

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Ground Water Management Area, Rules & Regulations
Tuesday, February 11, 2014 @ 1:00 PM
Curtis Community Center, Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Buck Haag, Kevin Fornoff, Joe Anderjaska, Brad Randel, Blaine Stinson, Bill Hoyt, Rick McConville, John Palic, Steve Cappel, James Uerling, Benjie Loomis

Board Members Absent: None.

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Bob Merrigan, Roger Lawson, Sylvia Johnson and Stacie Owens

Others: Jay Schilling, Kim Schilling, Josh Friesen, Amanda Johnson, Dan Estermann

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Chairman Haag at 1:08 p.m. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH NRSS SECTION 46-743. (2) NOTICE OF THIS PUBLIC HEARING WAS PUBLISHED FOR THREE CONSECUTIVE WEEKS WITH THE LAST PUBLICATION NOT LESS THAN SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE HEARING IN THE NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH AND MCCOOK GAZETTE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE POLICY OF THE DISTRICT AND WITH NRSS SECTION 46-743. IT WAS ALSO POSTED ON THE DISTRICT WEB SITE.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this hearing is to receive testimony with regard to revisions to the Ground Water Management Area, Rules and Regulations for the Middle Republican Natural Resources District (hereinafter "MRNRD").

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND REVISIONS/TESTIMONY - NRD

Jack Russell, MRNRD District Manager. Russell did a brief presentation of the proposed changes to the Rules and Regulations, 2014 Supplement to Appendix 1 which will state "With the designation of a Compact Call Year by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, the allocation for that calendar year will be restricted to 15 inches".

STATE AGENCIES

None.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

None.

OTHER NRDS

None.

OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

None.

OTHERS IN ORDER SET BY CHAIRMAN

Jay Schilling, McCook.

Read a statement (copy of which is filed with these Minutes) expressing negative concerns towards the higher hard cap that is proposed and projected pumping of the augmentation project.

Kim Schilling, McCook.

Read a statement (copy of which is filed with these Minutes) expressing concerns about the higher pumping volumes being proposed, lack of water for surface water users with no compensation and depletion of water for the future.

Josh Friesen, Wallace.

Expressed appreciation for the higher hard cap and encouraged the Board to continue to seek ways to save water and work towards sustainability.

Amanda Johnson, Hayes Center.

Expressed appreciation for 15” and would like more if possible.

Dan Estermann, Wellfleet.

Expressed concerns relating to the N-CORPE project.

Owens said no written testimony had been received.

Receipt of Written Testimony was noted for the record.

- 1) None.

The hearing was closed at 1:40 p.m. by Chairman Haag.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board