

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 1:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Brad Randel, Joe Anderjaska, Rick McConville, John Palic, Daniel Nelsen, Dan Estermann, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Tracy Zink, Jolene Messinger, Travis Rousselle

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Luke Olson

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Financial Report

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Compact Accounting Adjustments

Regular Meeting Minutes

Legal Summary

Civil Rights Handout

Legal Retainer Agreement

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Draft R&R

Surface Water Report

Information E-mailed

Appeals, Brown & Ulrich & Brown

GW Draft R&R's

Appeals

Leg Conference

Leg Conference Memo 122120

Order on Stay and Protective Order

Draft R&R Chapter 2-3

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randel at 1:30 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.
 - c. Board Reorganization

Randel stepped down as Chairman and turned the meeting over to Russell.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman.

Palic nominated Randel for Chairman. Nominations cease.

Russell announced Randel to retain position as Chairman.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairman.

Palic nominated Zink for Vice Chairman. Nominations cease.

Russell announced Zink to retain position as Vice Chairman.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary.

Palic nominated Messinger for Secretary. Nominations cease.

Russell announced Messenger to the position as Secretary.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer.

Estermann nominated Palic for Treasurer.

Anderjaska nominated Loomis for Treasurer.

Nominations cease. Written ballots cast. Palic – 7. Loomis – 5.

Russell announced Palic to retain position as Treasurer.

Russell turned meeting over to Chairman Randel.

Randel requested volunteers from each district to serve on the Groundwater Committee.

Discussion held. Groundwater Committee shall consist of the following members:

Messinger	Loomis
Anderjaska	McConville
Palic	Rippen

Randel requested one volunteer from each district to serve on the Programs/Personnel Committee. Discussion held. Programs/Personnel Committee shall consist of the following members:

Schilling	Rousselle
Estermann	Nelsen
Zink	

Randel requested volunteers for the Wellfleet Committee. Discussion held. Wellfleet Committee will be Anderjaska, Loomis and Estermann.

Randel requested volunteers for the N-CORPE board. Discussion held. N-CORPE member will be Loomis and the alternate will be Schilling.

Randel requested volunteers for NARD. Discussion held. NARD representative will be Rippen and the alternate will be Zink.

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 December Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the December Regular Board Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The December Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$8,778.35.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

Luke Olson, Explained to the board why he felt like this was not the best time for him to take the position on the board. The Board thanked him for coming to talk to them in person.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. **RULES & REGULATIONS – VOTE TO GO TO HEARING.** Russell went over what had been sent to the Board for review.

- ◆ Loomis moved to approve the Rules and Regulations to go to Hearing as presented at 1:30 PM on Tuesday, February 9th. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. I-PADS/TABLETS

Boyce stated he found some for \$530/each with 64 GB. Discussion held.

C. NNRC

Reminded everyone about the meeting tomorrow at 2 PM at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds.

D. TREE PROGRAM

Quotes on tractors was presented. Discussion held. Board requested that Livingston give New Holland in McCook a call to see what they had available for leasing and what their price would be.

E. LAND RETIREMENT

Currently have two applicants. More to come once we get the approval from DNR.

8. NRCS

Kennedy stated that he is working with Russell and Livingston on updated the memorandum of

understanding between the NRCS and the NRD. Also working with them on prioritizing the EQIP WaterSmart ranking criteria. They are doing classic CSP review and ranking other EQIP applications.

9. NARD

A. Legislative Conference, Lincoln, Jan. 26-27.

Waiting on final information on how the conference will be conducted. Voting delegate will be Rippen with the alternate being Zink.

10. N-CORPE

A. OTHER. Loomis reported that Bill Sellers has resigned. He went over the details of the grazing and vehicle bid committee as of right now.

11. LEGAL MATTERS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel and Litigation.

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and litigation with the Board, Manager and Assistant Manager. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 3:15 pm.

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

Exited at 3:49 pm.

The Rules and Regulation Hearing will begin at 1:30 pm and the Regular Board Meeting will follow on Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 1:30 pm at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary