

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

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**Others:** Randall Hileman, William M. Barger

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Friesen at 7:07 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](http://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 4-1.1 Moratorium

1. Seward – Transfer Well

**TESTIMONY**

**MRNRD STAFF**

Bob Merrigan, Assistant Manager.

Merrigan went over the Request(s) for Variance and answered questions.

**OTHERS**

Randall Hileman. On behalf of Kathy Eichman, Randy answered questions from the Board explaining the ground has been in EQIP for the last three (3) years which is why it lacks history of use. He also went over the location of the well which sits 80 feet from the Frenchman River and explained that if this transfer didn't get approved, they would start pumping it on the 65.7 acres currently certified to it.

William M. Barger. Barger testified that he feels this transfer would be a good idea, closing a well off along the river and transferring it out of that area.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

None.

The hearing was closed at 7:20 pm by Chairman Friesen.

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Stacie M. Owens  
Secretary to the Board