

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Travis Rousselle, Benjie Loomis, Tracy Zink, Dan Nelsen, Dan Estermann, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Rick McConville

Board Members Absent: Jolene Messinger, Brad Randel, John Palic

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger, Marvin Henry

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Financial Report

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Draft Budget

Civil Rights Handout

Master Plan 2021-2031 (2 sets of Drafts)

FV Canal Partnership

Groundwater Status

Republican River Compact Overview

Regular Meeting Minutes

Legal Summary

FNIC Insurance Proposal

AEM Blocks

Surface Water Report

Long Term Implementation Plan (2 sets of Drafts)

N-CORPE

Ltr 6-25-21 re: Legislative Resolution 23 Response

MRNRD Performance

Information Distributed at Meeting:

None

Information E-Mailed:

IMP Hearing Reminder

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Zink at 7:03 pm.

a. Verify Quorum.

b. Excused Absences.

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 June Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Loomis moved to approve the minutes of the June Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Rippen arrived at 7:07 pm.

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The June Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$390,450.09.

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve the June Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

McConville arrived at 7:09 pm.

B. Insurance.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the FNIC Insurance quote as presented. June Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Abstain - McConville Motion Carried

6. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned whether the Hauxwell lawsuit was still going on and whether water was taken out of the Frenchman this year.

Marvin Henry, Maywood. Questioned whether we were still removing trees from the Medicine Creek. He was advised that our N-CORPE board representatives would take it to the N-CORPE board meeting to be addressed and get back with him.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. IMP - Hearing. Russell reported on the hearing. No attendees outside of Anderjaska and those presenting the materials.

B. LONG RANGE PLAN.

All comments will be incorporated and sent to DNR tomorrow.

C. BUDGET.

Russell went over all numbers he had adjusted and discussed the ones that may have slight changes over the next few weeks.

D. AEM PROJECT.

Russell went over the addition of the numbers in the budget required to incorporate more flights over the district.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve moving forward with the AEM project. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NRCS

Kennedy reported that they were working on the last of the EQIP contracts and the WaterSmart grant contacts. They were able to obligate a total of 485K so that should help get more dollars next year. CRP signup goes through July 23rd and CREP aps are being taken.

10. NARD

Rippen reported on 30-by-30 initiative and what some of the other districts were doing. Russell will look into it further.

11. N-CORPE

Next meeting is Wednesday, July 21st at 10 AM in Curtis.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

To be discussed in executive session.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Potential Violations, Legal Matters, Cease and Desists, and Personnel.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential violations, legal matters, cease and desists, and personnel with the Board, Manager, Assistant Manager and Staff. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 8:08 pm.

- ◆ Schilling moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 8:43 pm.

14. INTENT TO ISSUE A CEASE & DESIST?

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve staff to issue an Intent to Cease & Desist.
Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, August 10, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:47 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary