

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Tuesday, November 9, 2010
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Others: Dave Koetter

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.

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.

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| Rule 4-6 | Certification |
| | 1. Dave Koetter |

TESTIMONY

MRNRD STAFF

Bob Merrigan, Assistant Manager.

Merrigan went over the request from Koetter providing maps and tax records for the property in question. Koetter originally certified 180 acres during the 2003 certification process to well G-032726 in Section 23 of 4-30. He further explained that the maximum number of acres irrigated in a year's time was what was allowed to be certified. Koetter was never able to water all these acres during one year, he had to alternate watering them; therefore, he was only able to certify the 180 acres. In 2010, Koetter put in an additional pivot which increased his acres being watered to 267 acres. Taxes are being paid on a total of 227.05 acres. Koetter was expected to be here to discuss his request with the Board.

OTHERS

Dave Koetter, Landowner, McCook. Koetter went over the documents he provided, stated that the well pump 700 gpm and requested allocation for all his irrigated acres. He felt that FSA has made a mistake in only putting down 180 acres when he certified in 2003.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

The hearing was closed at 7:49 pm by Chairman Friesen.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board