

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
July 14th, 2011 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, 7/11
2. LRNRD Board Meeting and Index of Decisions, 6/11
3. Treasurer's Report and Budget Comparison, 6/11
4. Budget Comparison, 6/11
5. Manager's Report, 7/11
6. Assistant Managers Report, 7/11
7. NRCS Report, 7/11
8. Final Offset Plan and Right to Use Water – Nebraska Corn Processing, LLC & City of Cambridge
9. Change in Location of Contiguous Property, 7/11
10. Rural Water Treasurers Report, 6/11

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

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

Chairperson 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, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Rich Holloway, Tri-Basin NRD, Jerald Kovarik, Harlan County, NRCS, Pat Underwood, LRNRD Grant Consultant, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Andy Raun, Hastings Tribune, Chris Miller, Miller and Associates, John Trumble, NPC, Eric Meeuwser, NCP, Brian Terborg, NCP. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Matt Harrison seconded by Terry Hoit to approve the board minutes from the June meetings. Motion carried. Ayes 7 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly. Nays - 0. Absent - 4 Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Dave Bartels to accept the June treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Ayes 7 Dave Bartels, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Nays - 0. Absent - 4 Bill Bose, Jim Moore, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements received a thank you letter from kids that went to range camp and the resignation letter of Marcyne Johnson effective July 21, 2011. Mike briefed the board on the Augmentation meetings with the Bureau. Brad Edgerton and Mike met with DNR about the Retiming Project at Guide Rock. Mike felt that DNR and Jim Schneider were very receptive. Then they met with the Bureau in Grand Island and again in Kearney to get Chris Miller, Miller and Associates up to speed on the project. The Bureau's concern is that the water needs to be available in the Courtland Canal during the irrigation season, not the off season. Lovewell Reservoir is filled with natural flows every year, even during dry years. Example: If there is a 100 cfs going over the diversion dam at Guide Rock and there is 200 cfs crossing the state line at Hardy, that means that stream is gaining 100cfs. Whatever that historical average is, is close to what the surface water appropriation is that we can get from the state. Chris Miller is talking with Mike Thompson to get numbers. Example: If we get an appropriation for 40 cfs for two months we could get 5,000 acre feet and 100% credit added to our allocation. This would have to be done through a stream diversion.

Bill Bose entered at 7:10 p.m.

Bryan Lubeck had nothing further to add to his report.

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

Jim Moore entered at 7:25 p.m.

Chris Miller, Miller and Associates presented the Final Offset Plans and Right to Use Water for the Nebraska Corn Processing and City of Cambridge. A copy of this proposal is in the minute book.

Motion #3 by Clark Andrews seconded by Marlin Murdoch to approve the Final Offset Plan and Right to Use Water as proposed by the Nebraska Corn Processing, LLC and City of Cambridge. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Nays - 0. Absent - 2 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements presented four Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property.

Motion #4 by Marlin Murdoch seconded by Clark Andrews to approve Michael Dallman, Meyers Farms Trust, Clyde & Jerry Lueking, and Rod Ortgiesen's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Nays - 0. Absent - 2 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

There were no comments from the public.

There was no NARD Report.

Pat Underwood updated the board on the Desalination Project and her back up plan of submitting a similar grant to the Nebraska Environmental Trust. After speaking to NET about the circumstances with the grants, NET said that they are very interested in the project. NET did say that if we do receive the Reclamation Grant they may have us modify the grant rather than withdraw.

Motion #5 by Jim Moore seconded by Bill Bose to approve the Rural Water treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Terry Hoit, Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Nays - 0. Absent - 2 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Motion #6 Jim Moore seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the Rural Water FY2012 budget. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Jim Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit,. Nays - 0. Absent - 2 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Motion #7 Dave Bartels seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Executive Session at 8:21 p.m. to discuss possible litigation on the Republican River Settlement Agreement. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore. Nays - 0. Absent - 2 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Motion #8 by Bill Bose seconded by Marlin Murdoch to move that the board come out of Executive Session at 9:23 p.m. and declare that no actions of the board, officials or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 9 Roger Nelson, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Terry Hoit, Jim Moore Marlin Murdoch. Nays - 0. Absent - 2 Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be August 11th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date