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Lower Republican Natural Resources District Finds Savings to Lower Occupation Tax

(Alma, NE) Lower Republican Natural Resources District (LRNRD) board of directors approved a reduction in occupation tax for irrigators in the 2017 tax year. In a unanimous vote, the board reduced the tax rate per irrigated acre from \$10 to \$9 on Thursday, August 10, 2017.

“The reduction in occupation tax will save irrigators an estimated \$130 per pivot,” said Todd Siel, new general manager of the Lower Republican Natural Resources District. “Our board of directors is thrilled they’re able to approve lowering the tax rate at this point in time.”

The occupation tax helps pay for the Nebraska Cooperative Platte Republican Enhancement project (NCORPE) which was developed to help meet the state’s requirements for the interstate compact compliance with Colorado and Kansas. After re-issuing bonds in 2016 with lower interest rates for the NCORPE project, the board decided to pass the savings back to irrigators.

“We work hard to run a fair and balanced budget,” said Dave Bartels, board member from Riverton, NE. “This might not be a big deal to many people, but to Lower Republican NRD, it’s a huge win as we continue to seek out new ways to save money for our taxpayers where we can.”

The next Lower Republican NRD board meeting is September 14, 2017.

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The Lower Republican Natural Resources District (LRNRD), works to protect lives, protect property, and protect the future of Nebraska’s natural resources. To learn more about the Lower Republican NRD visit www.lrnrd.org. LRNRD is located at 30 N John St, Nebraska 68920. Email LRNRD at lrnrd@lrnrd.org or call the LRNRD at (308) 928-2182.