

Dakota County Rural Water Minutes May 14,2003

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MINUTES OF THE
DAKOTA COUNTY RURAL WATER
ADVISORY BOARD
MAY 14,2003

The Rural Water Dakota County Advisory Committee Meeting was called to order by Chairman, Dave Soelberg at 8:00 P.M. on May 14,2003.

MEMBERS

PRESENT	ABSENT	OTHERS PRESENT
Dave Soelberg	Hank Hurley*	Randy Hummel P-MR NRD
Pat Green	Dennis Kirkholm	Margie Stark P-MR NRD
Bill Haafke	Gail Jensen	Lance Olerich P-MR NRD
Bill Rohde		Dick Sklenar P-MR NRD
Mick Samuelson		
Bryce Andersen		

*Denotes excused absence

CONSIDERATION OF APRIL 09, 2003 ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES FOR APPROVAL.

Motion #1 A motion was made by Bill Haafke and seconded by Bill Rohde to approve the Rural Water Advisory Board Meeting Minutes with the correction on Ballot count for Bill Haafke not Bill Rohde. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

FINANCIAL REPORT/ACTION.

A. BILLS B. REVIEW REV/EXP WITH ANNUAL BUDGET

Randy gave the Financial Report for the month of January and review of the Budget. Checks for the month of May (\$788,865.81), GMAC paid \$771,020.15, and Manual Checks for the month of April (\$1,439.65) were presented.

Motion #2 A motion was made by Bryce Anderson and seconded by Pat Green to accept the Financial Report and checks paid. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried. 6-0.

Dick Sklenar discussed with the Advisory Board the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget.

Motion #3 A motion was made by Bill Rohde and seconded by Mick Samuelson to accept the Fiscal Year 2004 Budget. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

WATER USE REPORT/DELINQUENT ACCOUNTS

The water use report was given. Use for March 2003 water was 98.9% with the average at 87.2%. There were 27 customers on the certified/shut-off list. All customers made payment or arrangements to make payment.

CONSIDERATION OF NEW HOOK-UPS AND TRANSFERS

There were four Hook-ups.

#713 Terry L. Berg \$3,000.00; #714 Stan & Teresa Jans \$2,900.00; #715 Noel W. Thompson \$2,900.00; and #715 Joe & Mary Koenigsfeld \$2,900.00.

Motion #4 A motion was made by Bill Haafke and seconded by Pat Green to approve the above Hook-ups. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

There were three Transfer. Benefit Unit #408 Wessel Hitchcock to Guy Counterman, #472 Todd Eriksen to Jens Bossow and #598 Dennis Wendte to Lynnelle & Ken Conley.

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Motion #5. A motion was made by Bryce Andersen and seconded by Mick Samuelson to approve the above transfers. On roll call vote, all yes. Motion carried 6-0.

MANAGERS REPORT

Randy gave the Manager's report. Regular rural water maintenance was done for the month. Mark Albenesius nearly completed on the 8-inch waterline on the Hwy 20 Trailer Court connection. Ready to start the waterline water test.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dick Sklenar reported on the Field Review Service Center for Dakota County that would provide services regarding agricultural and natural resources management.

No other business.

ADJOURN

There being no other business, the Rural Water Advisory Board adjourned at 9:40 P.M.
Margie Stark -- Rural Water, Sec.

Nebraska Water Conference Council's
Annual Water & Natural Resources Field Trip:

“Local Response to Settlement of Kansas v Nebraska
Interstate Compact Lawsuit and
Coping with Drought in the Republican River Watershed”

July 22 - 24, 2003

Co-Sponsored by:

Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District
Four States Irrigation Council
Gateway Farm Show
Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
Nebraska Public Power District
The Groundwater Foundation
U. S. Geological Survey, Nebraska District
University of Nebraska - School of Natural Resources

Field Trip Coordinating Committee:

Tim Anderson, Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District
Frank Kwapnioski, Nebraska Public Power District
Roger Jasnoch, Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce
Michael Jess, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska
Robert Joseph, U.S. Geol. Survey, Nebraska District
Jennifer Nelson, The Groundwater Foundation
Steve Ress, School of Natural Resources, University of Nebraska

Nebraska Water Conference Council Field Trip
Day One - Tuesday, July 22,2003

- 8:00 Depart Ramada Inn, Kearney; travel on 1-80 and US-83 to Dancing Leaf Lodge near Wellfleet.
- 10:00 Arrive at Dancing Leaf Lodge for discussions of Great Plains archaeology, native American habitation and landscape recovery after Union Pacific RR cut cedar trees for construction of transcontinental railroad. Middle Republican NRD officials will provide brief remarks relating to ongoing drought conditions and compliance with terms of the *Kan v Neb* settlement. Trail side lunch to follow.
- 12:30 Depart Dancing Leaf Lodge; travel on Neb-23 & Neb-61 to Imperial.
- 2:00 Arrive at Upper Republican NRD, Imperial. Officials will discuss District's: water well permit moratorium, metering compliance issues, exchanges of ground water among area irrigators and response to terms of *Kan v Neb* settlement.
- 3:15 Depart Imperial; travel on US-6 & Neb-61 to Benkelman.
- 4:00 Arrive at Benkelman for brief inspection of South Fork of Republican River (flows from Kansas to Nebraska) & brief inspection of Republican River.
- 4:15 Proceed from Benkelman to Swanson Reservoir on US-34.
- 5:00 Arrive at Swanson Reservoir for brief inspection of record-low reservoir level; proceed to on US-34 to McCook.
- 5:30 Arrive at McCook. Overnight at Chief Motor Lodge and Holiday Inn Express.
- 6:15 Depart motels for "Cream Can Stew" served by Kelly Wurtz near band shell in McCook municipal park. The George Norris house is located across the street and will be open to greet field trip participants. Not open to visitors (unfortunately) is a nearby, fully renovated private residence designed by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright.
- TBA Buses return to motels

Nebraska Water Conference Council Field Trip
Day Two - Wednesday, July 23,2003

- 8:00 Depart McCook; travel on US-6 and secondary roads to Harry Strunk Dam & Reservoir and nearby rock outcrop.
- 8:45 Arrive at outcrop where Jim Goeke will discuss geological exposure of Ogallala formation and related rock units.
- 9:45 Depart Harry Strunk Dam & Reservoir; travel on secondary roads and US-6 to Cambridge Canal diversion dam near Cambridge.
- 10:15 Arrive at Cambridge Canal diversion dam for brief discussion of irrigation district operations and compliance issues related to terms of the *Kan v Neb* settlement; refreshments provided by Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District.
- 11:00 Depart Cambridge Canal diversion dam; travel on US-6, US-136, Neb-46, Neb-89 and US-183 to Alma.
- 12:30 Arrive at Alma; lunch to be catered lunch at Johnson Center community center building. Lower Republican NRD officials will discuss drought impacts and local implications related to provisions of the *Kan v Neb* settlement.
- 2:00 Depart Alma; travel on US-136 and secondary roads to Republican City.
- 2:30 After crossing Harlan County Dam, participants will be led by Bob Diffendal to view geological exposures, rock fractures and faulting visible along south shoreline of Harlan County Lake - - - 3/4 mile walk along shoreline of reservoir.
- 4:00 Board buses; travel Across Harlan County dam, noting Naponee and Franklin Canals (which draw irrigation supplies directly from Harlan County Reservoir). Proceed to Hastings.
- 4:45 Overnight in Hastings.
- 6:00 Depart motel(s) for meal.

Nebraska Water Conference Council
Day Three - Thursday, July 24,2003

- 8:00 Depart Hastings
- 8:45 Arrive a Kahr Farms where Jim Goeke will explain hydrogeological investigations done for Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (in conjunction w/LB 108 activities) and for Nebraska Attorney General's office (in conjunction with the dispute in *Kan v Neb*); nearby geological outcrop will be a secondary tour stop.
- 10:30 Depart Kahr Farms; travel on secondary roads to Red Cloud.
- 11:15 Arrive at Red Cloud and proceed to Nebraska Bostwick Irrigation District offices. District officials to discuss: a) recent canal lining activities with installation of polymer resins, and b) operation and compliance issues created by settlement of *Kan v Neb*.
- 12:00 Depart for catered lunch at Webster County community building in Red Cloud.
- 1:15 Depart Webster County community building; travel on US-136, Neb-78 and secondary roads to Guide Rock diversion dam.
- 1:45 Arrive at Guide Rock diversion dam where Courtland canal diverts from Republican River and carries water to Kansas; Nebraska Bostwick officials to discuss operational obligations to Kansas Bostwick Irrigation District.
- 2:30 Depart Guide Rock diversion dam; travel on Neb-78, Neb-4, Neb-10 and I-80 to Kearney.
- 4:30 Arrive at Ramada Inn in Kearney for end of field trip.

