

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
September 8th, 2011 following 7:00 p.m. Budget and Variance Hearing,
Immediately followed by the Regular Monthly Board Meeting.

FY2012 Budget Hearing

The Lower Republican NRD FY2012 Budget Hearing was called to order by Chairperson Nelson Trambly at 7:00 p.m. Michael Clements stated that a notice of this hearing was published in all the newspapers in the District. Michael Clements presented the highlights of the LRNRD FY2012 budget. A copy is in the minute book. Directors absent: Terry Hoit, Jim, Moore, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf. Chairperson Nelson Trambly adjourned the hearing at 7:05 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, IMP Workshop Minutes, 9/11
2. LRNRD Board Meeting & Index of Decisions, 9/11
3. Treasurer's Report, 8/11
4. Managers' Report, 9/11
5. NRCS Report, 9/11
6. 2010 Compact Accounting Numbers
7. Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property
 - a. Rolland & Troy Fletcher
 - b. John Lueking
 - c. Kenneth James
8. Variance Requests –
 - a. Tom Fritson
 - b. Al Hollertz
9. LRNRD FY2012 Budget
10. Rural Water Treasurer Report, 8/11

MATERIALS HANDED OUT AT THE MEETING:

1. FY 2012 Budget Highlights
2. FY 2012 Budget Summary

Chairperson Nelson Trambly called the regular monthly meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order at 7:21 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, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly.

Absent: Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS, Rich Holloway, TBNRD, Brad Edgerton, FCID, Al Hollertz, Shane Westcott, Holdrege, Tom Fritson, Franklin, John Trecek, Ameritas, Omaha, Troy and Rolland Fletcher, Oxford. Staff present: Mike Clements, Bryan Lubeck, and Shirlee Poyser.

Motion #1 by Jim Moore seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the board minutes from the August meetings. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Roger Nelson to accept the August treasurer's report as distributed. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Clark Andrews. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch, Brad Wulf.

Mike Clements passed around thank you notes the NRD received from the Superior Envirothon Team and Gale Dorn's letter of resignation. Mike played a CD of an interview KRVN had with the Governor of Kansas. The Governor talked about the Ogallala Aquifer declines in western Kansas.

Brad Wulf arrived at 7:35 p.m.

Bryan Lubeck reported that the NRD provided drinks for a UNL meeting at the Orleans Fair Grounds. Darrel Martin, Alan Corr and other UNL representatives discussed water distribution efficiency through pivots, soil moistures sensors, etc. Lori Potter with the Kearney Hub contacted Bryan and wanted to do a feature article on soil moisture sensors. Lori interviewed Ron Robison. Bryan attended the Manager's meeting for Mike in Gothenburg. They spent much time learning about canal systems. Other canals were visited which CPNRD will be helping. There were four interviews for the Water Resource Technician position. Ron Imm from Orleans was hired and will start September 19th. Bryan and Scot will be helping with the Husker Harvest Days on September 13th. There will be a Range Judging Contest in McCook on September 21st. Bryan will be participating in the multi-school Lead Nebraska conference for the Republican Plains Activities Conference. These are student council people who are getting together to talk about leadership roles. This will be held at the Outdoor Classroom the morning of September 28th. The LRNRD will be hosting the Area Land Judging Contest on October 5th here in Alma. Bryan placed plant labels in the Outdoor Classroom. Scot started static water level measurement.

Ameritas representative John Trecek of Omaha spoke with the board about bonding the occupation tax money.

John Lechtenberg, FFA Advisor at Southern Valley High School and Phil McInturf, FFA member and a senior at Southern Valley High School. They gave a presentation on the Project School Farm to the board.

Motion #3 by Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to donate a Soil Moisture Sensor System and the balance left of \$1,000 to the Southern Valley FFA. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 8 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels. Absent 3 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch.

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

Mike Clements received the 2010 Compact Accounting numbers from DNR. Nebraska was over 116,000 acre feet in the black in 2010. The LRNRD was 29,415 acre feet in the black. DNR will be looking at these numbers in Compact Call Years.

Kristi Coe verified prior to the meeting the three Changes in Location of Certified Acres were acceptable.

Motion #4 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve Rolland and Troy Fletcher, John Lueking, and Kenneth James's Change in Location of Certified Acres on Contiguous Property. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 9 Matt Harrison, Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose. Absent 2 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #5 by Jim Moore seconded by Dave Bartels to approve Tom Fritson's Variance Request #150 as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 9 Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 2 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch.

Motion #6 by Matt Harrison seconded by Bill Bose to deny Al Hollertz's Variance Request #149. Motion carried. Roll Call. Roll Call. Ayes 9 Jim Moore, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 2 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch.

There were no comments from the public.

Motion #7 by Jim Moore seconded by Roger Nelson to approve the FY 2012 Budget as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 7 Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Jim Moore. Nays 2 Bill Bose, Matt Harrison. Absent 2 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch.

There was no NARD Report. Fall Conference is September 26th and 27th in Kearney.

Mike Clements gave the Grants update. Mike said that we should be hearing from the BOR on the grant for the Dakota Aquifer. Pat did get the Environmental Trust Grant submitted.

Motion #8 Bill Bose seconded by Jim Moore to approve the Rural Water Treasurer's report as presented. Motion carried. Roll Call. Ayes 9 Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf, Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Jim Moore,. Absent 2 Terry Hoit, Marlin Murdoch.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be October 13th, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary

Date