

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 1:00 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present:** Brad Randel, Joe Anderjaska, Daniel Nelsen, John Palic, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Tracy Zink, Rick McConville, Travis Rouselle

**Board Members Absent:** Dan Estermann, Jolene Messinger, Shane Rippen

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** None

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

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

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Legal Summary	Rules & Regulations
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**Information E-Mailed:**

Legislative Conference Information Redistricting Option 5

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 1:00 pm.
  - a. Verify Quorum.
  - b. Excused Absences.
  
2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
  - a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 7.d. Employment Contract  
7.e. Meeting Time
  
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 November Regular Board Meeting were posted to the Directors IPads.

**Randel arrived at 1:02 pm.**

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of November Regular Board Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Nelsen.  
Ayes – 8    Nays – 0    Abstain – Rouselle                      Motion Carried

**5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

- A. The November Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$51,519.05.

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve the November Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 9                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

### **A. Voting Subdistricts.**

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve taking a ballot vote between Options 1 and 5. Seconded by McConville.  
Option 1 – McConville  
Option 5 - 8  
Vote carried to move forward with Option 5 reducing the number of board members from 13 to 11 and redistricting to reflect the new district boundaries.

### **B. WaterSmart Grant Resolution.**

Russell went over the terms of the grant.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve MR6-2021 and apply for the grant. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 9                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

### **C. P-2.**

Only one company showed up at the site showing and the bid they submitted was higher than NRCS was planning so further review of the information will be taking place.

### **D. Employment Contract**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to offer Russell his new employment contract based on the terms reviewed by the Board. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 9                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

### **E. Meeting Time.**

- ◆ McConville moved to approve changing the meetings to 9 AM on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month from January 2022 to December 2022 and be reevaluate at the December meeting. Seconded by Anderjaska.  
Ayes - 7                      Nays – Nelsen, Palic                      Motion Carried

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **9. NRCS**

Kennedy reported that the RCCP cover crop applications started back up and are due December 30<sup>th</sup>. Field work is currently still being done. EQIP and WaterSmart applications are still being taken until December 30<sup>th</sup>. Working on CSP contracts now. Staffing is still only at 50% with producers being met by appointment only.

**10. NARD**

- A. Legislative Conference, January 24<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>.
- B. Voting Delegates.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to appoint Rippen as voting delegate and Zink as alternate. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 9                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried

**11. N-CORPE**

None.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

Russell discussed the changes and corrections to the Rules and Regulations up to this point. Pooling will be the next section of discussion over the next couple months.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- A. Legal Matters – Legal matters and existing litigation.

- ◆ McConville moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters and existing litigation with the Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Palic.  
Ayes – 9                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried

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

Entered at 2:01 pm.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Palic.  
Ayes - 9                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried

Exited at 2:16 pm.

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

- ◆ Anderjaska moved rescind the motion from the November 9<sup>th</sup> meeting, which was to hold a penalty hearing regarding the Hauxwell violations on or around January 11, 2022, due to advice from legal counsel. Seconded by Zink.  
Ayes - 9                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 11, 2021 at 9 am at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:19 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary