

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
December 9th, 2010 following 2:00 p.m. Variance Hearing,
Immediately followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

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, 12/10
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 11/10
3. Variance Hearing Minutes, 11/10
4. Treasurer's Report, 11/10
5. Budget Comparison, 11/10
6. Managers Report, 12/10
7. Assistant Managers Report, 12/10
8. LRNRD Draft Integrated Management Plan Summary
9. Evolving Draft – 2010 LRNRD IMP
10. Request for Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a. Max Schultz
11. Request for Variance
 - a. Max Schultz
 - b. Ackerman Trust
 - c. James Adam
12. NARD Flexible Benefits Plan
13. NRCS Report, 12/10
14. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 11/10

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Request for Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a. Ackerman Trust
 - b. James Adam
 - c. Steve Johnson
 - d. Max Schultz
 - e. Travis Woollen
 - f. Floyd Massey
 - g. Sharon Schluntz

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:12 p.m.

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

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Absent: Bill Bose, Jim Moore.

Others present: Pat Underwood, Lower Republican NRD Grant Consultant, Max Schultz, Oxford, James Adam, Franklin, Rhn Jacobson, Franklin, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Rich Holloway, TBNRD, Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Brad Edgerton, FCID. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Kristi Coe.

Motion #1 by Terry Hoit seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes from the November meetings.

Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 9 –Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0. Absent 2- Bill Bose, Jim Moore.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Dave Bartels to accept the November treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 9 – Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays – 0. Absent 2- Bill Bose, Jim Moore.

Mike Clements had nothing further to add to his report. Mike presented Brian Holtze with a plaque, thanking him for his years of service to the LRNRD.

Bryan Lubeck talked with the board about the need for another Mobile Prescribe Burn Unit. He had nothing further to include to his report.

Jerry Kovarik, NRCS gave the NRCS report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements gave a power point presentation on the Integrated Management Plan. Mike said that this plan has not been approved; they are getting it out to the public to get their reaction. Mike also handed out a summary of the draft Integrated Management Plan. A copy of this is in the minute book. Mike asked to have a public hearing date set. This is not a hearing with the DNR, it is a hearing for the board to get input from our constituents, from stake holders. This is not a joint hearing.

Marlin Murdoch and Brad Wulf left at 2:50 p.m.

Motion #3 by Roger Nelson seconded by Matt Harrison to set the hearing date for the Proposed LRNRD Integrated Management Plan on January 13, 2011 at 1 p.m. at the Johnson Center in Alma, NE. Motion carried. Ayes 7 – Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Nays – 0. Absent 4- Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements discussed with the board the need for a second Burn Unit for the Game and Parks.

Motion #4 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to donate \$1000 to the NE G&P Mobile Prescribe Burn Unit. Motion carried. Ayes 7 – Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Nays – 0. Absent 4- Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements presented the board with a letter that was written to DNR on November 24, 2010 asking them to please reconsider their decision to not give the LRNRD any consumptive use credit for our water purchase negotiated with Frenchman Cambridge. Several letters were received back and forth and this was our last attempt to get cooperation with the state to make a compromise that would be fair. Mike feels our next step is the legal system.

Motion #5 by Brian Holtze seconded by Matt Harrison to begin legal proceeding with Department of Natural Resources pertaining to Frenchman Cambridge water purchase, if there is no response by January 2, 2011. Ayes 7 – Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Nays – 0. Absent 4- Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Brad Wulf returned.

Mike Clements asked to skip to Agenda Item 18 RC&D reports.

Steve Meyer, Trailblazer RC&D gave the RC&D report. Steve presented the Trailblazer RC&D 2010 Annual Report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Kristi Coe talked to the board about the Surface Water Option. After lengthy debate it was decided to table discussion until the next meeting.

Motion #6 by Brad Wulf seconded by Roger Nelson to table the Surface Water Option until the January 13, 2011 meeting. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Mike Clements presented the Ackerman Trust Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Terry Hoit to table Ackerman Trust Change in Location of Certified Acres on contiguous Property. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #8 by Brian Holtze seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Max Schultz, James Adam, Steve Johnson, Travis Woollen, Floyd Massey and Sharon Schluntz Change in Location of Certified Acres on contiguous Property. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Mike Clements presented Variance Request #123 for Ackerman Trust.

Motion #9 by Brad Wulf seconded by Terry Hoit to table Variance Request #123 for Ackerman Trust. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Mike Clements presented Variance Request #122 for James Adams and Variance Request #124 for Max Schultz.

Motion #10 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Variance Request #122 for James Adam and Variance Request #124 for Max Schultz. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

There were no comments from the public.

There was no NARD report.

Motion #11 by Terry Hoit seconded by Roger Nelson to accept changes to the NARD Flexible Benefits Plan, Participation Agreement. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Pat Underwood provided a summary and update of grant activities. We are still waiting to hear back on several Environmental Trust applications and have submitted an application to another private foundation for incentives for beginning farmers to transition to dryland cropping. This is paired with a federal Beginning Farmer Program grant application which is finished and will be submitted before December 22.

The next application Pat proposed is a Conservation Innovation Grant to create a new way to use conservation easements that will work better for our area than the Farm and Ranchland Protection Program and also will cost substantially less than programs like AWEF. Also the BOR WaterSmart grant announcement is expected soon and we will have only a 45 day application window, so if the Board wants to try that again for cleanout of tributaries Pat expects work on that application would start as soon as CIG is submitted.

Pat is also working on setting up another round of soil moisture seminars for this year's CCPI grant.

Motion #12 by Brian Holtze seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #13 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the time extensions as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Brian Holtze, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

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Greg Simpson

March 23, 2011

Motion #14 Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews to move that the Board go into Executive Session at 4:05 p.m. to discuss possible litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #15 by Dave Bartels seconded by Terry Hoit to move that the board come out of Executive Session at 4:50 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 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Nays – 0. Absent: 3 - Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be January 13th, 2011, starting with the LRNRD IMP Hearing at 1 p.m. at the Johnson Center in Alma, then immediately followed by the regularly scheduled board meeting at 2 p.m.

Secretary

Date