For more information:

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce/Water Tour
PO Box 607, Kearney, NE 68848-0607
Phone (800) 652-9435 or e-mail www.skoperski@kearneycoc.org

Water Center/Environmental Programs/Water Tour
PO Box 830844. University of Nebraska, Lincoln, NE 68583-0844
Phone (402) 472-3305 or e-mail sressl@unl.edu

**Summer 2003 Water and Natural Resources Tour
July 22-24, 2003**

Tour Registration:

\$375 per person single occupancy

\$325 double occupancy

-Includes food, motels, and motor coach transportation.

Registration deadline: July 1, 2003

Yes, reserve #_____ of space(s) on the water tour July 22-24,2003

___Check is enclosed for \$_____ (\$375 or \$325 per person)

Please make check payable to the Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce

___Please bill credit card Visa/MC # _____ Exp. _____

Name on card: _____

Name(s): _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please return to by July 1,2003:

Kearney Area Chamber of Commerce/Water Tour

PO Box 607 Kearney, NE 68848-0607

Fax: 308-237-3103



Lower Platte River
CORRIDOR ALLIANCE

From the Coordinator...

Monthly Report from the Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance for the period of April 14, 2003 to May 31, 2003

Rodney L. Verhoeff, Coordinator

Notes: In an effort to keep everyone informed on LPRCA issues and my activities, there are several information sources available or soon to be available: (1) This monthly report designed for LPRCA members and other partners, (2) the LPRCA website at www.lowerplatte.org, (3) My quarterly report, "The Coordinator's Corner" that is distributed at the LPRCA quarterly meetings, (4) my attendance at all three NRD board and committee meetings, (5) the LPRCA's biannual newsletter - "Corridor Connections," and (6) an open door invitation to all LPRCA members, partners, and the public. The LPRCA has been and continues to be involved in a variety of activities, issues, and studies. A great wealth of valuable information has been generated and now it's time to take to the streets and get this information in the hands of those who can best use it - the local decision-makers and members of the public. You will begin to see these efforts in the form of public meetings on a variety of topics including flood impact reduction/mitigation, water quality, planning, and other relevant and timely topics which may rise to the top of the interest meter; Videos, brochures, and continued updating of our website; Participation with a variety of groups and interests ranging from the 60-Mile Radius Committee to Cooperative Weed Management efforts to Floodplain Management; Facilitation/Coordination/Participation in activities and studies intended to provide valuable information and data to assist local decision-makers and members of the public in making their decisions with the best possible information available.

Upcoming Meetings:

- **NEXT LPRCA QUARTERLY MEETING** - Tuesday, June 24th, 2003 * 10:00 a.m. * P-MRNRD Meeting Room located at the Chalco Hills Recreation Area near Bellevue.
- **LPNNRD Board Meeting** - Monday, June 9th * 7:00 p.m.
- **P-MRNRD Subcommittee Meetings** - Tuesday, June 10th * Starting at 6:00 p.m.
- **P-MRNRD Board Meeting** - Thursday, June 12th * 8 p.m.
- **LPSNRD Board Meeting** - Wednesday, June 18th * 7 p.m. Note that it will be held at Loren Corey Easley Library located at 1530 Superior Street in Lincoln.
- **North Bend Flood Control Opportunities/Hwy 30 By-pass Meeting** - Tuesday, July 1st * 7:00 p.m. at the North Bend City Auditorium.

Coming Attractions - Meetings and Events in the Not-So-Distant Future:

- **Water Quality Open Golf Tournament** - Thursday, September 4th, 2003 * Check-in time is noon and play begins at 1:00 p.m. with a shotgun start. There will be teams of four players with Best Ball Format and a burger and brat buffet dinner following. There will be a variety of water quality displays and activities. Sign-up sheets will be available soon.
- **Airboat Tour** - Still working on a date. Looks like the end of July or beginning of August will be the timeframe. Stay tuned for more details...

Platte River Flyover I spent the better part of May 20th on a helicopter flyover with Marlin Petermann of the P-MRNRD. I took well over a hundred digital photos and each NRD has a copy of the CD-ROM with these photos. We were able to cover from Plattsmouth to Fremont. Below are a few samples to give you an idea of the perspective:



LPRCA Video The LPRCA video is complete and I am working on getting copies made in both VHS format and CD-ROM. We are currently having a few problems with the CD-ROM version, but both should be available soon for distribution and viewing.

LPRCA Website The LPRCA website will continue to be a source of current and archived LPRCA information. Right now, I am working on getting the minutes for both recent and past meetings posted.

Logo We've got an official logo thanks in large part to the help from NRD staff members Mike Mascoe (LPSNRD), Emmett Egr (P-MRNRD), and especially Troy Thompson (LPNNRD). The logo incorporates features from previous versions and still has a familiar feel. The logo is featured below:



**Lower Platte River
CORRIDOR ALLIANCE**

Newsletter I recently worked with the Information and Education staff from the three NRDs to come up with a name and title block for our newsletter that really captures the essence of the Alliance. Recall, that our biannual newsletter has been called, "The Starboard Way." The new name of the newsletter is "Corridor Connections," a name that not only has part of the LPRCA name in it, but it also emphasizes the capacity-building, partnerships, and big picture/regional thinking we hope to inspire. We are getting ready to do the summer 2003 edition and would certainly welcome any contributions. Please contact me at (402) 476-2729 with ideas or by e-mail at rverhoeff@lpsnrd.

Lower Platte Weed Management Area (LPWMA) Local weed management entities, individuals, and state agencies have established a cooperative weed management group for the Lower Platte River region known as the Lower Platte Weed Management Area. Since there are many jurisdictions in the Lower Platte River Corridor and many similar needs, creation of such a group helps to bring consistency across the area, allows for pooling of resources, and keeps everyone informed of weed management activities throughout the corridor. I've recently attended two meetings of this group. At the last meeting held June 4th, by-laws were approved for the group. The group is currently looking into cooperating with the Nebraska Airboaters Association to control noxious weeds in hard to reach locations using airboats and educating the operators in identifying noxious weeds along the Platte River.

FY 04 Budget A draft budget has been developed and is currently making the rounds at the three NRD board meetings for review and discussion. The total budget amount for the LPRCA FY 04 budget is \$151,600.02. This amount does not include specific project budgets or any in-kind contributions of anticipated needs. This budget has not been approved by any individual Alliance member or by the Alliance itself. Contributing amounts from each of the three NRDs for FY 04

totals \$39,700. Each of the agency LPRCA members, not including their in-kind contributions, are asked to contribute \$5,416.67 each. Specific items listed in the budget include water quality informational meetings, a brochure, an airboat tour, floodplain management meetings and outreach, legal services, and planning efforts for the corridor region.

Organizational Activities A great deal of my time since I started on April 14th, 2003 has been spent on meetings Alliance members, partners, and other interested parties as well as reviewing past and current activities, projects, and studies including meetings with the USACE, the USGS, UN-L Cooperative Extension, and the NRDs. I've spent considerable accompanying NRD staff and other partners conducting inspections (levees, trails, bridges) and discussing the many projects under the Lower Platte River Feasibility Study umbrella. Currently, I am reorganizing files and project information including reviews of project budgets.

60-Mile Radius Committee Another one of my involvements is with the 60-mile Radius Committee where I serve on the steering committee overseeing the completion of a public opinion study on development issues in the area contained within a 60-mile radius of Omaha. The Joslyn Castle Institute for Sustainable Communities is heading up this effort along with a multitude of interested parties including the LPRCA, the Great Plains RC&D, city and county planning departments, and other stakeholders. The study has been completed and results will be presented in the near future. Cecil Steward, Director for the Institute will be a guest at the next LPRCA meeting on June 24th, 2003 and he will be discussing the study findings.

Mailing List As I may have mentioned before, the LPRCA is updating its mailing list. Recently, everyone on the list (approximately 1200 names) was sent an update card for our mailing list. We are trying to eliminate duplicate mailings, get proper contacts, and convert as many listings as possible to e-mail in order to make sure we are getting information out to the right people in a timely fashion. If you have sent yours back, thank you very much. If not, we encourage you to do so.

GIS/MapMaker On May 13-15, I attended a GIS symposium in Lincoln to gain a basic understanding of Geographic Information Systems (GIS). Much of the data we have can be entered into such a system to create multi-layered maps. One example of the capability of a GIS is to check out MapMaker a very user-friendly internet mapping system available to anyone with internet access. This application developed by Alliance members and partners can be used to generate a variety of maps allowing for the placement of layers such as soils, roads, political boundaries and other layers from the convenience of your computer at home or in the office. Check it out at www.nrdmapmaker.org or through the LPRCA website at www.lowerplatte.org. There have been some recent problems accessing the site since server, which is housed at UN-L, has been down.

Don't forget that the next Lower Platte River Corridor Alliance Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 24th starting at 10:00 a.m. at the Papio-Missouri River NRD meeting room at the Chalco Hills Recreational Area.

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