

**MINUTES**  
**LOWER REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT**  
Lower Republican NRD Meeting Room, 30 North John Street, Alma, NE  
October 10, 2019 at 7:00 pm

**Board of Directors Meeting**

A notice of the meeting was published on the District Website at [www.lnrnd.org](http://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 7:00pm. 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 Minutes, Index of Decisions, 9/19

LRNRD/RWP Treasurer's Report, 9/19

Staff Report, LRNRD

Excused Absences: Terry Hoit.

Unexcused Absence: Tim Kahrs

Directors present: Clark Andrews, Dave Bartels, Bill Bose (arrived at 7:01), Matt Harrison, Marlin Murdoch, Roger Nelson, Toby tenBensel, Nelson Trambly, Brad Wulf.

Others present: Jerry Kovarik, NRCS.

Staff present Todd Siel, Scott Dicke, and Shirlee Poyser.

**Comments from the Public:** None

**Motion #1 by David Bartels seconded by Nelson Trambly to approve the board minutes from the September board meeting. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

**Motion #2 by Matt Harrison seconded by Clark Andrews to approve the LRNRD and RWP Treasurer's Report as presented. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

**NRCS Report:** Jerry Kovarik, gave the NRCS report. He reported that EQIP, CStwP signups are on hold because Washington has not put the program rules on the Federal Register. The rules must go on the Federal Register for 60-90 days for people to comment on.

**LRNRD Staff Report:** Managers Todd Siel and Scott Dicke reviewed the NRD staff report. The LRNRD was well represented by both staff and directors at the NARD Annual Conference held in Kearney. Nelson Trambly and Roger Nelson were recognized at the conference for 20 years of service with the NRD. There were two resolutions approved this year seeking changes in Nebraska Statutes. Scott Dicke provided a presentation on the LRNRD Grain Bag Recycling Program. On September 17<sup>th</sup>, the LRNRD hosted Range Judging at Alma for almost 300 high school students from our region. A copy of this written report is in the minute book.

Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) is eligible for re-enrollment with modifications, upgrading and/or changing the practices. The RCPP program in the Republican River Basin is focused on improving irrigation water management and reducing soil erosion on cropland. The approved practices have helped to reduce consumptive use and improve the way we manage our available water supply.

**Motion #3 by Brad Wulf seconded by Nelson Trambly to give our General Manager the authority to pursue re-enrollment in the Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP), subject to final review and approval by the LRNRD Board of Directors. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

**PRD Update:** The perimeter of the PRD property is being cleared of vegetation in preparation for our 2020 prescribed burn. Access to the entire property is also being improved by clearing the trees from the fence lines and repairing washouts.

**NCORPE Update:** Items of discussion from the recent NCORPE meeting were: bond refunding possibilities, FSA payments, legislative updates, and lease agreements.

**NARD Update:** None

**Motion #4 by Clark Andrews seconded by Nelson Trambly to move that the Board go into Closed Session at 8:21pm 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 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

**Motion #5 by Brad Wulf seconded by Bill Bose to move that the Board come out of Closed Session at 9:06pm and declare that no actions of the board, official or unofficial, were taken during said Closed Session. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

**Motion #6 by Nelson Trambly seconded by Brad Wulf to give the General Manager the authority to negotiate an Agreement and Resolution, consistent with the parameters discussed by the board, with the Bostwick Irrigation District in Nebraska, subject to final review and approval by the LRNRD Board of Directors. Motion carried.** Ayes 9, Nays 0. Absent 2.

The next regularly scheduled board meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:07pm.

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Secretary

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Date