

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

August 12th, 2010 at 7 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, 8/10
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 7/10
3. Treasurer's Report, 7/10
4. Budget Comparison, 7/10
5. Managers Report, 8/10
6. Assistant Managers Report, 8/10
7. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 7/10
8. LRNRD FY2011 Budget

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. Agenda, Monthly Board Meeting, 8/10
2. Request for Change in Location of Property - Lueking
3. UNL Field Day Brochure
4. John Bush, Resignation letter, 7/23/10
5. Aquaterr – Series 300 Portable Soil Probes
6. Resolution 08-12 Use of Special Property Tax Funds
7. LRNRD NSWCP Cost Share Report
8. Possible Occupational Tax Uses

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m.

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

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

Absent: Bill Bose, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Pat Underwood, Grant Consultant, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Ray Winz, Holdrege, Cammie Kerner, NRCS, Rich Holloway, TBNRD, Emil Rosno, Fullerton. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, and Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the board minutes from the July meeting. Motion carried. Ayes – 9 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Absent - 2 Bill Bose, Brad Wulf.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to accept the July treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Bill Bose entered at 7:10 p.m.

Mike Clements received a letter of resignation from John Bush effective August 13, 2010. Scot Lennemann of Franklin is our new technician. Mike also distributed a brochure on the UNL Field Day in Clay Center.

Bryan Lubeck explained the static water level measurements to the board. A copy of this map is in the minute book.

Bryan introduced Emil Rosno. Emil presented to the board the Aquaterr Series 300 Portable Soil Probes. A copy of the brochure is in the minute book. Mike Clements asked if they would be covered by the grant. Cammie said she would have to read through the grant to see whether it specified permanent or temporary.

Cammie Kerner, NRCS, Furnas County gave the NRCS report. Fourteen AWEF applications were approved. Forty-one EQIP CCPI applications for soil moisture sensors were approved. The CCPI program for Soil Moisture Sensors will be available again next spring if funded by congress. The CCPI grant is for moisture sensors and educational activities. The NRD matching fund amount for this year is \$250,126. If there is money left over, it will possibly still be used in Nebraska. Mike Clements asked if it is typical for sign up to be a week long. Cammie Kerner stated that typically programs are continuous sign up and perhaps we could reword the grant next time to state that.

A copy of Jerry Kovarik's NRCS report is in the minute book.

Marlin Murdoch gave the Sustainability Task Force update. The Task Force interviewed three facilitators. A facilitator was agreed upon by the Task Force, they are waiting confirmation. The next meeting has not been scheduled but Marlin has invited everyone to the LRNRD.

There were no comments from the public.

Clyde Lueking's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property was presented.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve Clyde Lueking's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Nelson Trambly presented the Cornhusker Economics newsletter to the board. Nelson Trambly thought it had interesting information.

Pat Underwood explained that in the seminars related to the CCPI grant they talked about atmometers that we did not necessarily cover. However, there is some educational funding within the LRNRD match funds and we could purchase some atmometers as part of the educational tools for all of the district irrigators and place them out in the district and put the information on a web site.

We did not receive the BOR Water Smart Grant. Pat did request a debriefing to find out where we scored on the application. The Rural Development Grant is still pending. We also have two grants for the Environmental Trust that are prepared and ready to be sent in. One grant is for two fifteen foot John Deere no-till drills \$38,200 for each drill with a 50% match.

Motion #4 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the purchase of 2 John Deere grass drills with grass seed attachments, contingent on Environmental Trust Grant funding. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

The other Environmental Trust grant application is for our Sustainability Initiative, which includes incentives for additional permanent retirement of acres; some support for transitioning to alternative, lower water-use crops; and grant assistance for the NRD's resource development function. By using grant funds already received as match, there is no additional match.

Motion #5 Dave Bartels seconded by Brian Holtze to approve applying for the Lower Republican NRD Sustainability Initiative Grant through the Environmental Trust. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Motion #6 by Roger Nelson seconded by Jim Moore to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Roger Nelson had no NARD report.

The Executive Committee Report was deferred until later in the meeting.

Roger Stockton gave the SW RC&D report. They just completed the Save the Swanson Project. This project is reclaiming beaches at Swanson Reservoir that were over populated with trees during the drought. An Ameri-Corp five person team was on site for five weeks. They ran chain saws, hand tools and covered right at twenty-nine acres. Roger shared photos of the clearing.

Motion #7 Dave Bartels seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:20 p.m. to discuss possible litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to move that the board come out of Executive Session at 9:15 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements discussed with the board an occupational tax and if they wanted it put into the budget and if so how much. Mike stated he met with the Executive Committee earlier and he already implemented a \$5 Occupational Tax into the budget. This tax would go towards an Acre Compensation Fund. This fund will be for acres shut off in the 10-2 so we would have money built up to compensate these people.

Motion #9 Marlin Murdoch seconded by Dave Bartels to approve the \$5 Occupational Tax for the Acre Compensation Fund. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements presented the Resolution No. 08-12 Use of Special Property Tax Funds. This adds to what we will be doing with the unconstitutional property tax that is in the sum of approximately \$672,000.

Motion #10 by Brian Holtze seconded by Bill Bose to approve Resolution No. 08-12 Use of Special Property Tax Funds. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements presented the FY 2010-2011 budget in detail to the board.

Motion #11 by Clark Andrews seconded by Terry Hoit to set the Budget Hearing date for September 9th at 7 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

Motion #12 by Dave Bartels seconded by Brian Holtze to adjourn the meeting at 9:50 p.m. Motion carried. Ayes – 10 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Brian Holtze, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Absent - 1 Brad Wulf.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 9th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date