

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 8, 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, Travis Rousselle, Dan Estermann, Shane Rippen, Jolene Messinger

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
Civil Rights Handout	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Legal Summary	Audit
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Information E-Mailed:

Weeth Hearing Dates	NARD ZW Weekly 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4
NARD Summary 1/7, 1/14, 1/21, 1/28, 2/4	
NARD Legislative Conf Mask Mandate	

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 to the Agenda since mailing: None

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 posted to the Directors IPads.
 - ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of January Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Abstain – Messinger Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The January Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$1,242,513.46.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the January Financial Report. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Audit Report.

Karen from Dana F. Cole & Company LLP's Minden office presented the audit and answered questions of the Board.

6. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Had questions relating to whether it was a compact call year, Hauxwell case and elections.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. AEM. Russell stated that the grant had been approved and they could potentially be flying by this summer. They will have contracts for us to sign

B. Data Management – JEO Agreement Approval.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the JEO Agreement as presented. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

C. Election.

D. P-2 Contract Approval.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the P-2 Contract contingent on getting funding in place. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Russell went over items discussed at the groundwater committee meeting and Johnsen covered the changes to the pooling portion of the rules and regulations. Discussion held.

9. NRCS

Kennedy updated the Board on staffing in the field offices. They are all currently working on program applications.

10. NARD

Zink gave a quick recap of legislative conference. Schilling and Anderjaska also provided some feedback and ideas.

11. N-CORPE

Loomis reported on the January 19th meeting. Rents have all been collected. Senator Erdman sent a letter to Kyle requesting a number of documents which Kyle did provide what he had. There is another outfit approaching them on carbon credits but not more information than that at this time.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Widick/Weeth Cease and Desist. Russell reminded the group meeting will be held on March 3rd at 10 AM here.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matters – Litigation.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with the Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 11:11 a.m.

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

Exited at 11:33 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.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 9:00 am at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:37 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary