

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Public Hearing
Integrated Management Plans Revisions for DNR and MRNRD
Tuesday, November 10, 2015 @ 6:30 PM
Curtis Community Building, Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Kevin Fornoff, Joe Anderjaska, Brad Randel, Rick McConville, John Palic, Steve Cappel, James Uerling, Shane Rippen, Jay Schilling

Board Members Absent: Buck Haag, Benjie Loomis

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Bob Merrigan, Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce, Spencer Campbell and Stacie Owens

Hearing Officer: Jon Schroeder

Court Reporter: Muffy Morris

PUBLIC HEARING

The public hearing was called to order by Treasurer Palic at 6:30 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 AT WWW.MRNRD.ORG.

McConville arrived at 6:32 p.m.

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The purpose of this public hearing is to receive testimony concerning the revisions of the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) for the MRNRD and the Department of Natural Resources. Copies of the proposed IMP are available at the back of the room.

Palic then turned the hearing over to the Hearing Officer, Mr. Schroeder.

Randel arrived at 6:34 p.m.

Hearing Office Schroeder accepted the Legal Notice of Public Hearing as Exhibit #1 and Proof of Publication as Exhibit #2.

OVERVIEW OF PROPOSED CHANGES AND REVISIONS/TESTIMONY - NRD

Russell went over the proposed changes in detail and the process they sought in coming up with the changes. He also highlighted the benefits the changes will be to the MRNRD.

The proposed IMP was accepted as Exhibit #3.

STATE AGENCIES

Jesse Bradley, DNR. Bradley read his written testimony a copy of which is filed with these Minutes as accepted as Exhibit #4.

FEDERAL AGENCIES

Aaron Thompson, Bureau of Reclamation. Thompson read over the testimony from Bureau and testimony from the Nebraska-Kansas Office a copy of which are both filed with these minutes and accepted as Exhibits #5 and #6.

OTHER NRDS

None.

OTHER POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS

Brad Edgerton, Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District. Edgerton read over his written testimony a copy of which is filed with these minutes and accepted as Exhibit #7.

OTHERS IN ORDER SET BY CHAIRMAN

James Uerling, Citizen of the MRNRD. Read portions of the Supreme Court decision within Pages 74-77 and expressed his disagreement with the proposed IMP. A copy of these 4 pages is filed with these minutes and accepted as Exhibit #8.

Receipt of Written Testimony was noted for the record.

- 1) None.

The hearing was closed at 7:08 p.m. by Hearing Officer Schroeder.

Stacie M. Owens
Secretary to the Board