

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

March 11, 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, Monthly Board Meeting, 3/10
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Variance Minutes and Index of Decisions, 2/10
3. Treasurer's Report, 2/10
4. Budget Comparison, 2/10
5. Managers Report, 3/10
6. Assistant Managers Report, 3/10
7. RRBC Report, 3/10
8. NRD Wellness Program Update, 3/10
9. Water Wells, Active versus Inactive Registration Status
10. Meters Not Installed
11. Application for a Permit to Construct a Well in the LRNRD
12. Letter from Congressman Adrian Smith
13. Change in Location of Contiguous Property of Maynard Schriener
14. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 2/10
15. NARD Bill Summary
16. Application for a Permit to Construct a Well in the LRNRD permits to approve
17. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. NRCS Report, 3/10
2. RRBC Agenda, 3/10
3. Water Budget Brochure, 3/10
4. Trailblazer RC&D 2009 Annual Report
5. Doug Rawson Meter Reading Adjustment

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 2:00 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, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Pat Underwood, Kearney Hub, Rich Holloway, TBNRD, Steven Meyer, Trailblazer RC&D, Nick Simonson, NRCS, John Laux, NG&P. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser and Kristi Coe.

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes from the February meeting. Motion carried. Ayes of 8 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Absent 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf

Motion #2 by Dave Bartels seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the variance hearing minutes from the February meeting. Motion carried. Ayes of 8 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Motion #3 by Jim Moore seconded Terry Hoit to accept the February treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes of 8 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements had no further additions to his manager's report. Mike received a thank you from the Tri-Basin NRD for speaking at their Water Conference. Mike briefly talked about the Corps releasing water from Harlan Co. Dam. Mike presented pictures of the river showing the amount of water running due to the water releases. March 18th DNR is having a meeting with the NRD's, the Irrigation Districts, and the Bureau of Reclamation in Cambridge.

Bryan Lubeck provided the board with a graph of NRD Tree Sales since 1978 when the LRNRD first started selling trees. Since 1978 the District has planted just over 1.27 million trees. This is an average of nearly 41,000 trees per year.

Nick Simonson gave the NRCS report. A copy of this report is in the minute book. Nick asked the board to approve the field office secretaries signing off on the Conservation of Operation Plans.

Motion #4 by Jim Moore seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the signing of the Conservation of Operation Plans by the Field Office Secretaries as required per NRCS or FSA Policy. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Traci Witthuhn gave the RRBC report. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Steve Meyer, Trailblazer RC&D presented the board with the 2009 Annual Report. Steve discussed the Organic Farming Initiative meeting, the Community Tree Improvement Program, Illegal Road Side Dumping. On April 17th there will be a Household Hazardous Waste pick up in Alma, Franklin, and Red Cloud. Women's Wilderness Weekend will be the first weekend in August.

John Laux, NE Game and Park gave an update on his rental agreement with the NRD.

Kristi Coe discussed with the board the need for a deadline date on the 2009 Supplemental Well Option.

Motion #5 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to approve April 1, 2010 as the Supplemental Well Option Deadline for the 2009 irrigation season. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Kristi Coe received a letter from Doug Rawson concerning his meter reading for 2009. Doug feels that his meter was reading incorrectly. A copy of this letter showing his fuel usage is in the minute book.

Motion #6 Dave Bartels seconded by Terry Hoit to adjust Doug Rawson's 2009 meter reading to have the same usage as the 2008 meter reading, 7.72 inches. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike briefed the board on the status of changing a well from active to inactive wells. The NRD had a special stipulation that a well can only be changed to inactive status if you pull the pump. Mike asked if the board would reconsider.

Motion #7 Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison if a pump is present at the inactive well a flow meter or a plug needs to be installed and cabled sealed to ensure that no water is being pumped through the well. If no pump is present at the inactive well, then no meter is required to be installed. Ayes 6 8 Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike presented the board with an update on the definition of a Replacement Well. On the back of the permit the definition of a replacement well was added.

The Executive Committee met before the last meeting and talked with Pat Underwood about potential grant possibilities for the district and the district partnering with the county. Pat Underwood gave a quick resume about herself and grant experiences.

Motion #8 Jim Moore seconded by Roger Nelson to approve hiring Pat Underwood as a grant writer for the LRNRD. Motion Carried. Ayes 6 7 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nay 6 1 Bill Bose. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike talked to the board about the water releases the Corp decided to make. Mike also wrote letters to Congressman Smith, Senators Nelson and Johanns concerning the amount of water being let out of the lake.

Kristi presented Maynard Schriners Change in Location of Contiguous Property.

Motion #9 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to approve Maynard Schriner's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Motion #10 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike gave an update on LB862, it is out of committee and is now in general file. LB1057 is in general file.

Executive Committee met with Pat Underwood.

There was no Groundwater Management Area Report.

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There were no RC&D reports.

Applications for a Permit to construct a well were reviewed.

There were no Wild NE Applications to be approved.

Motion #11 by Dave Bartels seconded by Terry Hoit to approve three of the Cost Share Time Extensions and deny one as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

FU728	Erica Hunt	July 13, 2010
FU739	W. Clarence Courtright	July 1, 2010
FR502	Gerald Minnick	May 10, 2010
FU720	Fisher Cattle LLC	Denied

Motion #12 by Bill Bose seconded by Terry Hoit to recess the meeting until Saturday March 13th, 2010 at 11 a.m. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Absent - 3 Brian Holtze, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

The LRNRD Board meeting reconvened on Saturday, March 13, 2010 at 11:00 a.m.

Members present: Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly.

Members absent: Clark Andrews, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Motion #13 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to reconvene the LRNRD board meeting at 11:02 a.m. on March 13th, 2010 and to go into Executive Session to discuss possible Litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Absent - 3 Clark Andrews, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Motion #14 Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to come out of executive session at 12:57 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Dave Bartels. Absent - 3 Clark Andrews, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Motion #15 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to go forward with the LRNRD IMP proposal to DNR. Motion carried. Ayes 6 8 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent - 3 Clark Andrews, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be April 8th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date