

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:40 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, John Palic, Jolene Messinger, Shane Rippen, Travis Rousselle, Benjie Loomis, Tracy Zink, Dan Nelsen, Dan Estermann

Board Members Absent: Brad Randel, Jay Schilling, Rick McConville

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Sylvia Johnson, Colt Livingston, Mary Tidyman and Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Karen Labenz

Information Mailed to Directors:

Rules & Regulations Hearing Agenda	Proposed Rules & Regulation changes
Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Audit Presentation	Surface Water Report
South West Weed Management Ltr	Tractor Prices
Resolution MR1-2021	

Information E-mailed

ZW Weekly	NARD Jan 22 Update
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REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Zink at 1:40 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. Tractor
7.e. Drills

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 January Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.
 - ◆ Palic moved to approve the minutes of the January Regular Board Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Messinger.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The January Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$188,935.44.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Audit Presentation.

Karen Labenz went over the audit presentation and answered questions of the Board. Table the acceptance of the audit until the March 2021 meeting.

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. RULES & REGULATIONS – VOTE TO ADOPT.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to adopt the changes to the Rules and Regulations as presented at the public hearing. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. I-PADS/TABLETS

Boyce is still looking into the best options available.

C. LAND RETIREMENT

Russell went over the details of resolution MR1-2021 and answered questions.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the purchase of 71 acres from Clint and Kayla Schafer as set out in the resolution MR1-2021. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

D. TRACTOR

Nelsen went over the list of things that were discussed and the recommendation of the Personnel and Programs Committee.

- ◆ Loomis moved to approve the purchase of 2021 5075E tractor for \$58,449.00. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes – 6 Nays – Palic, Rippen, Messinger Motion Carried

E. DRILLS

- ◆ Loomis moved to keep the 2 newer drills and donate the older 3 to either Pheasants Forever or Game and Parks. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 8 Nays – Estermann Motion Carried

8. NRCS

Kennedy went over his workload report. He also provided an update on the COVID rules for each office.

9. NARD

Rippen and Zink both reported on how the zoom meeting for the legislative conference went. All districts did participate either in person or via zoom.

10. N-CORPE

A. OTHER. Loomis stated that Bill's last day was December 28th. They have been speaking with Adam Kester of Game and Parks regarding the sharing of an employee. Further discussions will be held with the manager's and Adam here in the next few weeks. Water has been shut off on the pipeline running north. It will be turned back on again as they are still needing to pump. After many attempts to try to sell the grain bins they finally decided to try and list them on an auction site and were able to finally get them sold and will make a little money on them. Discussion held on some of the budget and how the income coming in is being handled.

11. LEGAL MATTERS

Russell went over the request from the South West Weed Management's request for volunteers to be on their board. He also provided a timeline for the 5th Generation IMP adoption.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary