

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 11, 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

Board Members Absent: Jolene Messinger

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None.

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda	Minutes – Regular Meeting
Financial Report	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Legal Bills

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Legal Summary	Surface Water Report
Article by Don Walton, 1/10/22	Resolutions MR1-2022 & MR2-2022

Information E-Mailed:

Republican River Basin Banquet

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: 7.f. Hazardous Mitigation Plan MR1-2022
12.a. Widick/Weeth MR2-2022 Approval
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 posted to the Directors IPads.
 - ♦ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of December Regular Board Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Abstain – Estermann, Rippen Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The December Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$20,302.29.

- ♦ Nelsen moved to approve the December Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

Schilling did report that he has been asked to be a representative of the NSIA (Nebraska State Irrigation Association) which he has accepted.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. P-2. Russell reported that NRCS is still looking at it and the funding.

B. Rules & Regulations. Planning on reviewing the next section over zoom within the next couple of weeks.

C. Data Management. Russell and Boyce met with JEO. They will plan on meeting with them again at Legislative Conference to hear how they are coming. Should be hearing on whether we will get a WaterSmart grant for this or not.

D. Election. Russell handed out the forms to those who will be needing to file if they so choose.

E. Hazardous Mitigation Plan MR1-2022 Approval.

- ♦ Nelsen moved to approve resolution MR1-2022 accepting plan as proposed.
Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NRCS

Kennedy reported on current activities and also stated he would not be attending Legislative Conference this year.

10. NARD

A. Legislative Conference, January 24th – 26th.

11. N-CORPE

Nothing new.

CHAIRMAN ZINK MOVED ITEM 12 TO THE END OF THE MEETING.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Widick/Weeth Cease and Desist.

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 – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:55 a.m.

- ♦ Anderjaska moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 10:43 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.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Widick/Weeth Cease and Desist.

- ♦ Anderjaska moved to adopt resolution MR2-2022 and send a Cease and Desist to Widick and Weeth. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
- ♦ Anderjaska moved to schedule a penalty hearing on or around February 8th at 10 a.m. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary