

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Ground Water Management Area, Rules & Regulations
January 13, 2009
McCook, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: James Uerling

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

NRCS: None

Others: William M. Barger

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Friesen at 1:03 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 with regard to revisions to the Ground Water Management Area, Rules and Regulations for the Middle Republican Natural Resources District (hereinafter "MRNRD").

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND REVISIONS

Daniel Smith, MRNRD District Manager. Smith presented handouts of the proposed changes and revisions as well as providing a powerpoint of the same. He discussed each suggested change or revision in detail and answered questions.

TESTIMONY-NRD

None.

STATE AGENCIES

None.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

None.

OTHER NRDS

None.

OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Brad Edgerton, Cambridge-Irrigation District (Manager). Edgerton went over a brief history of the Cambridge-Irrigation and provided opinions on the suggested changes and revisions. Official copy of his testimony is on file with these Minutes.

OTHERS IN ORDER SET BY CHAIRMAN

William M. Barger, Culbertson, Citizen. Barger expressed his concerns relating to the certain changes and revisions on transfers.

The hearing was closed at 1:30 p.m. by Chairman Friesen.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board

WRITTEN TESTIMONY RECEIVED

- 1) William Russell Barger, Attorney at Law, Property Owner in MRNRD
- 2) Brian P. Dunnigan, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.