

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at 7:30 pm
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

Others: Craig Nelson

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Haag 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.

Rule 4-6 Certification

1. Craig Nelson

TESTIMONY ON CRAIG NELSON:

MRNRD STAFF

Dan Smith, Manager. Smith went over the variance request as was submitted in the fall of 2010 and the new letter dated July 3, 2011 which included a map. Smith stated that Nelson is requesting them to reconsider the variance request which was denied by the Board last fall.

OTHERS

Craig Nelson, McCook. Nelson stated that he didn't have anything more to add to what he has stated in his letter. He answered questions from the Board and stated he was not paying irrigated taxes on that piece of ground. He also confirmed that the ground has been reenrolled in CRP for another 10 years.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

The hearing was closed at 7: 47 pm by Chairman Haag.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board