

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 12, 2022 at 9:00 AM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None.

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy, Giovanni Cerenil, Gabriel Aguilar

**Others:** William M. Barger

**Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:**

Agenda	Minutes
Financials	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Draft Budget	Rules & Regs – Draft
Resolutions MR7 & MR8	

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Surface Water Report      LB1014e Section 51  
Developing Digital N Dashboard  
Civil Rights Handout

**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.
  
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 Regular Board Meeting were posted to the Directors iPads.

◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes – 10      Nays – 0      Abstain - Estermann      Motion Carried

**5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$423,414.14.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

- B. Draft Budget.  
Russell went over the adjustments to the budget and answered questions.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned land retirements and surface water.

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

A. Tabled transfer discussion. Further consideration was discussed on the temporary hold on transfers.

- ◆ Schilling moved to suspend transfers indefinitely. Seconded by McConville.  
Ayes – 4      Nays – Nelsen, Rippen, Zink, Anderjaska, Loomis, Estermann, Randel  
Motion Failed

- B. Rules and Regulations.  
Russell will be setting up committee meetings to go over the rules and regulations.

- C. Insurance Coverage Approval.  
Waiting on corrections to the invoices and will present next month.

D. Industrial Well Permit for P-2.  
BSB is requesting an industrial well for 350 gpm to complete P-2 restructure. Once dam is complete the well will be decommissioned.

- ◆ McConville moved to approve a well permit for the project. Seconded by Nelsen.  
Ayes – 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

None.

## **9. NRCS**

Kennedy reported that CRP contracts are due at the end of the month and they are busy with field work. FSA received emergency wildfire funds which will go for fencing and windbreaks. Unfortunately they forgot to include the cost of mulch so he will be meeting with Russell and Livingston to come up with a plan to deal with that item. He introduced Gabrielle who is their intern this summer. Gabrielle spoke a bit about what he was studying and his background.

## **10. NARD**

Owens emailed out the details of the retirement plan agreements that were provided to her from NARD.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve MR7-2022 and MR8-2022. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 10      Nays – 0      Abstain - Estermann      Motion Carried

### 11. N-CORPE

Next meeting is next week in Imperial.

### 12. LEGAL MATTERS

#### A. Penalty Hearings.

Russell is working on a date to try to set up the penalty hearings on Hauxwell and Miller. Right now August 23 – 25 so he requested the board look at their schedules to see what date would work for them.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to work to setup August 23 or 24 with both hearings on the same day. Seconded by McConville.  
Ayes – 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### A. Legal Matters – Litigation.

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session with staff. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:15 a.m.

- ◆ Schilling moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Exited at 11:00 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, August 9, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary