

MINUTES
LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE
August 8th, 2019 at 7:00 pm

Board of Directors Meeting

A notice of the meeting was published on the District Website at www.lnrnd.org.

Chairperson Marlin Murdoch called the meeting of the Lower Republican NRD Board of Directors to order with an invitation to prayer at 7:02pm. Guests were asked to sign the attendance roster. The chairman provided notice that the location of the current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings laws is located on the south wall and the booklet with the information is provided to all directors.

MATERIAL E-MAILED OUT PRIOR TO THE MEETING & AVAILABLE AT THE MEETING

Agenda

LRNRD Board Meeting, Index of Decisions, 7/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 7/19

Staff Report, NRCS & LRNRD

FY2020 Draft Budget Breakdown

Excused Absences: David Bartels, Terry Hoit, Tim Kahrs, Nelson Trambly.

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Bill Bose, Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS.

Staff present: Todd Siel, Scott Dicke.

Comments from the Public: None

Motion #1 by Bill Bose seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve the board minutes from the July board meeting. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

Motion #2 by Bill Bose seconded by Matt Harrison to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

NRCS Report: Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report. EQIP Disaster Cover Crop signup, Conservation Stewardship Program (CStWP) and new employees were discussed. A copy of this report is in the minute.

LRNRD Staff Report: Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed their written NRD staff report. Mary Goebel is moving up to the Information & Education Coordinator position. Her job also serves as the rural water secretary and the water resources secretary. The LRNRD also has a new staff member Mark Bantam, he is filling the role of our western water resources technician. Mark started on July 1st during the busy chemigation season.

Harlan County Reservoir is currently 100% full, with the flood Control pool at 34.1%. Harlan County recorded its highest elevation at 1958.17 on July 23rd, with a volume of 503,664 acre-feet. Milford is 150% full, and Tuttle Creek is 148% full. Combined these reservoirs have 1.45 million acre-feet of flood water stored above full pool.

Republican Basin efforts are in full swing with the Compact meeting in Colby, Kansas on August 21-22. NeDNR and the NRD's are meeting monthly to prepare for the first meeting. The annual basin-wide meeting is part of the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan requirements. A copy of this report is in the minute book.

Manager Todd Siel reviewed the draft FY2020 budget with the board.

Motion #3 by Toby tenBensel seconded by Bill Bose to set the FY2020 LRNRD Budget hearing for September 12th, 2019 at 7pm. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

Motion #4 by Roger Nelson seconded by Clark Andrews to set the FY2020 Occupation Tax at \$8 per acre. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Toby tenBensel to approve taking the proposed FY2020 budget to public hearing. Motion carried. Ayes 6, Nays 1, Absent 4.

NCORPE: Next meeting is September 4th.

NARD: Annual Meeting September 22-24.

Motion #6 by Clark Andrews seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 9:10pm to discuss Contractual Negotiation, Imminent Litigation and personnel. Motion carried. Chairman admonished the board that this is the only subject that can be discussed in closed session. Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

Motion #7 by Clark Andrews seconded by Tim Kahrs to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 9:32pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried. Ayes 7, Nays 0, Absent 4.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be September 12th, starting with the budget hearing at 7 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.

Secretary

Date