

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Tuesday, May 12, 2009
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Rick Spencer

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

Others:

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.

Nelsen arrived at 7:38 pm.

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.

Loomis arrived at 7:43 pm.

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 5-3.11 Supplemental Wells
Riverside Irrigation Company
Delbert Maris

TESTIMONY on Riverside Irrigation Company Variance Request

MRNRD STAFF

Dan Smith, Manager. Smith went over the current Rules and Regulations and the request submitted by Roger Kolbet, President, Riverside Irrigation Company.

OTHERS

Roger Kolbet, President, Riverside Irrigation Company. Kolbet agreed to provide us with a list of his customers who took water and how much they received.

TESTIMONY on Delbert Maris Variance Request

MRNRD STAFF

Dan Smith, Manager. Smith read the Variance Request received by Delbert Maris and asked Maris to further explain his request. Smith also reminded the Board that Frenchman-Cambridge has not requested a variance hearing for their customers so we have no way of

accounting for the water that Mr. Maris does not take.

OTHERS

Delbert Maris, Farmer. Maris explained that he has two wells and fields in the Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District. He is only able to get surface water to one field and does not want to go through the expense of setting up the other field to receive surface water without the assurance of getting surface water every year. He requests that surface water he does not take not be counted against his ground water allocation.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

The hearing was closed at 7:45 pm by Chairman Friesen.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board