

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present:** Brad Randel, Joe Anderjaska, Daniel Nelsen, John Palic, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Tracy Zink, Rick McConville, Dan Estermann, Shane Rippen, Jolene Messinger, Travis Rousselle

**Board Members Absent:** None

**NRD Staff:** Jack Russell, Alex Boyce, Sylvia Johnson and Stacie Owens

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** William M. Barger

**Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:**

Agenda	Minutes – Regular Meeting
Financial Report	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Surface Water Report	Civil Rights Handout
Legal Bills	

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Legal Summary

**Information E-Mailed:**

NARD ZW Weekly 3/11, 4/1, 4/11

NARD Summary 3/11, 4/1, 4/11

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9:00 a.m.
  - a. Verify Quorum.
  - b. Excused Absences.
  
2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
  - a. Items added since iPad post Thursday prior to meeting:
    - Resolution MR4 – Ashtonfield
    - Resolution MR5 – Pooling
  
3. 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.
  
4. The Minutes for the Penalty Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and Special Meeting were posted to the Directors iPads.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of Penalty Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and Special Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes – 11    Nays – 0    Motion Carried

## **5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The March Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$118,303.03.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the March Financial Report. Seconded by Estermann.  
Ayes - 11                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Had questions relating to pooling.

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. COLA. 5.9% for 2022. NARD approved a 7% increase and Russell plans to recommend the same.

B. GIS Update. Russell reported we did not get the grant for the upgrade but would be looking for further grants and funding for the project. Boyce gave a preliminary presentation on the mapping system that they are working on.

Will be increasing outreach efforts over the next few months. Russell also went over the meeting they had here with DEE and some surrounding districts.

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

**McConville arrived at 9:24 a.m.**

## **9. NRCS**

Kennedy reported on their workload. Currently doing field work. Also have CRP and EQIP contracts to work on.

## **10. NARD**

Rippen had been looking over some of the legislative bills and had some questions on those.

## **11. N-CORPE**

Next meeting is next week in North Platte.

## **12. LEGAL MATTERS**

To be discussed in executive session.

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Legal Matters – Litigation.

- ◆ Rippen moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with the Board and staff. Seconded by Messinger.  
Ayes – 12                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

Chairman Zink restated, for the record, the limitation of the subject matter of the closed session.

Entered at 9:39 a.m.

- ◆ Schilling moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Palic.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Exited at 10:32 a.m.

Chairman Zink reminded everyone that entered into executive session that the discussions held within that timeframe were private and should not be discussed.

- ◆ Schilling moved to adopt Resolution MR4-2022. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried
- ◆ Palic moved to adopt Resolution MR5-2022. Seconded by Nelsen.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried
- ◆ Loomis moved to authorize staff to issue cease and desists to owners and operators that may be in violation. Seconded by Palic.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary