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LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE

January 14th, 2010 at 2 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, LRNRD Public Hearing, 1/10
2. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 1/10
3. LRNRD Board Meeting & Variance Minutes and Index of Decisions, 12/09
4. Treasurer's Report, 12/09
5. Budget Comparison, 12/09
6. Managers Report, 1/10
7. Assistant Managers Report, 1/10
8. RRBC Report, 1/10
9. Variance Request – 1/10
10. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 12/09
11. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. NRCS Report, 1/10

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:10 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Roger Nelson.

Others present: Pat Underwood, Kearney Hub, Nick Simonson, Harlan Co. NRCS, Traci Witthuhn, RRBC, Rich Holloway, TBNRD, Dave Domina, Omaha, Rich Scott, Omaha, Richard Coe, Alma, Bruce Kahrs, Naponee, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Harlan Herman, Inavale, Jim Dietz, Cambridge, Ray Winz, Holdrege. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Coe.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Chairperson, Nelson Trambly and Marlin Murdoch were nominated. Nelson Trambly was selected as Chairperson with 7 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Vice-Chairperson, Bill Bose, Brian Holtze, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf were nominated. Bill Bose was elected Vice-Chairperson with 5 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Secretary, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch and Brad Wulf were nominated. Marlin Murdoch was selected as Secretary with 6 votes in favor.

Michael Clements asked for nominations for Treasurer, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Brian Holtze, Brad Wulf were nominated. Brian Holtze was elected as Treasurer with 6 votes.

Officers:

Nelson Trambly	Chairperson
Bill Bose	Vice Chairperson
Marlin Murdoch	Secretary
Brian Holtze	Treasurer

Motion #1 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to accept Representatives and Committees as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Representatives:

Roger Nelson.....NARD Representative
Nelson Trambly.....NARD Alternate
Brian Holtze.....Southwest Nebraska RC&D Representative
Clark Andrews.....Southwest Nebraska RC&D Alternate
Brad Wulf.....Trailblazer RC&D Representative
Nelson Trambly.....Trailblazer RC&D Alternate
Marlin Murdoch.....NRRMDA Representative
Brian Holtze.....NRRMDA Alternate
Brad Wulf.....Rural Water District Advisory Committee Rep.

Groundwater Management Committee:

Bill Bose
Matt Harrison
Brian Holtze
Jim Moore
Nelson Trambly
Dave Bartels - Alternate

Scholarship Committee: (3 Directors and 2 Staff personnel)

Dave Bartels
Brian Holtze
Clark Andrews
Bryan Lubeck
Jo Siel

Motion #2 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to accept all elected Officers and Committees. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to authorize the Lower Republican NRD Board Chairperson, Treasurer and the District's General Manager, Assistant Manager and Administrative Bookkeeper/Assistant to sign and open on all LRNRD accounts and LRNRD Rural Water Accounts. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #4 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the board and variance hearing minutes from the December meetings. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to accept the December treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements presented his Manager's report.

Bryan Lubeck presented his Assistant Manager's report. There was lengthy discussion on getting meters read and what our priority should be to get the meters read.

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

Traci Witthuhn, Republican River Basin Coalition, presented her report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Mike Clements discussed with the board renting office space to NE Game and Park representative John Laux. Mike informed the board that we would be charging \$200 per month for rent.

Motion #6 by Jim Moore seconded by Brad Wulf to accept the rental agreement with NE Game and Parks to house John Laux. Motion carried. Ayes 8 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison. Nays – 2 Bill Bose, Terry Hoit. Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Comments from the public: Rich Holloway from Tri-Basin NRD invited everyone to attend the Annual Water Conference in Holdrege on February 4th, 2010 at 10 a.m..

Kristi Coe presented Valley View Farms, Doug and Betty Kahrs, Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. A copy of this request is in the minute book.

Motion #7 by Matt Harrison seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Valley View Farms, Inc. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Richard Coe Variance Request #114 was presented to the board.

Motion #8 Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to approve Variance Request #114 for Richard Coe. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Richard Coe's Variance Request #115 was presented to the board.

Motion #9 Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Variance Request #115 for Richard Coe. Motion Carried. Ayes 10 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #10 by Bill Bose seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements informed the board the City of Franklin is increasing the utility rates for the Rural Water project by 12% effective January 15th, 2010. The Rural Water is currently paying the City of Franklin a meter charge of \$54.50 per month and 81 cents per thousand gallons of water delivered. The rate increase for water will be .9072 cent per thousand gallons of water.

Motion #11 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to approve a 6% Rural Water rate increase to offset the 12% water rate increase from the City of Franklin. Ayes 8 Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly. Nays – 2 Bill Bose, Brian Holtze. Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Mike Clements updated the board on the NRD LB701 Refund Litigation. All three hearings will be heard at the same time by Judge Urbom in McCook on January 21, 2010 at 11:30 a.m..

State Proposed Options for Water short Years was moved to the end of the meeting.

Mike Clements gave the NARD report. Nebraska Legislature convened its work session on January 6th. Mike informed the board that there are lots of bills in session.

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.

Brian Holtze reported for the Southwest RC&D. Brian informed the board that the Cambridge Ethanol plant is reopening. It was bought by a company from Michigan.

Brad Wulf reported that the Trailblazer RC&D will be having a Scrap Tire recycling project again in the spring.

Motion #12 by Terry Hoit seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve the Cost Share Time Extensions as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

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Motion #13 by Dave Bartels seconded by Clark Andrews to go into Executive Session at 3:29 p.m. to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #14 Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to come out of executive session at 6:33 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #15 Brad Wulf seconded by Marlin Murdoch to accept LRNRD Resolution 2010-1. Motion Carried. Ayes 10 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

Motion #16 Dave Bartels seconded by Brian Holtze to adjourn the meeting at 6:48 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 10 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays – 0 Absent – 1 Roger Nelson.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be February 11th, 2010 starting with the Variance Hearings at 2:00 p.m., followed by the regular board meeting.

Secretary

Date