

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Josh Friesen, Joe Anderjaska, Kevin Fornoff, James Uerling, Dan Nelsen, Buck Haag, Benjie Loomis, Rick McConville, Marty Schurr, Rick Spencer

Board Members Absent: Brad Randel

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

Others: Larry Burke, Cliff Houser, Bill Barger, Brad Edgerton

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Friesen at 7:38 pm. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

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. Guests should also note the location of a current copy of the statutes dealing with public meetings and the booklet with the information provided to directors.

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 4-6.11 Certification
 1. Chancellor

Rule 4-1 Moratorium
 1. Burke
 2. Oppliger

TESTIMONY on Chancellor Variance Request

MRNRD STAFF

Bob Merrigan, Assistant Manager. Merrigan went over the request for certification submitted by Chancellor's. During the time of certification, they did not fully understand the process and failed to properly certify 20 acres to their well.

OTHERS

Brad Edgerton, Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District. Edgerton is opposed to adding addition acres as it would create an additional pumping above Bartley Dam.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

TESTIMONY on Burke Variance Request

MRNRD STAFF

Bob Merrigan, Assistant Manager. Merrigan went over Burke's request to purchase a well and one acre from Cliff Houser in order to better facilitate his pivot.

Haag and McConville arrived at 7:52 pm.

OTHERS

Larry Burke. Burke explained his situation and the reason for the request.

Cliff Houser. Houser answered questions regarding taxed irrigated acres.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

TESTIMONY on Oppliger Variance Request

MRNRD STAFF

Bob Merrigan, Assistant Manager. Merrigan went over the request submitted by Oppliger and answered questions.

OTHERS

Bill Barger. Barger, who is handling the transfer, explained that the net transfer needed is 115 acres and not 113.85 as is shown on the form. Barger would like the Board to consider the 115.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

The hearing was closed at 8:05 pm by Chairman Friesen.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board