meeting:

1. Agenda, 9/15
2. IMP update 10/2/2015
3. LRNRD/DNR Integrated Management Plan Updates – General Overview
4. DNR, Republican River Basin IMP Modifications – Jesse Bradley
5. Conditions for Staff Approved Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Marlin Murdoch noted that guests could sign the attendance roster and noted the location of a current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws and the booklet with the information provided to directors.

Board Member Present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Bill Bose, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Andy Raun, Hasting Tribune, Sylvia Johnson, MRNRD, Shannon Rothchild, Nex-Tech, Jim Schneider and Brian Dunnigan, Olsson Associates. Staff present: Mike Clements, Scott Dicke, and Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Brad Wulf to approve the board minutes and variance minutes from the September Board Meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 8 Nays 0. Absent 3.

Motion #2 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the LRNRD, and Rural Water Treasurer's Reports as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 8. Nays 0. Absent 3

Jerry Kovarik, updated the board on the October 16th sign-up deadline for EQIP, and the Missouri Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) Grant. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Staff reports were distributed and are attached to the minutes. Michael Clements had no further additions to his report. Rural Water has a new Superintendent. Lonnie Knehans. Scott Dicke entertained any questions on his report and added that he had a few items on the agenda that will be up for discussion. Scott also added that Brittnay Nurnberg is the new field secretary in Harlan County. These reports are attached to the minutes

Bill Bose entered the meeting at 7:09 p.m.

Mike Clements stated the NRD sent out bid specifications to area dealerships for a 2015 Traverse, with the option of trading in the 2005 Dodge Caravan. Two bids were received; Tripe Motor of Alma had the lowest bid for \$36,670. Trade-in value for the van \$2,000.

Motion #3 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Clark Andrews to accept the vehicle bid from Tripe Motor for a 2015 Traverse for \$36,670 and to trade in the 2005 Dodge Caravan for \$2,000. Motion carried. Ayes 9. Nays 0. Absent 2.

The 2015 Series Bond Resolution 2015-20 was presented. This extract amends the prior resolution of the district authorizing the issuance of a limited obligation occupation tax supported River Flow Enhancement Refunding Bond.

Motion#4 by Brad Wulf seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the 2015 Bond Resolution No. 2015-20. Motion carried. Ayes 9. Nays 0. Absent 2.

Brian Dunnigan and James Schneider presented the general overview of the LRNRD/DNR Integrated Management Plan updates to the board.

Motion #5 by Nelson Trambly seconded Bill Bose to set the Integrated Management Plan public hearing date and time for November 12th, 2015 at 1:30pm. Motion carried. Ayes 9. Nays 0. Absent 2.

Scott Dicke presented the Price and Conditions Updates for LRNRD Resales Stock & Customer Charges. Customer charge for travel for repairing flow meters that are not used within the LRNRD was added.

Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve the 2015 Price and Condition Updates for LRNRD Resales Stock and Customer Charges. Motion carried. Ayes 9. Nays 0. Absent 2.

As a follow-up regarding IT options that would hedge against future unknown costs, Scott provided an update that answered previous questions regarding costs and options. These questions were the cost for IT services on existing computers, cost for IT services with new computers if they were leased, and if leased computers could be purchased after the contract. Scott indicated that depending on what was selected, the monthly cost would range from about \$1,300.00 (with existing equipment) and moving into the future it would ~ \$1,775.00 (with all new office equipment). A full office wide IT support agreement would be for 36 months. With a full office IT agreement computer leases would be set at a \$42 per month for a 36 month agreement and at the end of the 36 months, the computer could be purchased for 10% of the contract price (ie...\$1,500.00 computer contract would be a \$150.00 computer purchase). The IT full service agreement at approximately \$1,300 per month covers comprehensive service and support. If a new computer is purchased it would be added to the monthly cost (ie.. one new computer @ \$42 + \$1,300 = \$1,342 or if all new office computers are leased at the same time – 11 computers @ \$42 + \$1,300 = \$1,752). Initially, a computer will be leased that adds \$42 to the monthly fee. Also, as part of the Nex-tech contract, they will be putting a bigger backup server in place to handle our data collection. Brad suggested that we move forward with trying the 36 month IT contract with Nex-Tech that Scott explained (that included the option to include new computers as a lease under the IT contract which could be purchased back at the end of the contract).

Motion #7 by Brad Wulf seconded by Matt Harrison to enter into a \$1,300 per month agreement with Nex-Tech IT Solutions. Motion carried. Ayes 9. Nays 0. Absent 2.

Changes in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property were presented to the board.

Motion #8 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property for: Nicholas Haack and Todd Christensen. Motion carried. Ayes 9. Nays 0. Absent 2.

Conditions for Staff Approved Change of Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Acres were presented to the board. This allows the Manager, Assistant Manager and the Water Resources Administrator to approve Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Acres in house unless more than one landowner is involved.

Motion #9 by Brad Wulf seconded by Toby tenBensel to allow staff approval of Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 9. Nays 0. Absent 2.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 12, 2015 at 2 PM.

Secretary

Date

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