

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Public Hearing**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at 7:00 pm**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present:** Kevin Fornoff, James Uerling, Brad Randel, Rick McConville, Buck Haag, Rick Spencer, Joe Anderjaska, Steve Cappel, Bill Hoyt, John Palic, Blaine Stinson

**Board Members Absent:** None.

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

**Others:** Roger Kolbet, Geraldine Clark

**PUBLIC HEARING**

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:04 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](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 5-3.11.1 Supplemental well

1. Riverside Irrigation District

Rule 4-6 Certification

1. Geraldine Clark

**TESTIMONY ON RIVERSIDE IRRIGATION DISTRICT**

**MRNRD STAFF**

Dan Smith, Manager. Smith went over the request made by Riverside Irrigation District to provide us a list of those surface water users who took water and the exact amount taken to be reported to our offices and only those amounts would be deducted from the specific landowners allocation. Smith explained that our rules state that anyone with comingled acres would have to have whatever amount of water offered by the irrigation district deducted from their allocation whether they took the water or not.

**OTHERS**

Roger Kolbet, Riverside Irrigation District, Culbertson. Kolbet explained the reason for the request and answered questions.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

None.

**TESTIMONY ON GERALDINE CLARK**

**MRNRD STAFF**

Bob Merrigan, Assistant Manager. Merrigan went over the request for variance made by Geraldine Clark, providing maps and tax documents and explaining that Geraldine's daughter certified her acres with the NRD without knowledge or power of attorney to do so. She has requested an additional 24 acres which she has been watering from the well since the 1980's.

**OTHERS**

Geraldine Clark, Trenton, Nebraska. Clark answered questions from the Board and agreed to provide further documentation that they requested in order for them to make a decision.

**WRITTEN TESTIMONY**

None.

The hearing was closed at 7:28 pm by Chairman Haag.

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Stacie M. Owens  
Secretary to the Board