

**Nebraska Republican River
Management Districts Association
July 19, 2005 10:00 AM CDT
TriBasin NRD
1308 2nd Street
Holdrege, Nebraska**

1. Call Meeting to Order
2. Notice of this meeting was published in the McCook Gazette, Hastings Tribune and the Kearney Hub and was posted in the Member Districts Offices.
3. Roll Call and introduction of guests.
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Financial Report – Thorburn
 - a. Dues
6. Member Reports
 - a. Irrigation Districts
 - b. Natural Resources Districts
 - c. Advisors
 - d. Committees
 - e. Others
7. Old Business
 - a. Cons. and Educ. Coalition - report
 - b. Settlement Implementation
 - c. Conservation practices study
 - d. Riparian projects
8. New Business
 - a. Reclamation District – LeRoy Sievers
 - b. Republican River Compact Accounting – Ann Bleed, DNR
 - c. Conservation Incentives – Jeremy Gehle, DNR
 - d. Conservation Security Program – Mike Moorman, NRCS
 - e. WPTF Tour of Republican Basin - August 2nd and 3rd
 - f. NRCS New Directions, John Thorburn
9. Next Meeting – Date, Time, Location
10. Adjourn

Minutes
Republican River Management Districts Association
April 4th, 2005
Alma, Nebraska

There was no quorum so no official meeting was held. The following is a summary of what was discussed.

Members Present: Kevin Fornoff, Phyllis Johnson, Ray Winz, Ralph Best

Technical Committee present: Mike Clements, Roy Patterson, Dan Smith, John Thorburn.

Advisory Group Present: Ken Johnson, Curtis Kayton.

Others Present: Jim Miller, Bryan Lubeck, Justin Lavene, Ginger Jensen, Mark Christensen, Cory tenBensel, Marv Swanda, Jack Wergin.

Financial Report

John Thorburn gave the financial report. All Districts have paid their dues and the balance is \$1,303.27

Irrigation District Report

Roy Patterson reported they have been mapping 45,000 acres. The Cambridge canal will get 8 inches and the other three canals won't deliver. The six year average for the canal is as follows Cambridge 9.7", Bartley 9.4", Red willow 11.5", Meeker 11.5".

Jim Miller and Lee Christensen gave brief reports on the EQIP and CREP special incentives programs respectively.

Natural Resources Districts

John Thorburn reported half of the meters are in place in the Republican Basin. The deadline is December 31, 2005. They have completed the certification process and are now working on the Platte west of highway 183. East of 183 in the Platte will be determined as over appropriated next year.

Mike Clements reported the Lower Republican NRD will have a public hearing on April 7th to receive testimony on their proposed rules and regulations and IMP. They have had a series of town hall meetings the last two weeks. The Rural Water groundbreaking is scheduled for April 15th at 1 p.m. south of Franklin at the site of the new water tower.

Dan Smith said the Middle Republican NRD adopted their rules last year and they became effective January 1st, 2005.

Old Business

Riparian Projects – The Southwest RC&D held their Living on the Edge workshop in March in McCook. The area was well represented with 80 people in attendance.

Education Coalition

The group held several meetings in January with very good attendance at all. Producers liked the format and appreciated the topics that were covered. The group will target Ag Professionals later this spring for their next meetings.

New Business

Mark Christensen spoke again about the out of basin diversions and is looking for support from the association on his concept. Since there was no quorum it was tabled until the July meeting.

No date had been set for the Republican Basin Task Force Tour. Probably sometime in early August.

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 19th, 2005 in Holdrege at 10:00 a.m.

Chairman Dan Smith adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

Michael L. Clements, Secretary