

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
June 12, 2007
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Kevin Fornoff, Josh Friesen, Gayle Haag, Benjie Loomis, Stan Moore, Jerry Mustion, Dan Nelsen, Brad Randel, Marty Schurr, Rick Spencer

Board Members Absent: Joe Anderjaska (Excused)

NRD Staff: Dan Smith, Bob Merrigan, Mary Tidyman, Roger Lawson

NRCS Staff: Marty Gugelman

Others: Brad Johnson, Dale Wolf, Rick McConville, Steve Whipple, Raymond Durner, Quinton Huxoll, Lorri Sughroue, Mr. Sughroue, Claude Cappel, Steve Fries, Earl Johnston

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	May Minutes
Budget Comparison	Water Current Article
May Financial Report	E-notes May 29, 2007
I & E Report	State Educational Funds Proposal
Proposed NRD Plans	Personnel & Operation Salary Proposal
Director Salary Proposal	Perceptions and Attitudes about Water
May 10 NARD Update	May 18 NARD Update
May 25 NARD Update	May 31 NARD Update
Monthly Reservoir Report	Office Remodel Quote
Depot Repair Quote	E-notes June 5, 2007

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Cost Share Summary	Economic Impact Report
May Reservoir Report	Usage Report
Resignation Letter	Interlocal Cooperation Agreement

REGULAR MEETING

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman at 7:31 PM. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

Added Items: 14a3) Letter of Resignation

Notice of the regular monthly meeting was published in the **North Platte Telegraph** and the **McCook Daily Gazette** and was posted at the **MRNRD Office** and on the **District Website** at www.mrnrd.org. As a courtesy it was also provided to local radio stations.

The minutes for the regular board meeting on May 8, 2007 were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ A motion was made by Haag and second by Spencer to approve the minutes as with a correction on page 3.

Ayes- 10

Nays- 0

Motion Carried

LEGAL MATTERS –

Smith said Schroeder would be in later. The board may want to go into executive session.

FINANCIAL ACTIONS

The financial report for May was presented. The County Treasurer's Balance was \$50,539.55. The monthly budget comparison was presented and reviewed.

- ◆ A motion was made by Fornoff and second by Loomis to approve the May financial report as presented.

Ayes-10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is on file with the minutes.

OPEN FORUM

Claude Cappel concern on taxing

Rick McConville concern on the buyout of surface water

Steve Fries concerns on taxes for CREP

NRCS REPORT

Gugleman presented the NRCS report. Gugleman went over a handout on EQIP that showed dollars spent.

Gugleman presented a slide show on the flooding in the area and how the dams held up. 80A and some of the other dams have some problems that will need fixed. The cost to repair damages will call for an increase in next years budget Smith stated. May have to hire an engineer for recommendations on repairs

Reviewed the McCook Tech agreement the current contract goes until end of Sept. The new money will be used after Oct 1st and will be 08 dollars.

- ◆ A motion was made by Haag and second by Spencer to continue the agreement for hiring McCook's Tech

Ayes-10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

NARD

Smith reviewed Anderjaska's report. Need to take action on the risk pool insurance and adopt a resolution that states we want to participate. Need to appoint a representative for the risk pool.

- ◆ A motion was made by Fornoff second by Loomis to adopt #163-07-2 resolution to participate in the NARD Intergovernment Risk Management Pool Association and to appoint Anderjaska as the NRD's representative.

Ayes-10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Resolution 163-07-02 is attached to these minutes.

NACD

E-notes were mailed to the Directors.

NNRC

None

INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Lawson reviewed his report. Gave updates on the grants.

The Attorney General NARD Education Funding proposals were reviewed. (1) To provide classrooms with a set of Hach Watershed Water Test Kits and Healthy Water, Healthy People Curricula for teacher training and classroom field trips. (2) Three water conservation education trunks for classroom use. A letter from Teresa Hayes requesting help with the cost of the envirothon team going to Geneva New York they will be representing the state of Nebraska at the Canon Envirothon. Proposal for consideration is attached to those minutes.

- ◆ A motion was made Schurr by and second by Fornoff to accept funding for proposal (1)
Ayes- 10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

- ◆ A motion was made by Schurr second by Loomis to donate \$500.00 to Wauneta-Palisade to go the Nationals in New York.

Ayes-9 Nays-1 Motion Carried

NRRMDA

The Association meeting is scheduled for August 20.

RC&D

Roger Stockton gave an update on the tree removal project. Have been getting bids from contractors for the projects. They are trying to get information out about the projects. Weed management area will meet next week. If possible would like to have Tom help with some of the project if he has time will need project coordinator on site. Southwest Weed Management Area will be applying for a grant from the new vegetation management fund. They should have the first money as early as late July. RC&D is asking for the NRD to provide a letter of support and help with some of the costs.

- ◆ A motion was made by Mustion second by Schurr to give a letter of support and \$500.00 to help with costs.

Ayes-10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Smith reviewed a press release from Senator Nelson's office describing new funds for vegetation removal in Republican Basin.

ECONOMIC STUDY

Smith reviewed the Economic Study-Final Version

AGREEMENT WITH PHIL YOUNG

Tabled

BUREAU OF RECLAMATION STUDY

Smith discussed lower republican study and the press release.

SOUTHWEST WEED MANAGEMENT AREA

Covered on RC&D

LEGISLATION

NARD legislative updates were mailed to directors.
Smith pointed out the May 31st contained upcoming Interim Studies.
For information only handout on Jessica Harder & Sandra Zellmer.

GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

Monthly Reservoir reports for April were mailed. The May reports were handed out.

METER REPORT

A final 2006 usage report was circulated. Needs corrections

INCENTIVE PROGRAMS

There have been 12 payments made on the EQIP, others will be completed soon.

TRANSFER REQUEST

None

RESOLUTION AND INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT

Discussion was held, it was decided move head on Resolution and Interlocal Agreement.
Smith said we may need a person to act as director to manage the program.

- ◆ A motion was made by Nelsen and second by Fornoff to adopt #163-07-1 resolution to form the Republican River Basin Coalition to represent the basin for River Flow Enhancement bond purposes.

Ayes- 8 Nays- 2 Motion Carried

The Interlocal Agreement and Resolution 163-07-1 are attached to those minutes.

SURFACE WATER BUYOUTS

Discussion was held on the buyouts. Approve Frenchman Valley, Riverside and Frenchman Cambridge Agreement

- ◆ A motion was made by Schurr and second by Loomis to ratify the memorandum of agreement for the Republican River Basin Coalition with Frenchman Valley, Riverside, and Frenchman Cambridge.

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Ayes- 8 Nays-2 Motion Carried

Memorandum of Agreements is attached to those minutes.

- ◆ A motion was made by Schurr and second by Loomis to appoint Josh Friesen and Dan Smith as MRNRD members to the coalition.

Ayes-9 Nays-0 Motion Carried

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TAXABLE AND CREP ACRES

Discussion was held

REPUBLICAN RIVER COORDINATOR

Discussion on Republican River Coordinator. We may continue to discuss this position and determine duties.

GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

No meeting was held.
June 22 meeting at Holdrege

GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA –

OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY-

Discussion was held on what a produced could do with a well.

WILD – None

BUFFERSTRIPS –

None

LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL –

None

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT FUNDS

Smith reviewed the cost-share summary report.

- ◆ A motion was made by Haag and second by Moore to accept the report.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

WATERSHEDS –

Smith discussed that we may use Miller and Associates to help with dams will need around \$50,000.00 in budget

COMPLAINTS –

None

CHEMIGATION –

Chemigation is just getting started...

TREE PLANTING –

Tree plantings are completed and billings have gone out.

. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ A motion was made by Schurr second by Fornoff to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with Jon Schroder at 10:53 p.m.
Ayes-10 Nays-0 Motion Carried
- ◆ A motion was made by Haag second by Nelsen to return to regular session at 11:20 p.m.
Ayes-10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

SALARY RECOMMENDATIONS

Salary proposals were considered.

- ◆ A motion was made by Haag and second by Loomis to accept option 3
Ayes- 10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Proposals are attached to these minutes.

PERSONNEL

Lawson, Information & Education Coordinator, and Burke, Curtis Field Office Secretary, have both completed their probationary period.

- ◆ A motion was made by Moore and second by Haag to end probation period for Lawson and Burke.

Ayes-10 Nays-0 Motion Carried

Peterson, Office Supervisor/Board Secretary has submitted her resignation.

- ◆ A motion was made by Randel and second by Spencer to accept Peterson resignation.

Ayes-9 Nays-1 Motion Carried

SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT –

County is using grass.

OFFICE REMODELING QUOTE

Tabled

DEPOT SIDING QUOTE

Discussion was held, Action Tabled.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:50PM

The next meeting will be Tuesday, July 10, 2007 in McCook, Nebraska starting at 7:30 PM.

Mary Tidyman
Recorder