

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 at 3:00 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: Don Felker

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Haag at 3:56 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 5-3.11.1 Supplemental well

1. Frenchman Valley Irrigation District

TESTIMONY ON FRECHMAN VALLEY

MRNRD STAFF

Dan Smith, Manager. Smith went over the request made by Frenchman Valley 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

Don Felker, Frenchman Valley Irrigation District, Culbertson. Felker explained the reason for the request and answered questions.

WRITTEN TESTIMONY

None.

The hearing was closed at 3:59 pm by Chairman Haag.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board