

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, November 11, 2008**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None.

**NRD Staff:** Dan Smith, Bob Merrigan, Roger Lawson and Stacie Owens

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Friesen at 7:34 p.m. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRSS SECTION 46-743. (2) NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS PUBLISHED FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITH THE LAST PUBLICATION NOT LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING IN THE NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH AND MCCOOK GAZETTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF THE DISTRICT AND WITH NRSS SECTION 46-743. IT WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEB SITE.

**STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony for a variance from the District's Ground Water Management Area, Rules and Regulations.

Rule 4-1 Moratorium – Transfer Well

1. Scholz
2. Oppliger

**TESTIMONY – Transfer Well**

**MRNRD STAFF**

Bob Merrigan, MRNRD Assistant Manager.

Merrigan explained that MR514 has already been approved however Oppliger has requested to place the well in a different location than originally planned. Merrigan provided a map of the new location and requested Board approval for this change in location. Merrigan explained the request of Scholz who wishes to purchase a well from Don and Charlotte Meyers to supplement the one he previously purchased from Boner. He would seal the current well and drill a new well at another location. The ground has been the EQIP program with exception of 6.57 acres which did not qualify for the program and have no history of use. These are the acres he wishes to permanently transfer to the newly drilled well.

**OTHERS**

William Barger, Culbertson, NE

Barger explained that Don and Charlotte have three wells on their property which could potentially water all of the land they own, including the 6.57 acres Scholz wishes to purchase.

The hearing was closed at 7:54 p.m. by Chairman Friesen.

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Stacie M. Owens  
Secretary to the Board