

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Kevin Fornoff, Joe Anderjaska, Buck Haag, James Uerling, Steve Cappel, Benjie Loomis, Brad Randel, John Palic, Blaine Stinson, Rick McConville, Bill Hoyt

Board Members Absent: None.

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Bob Merrigan, Stacie Owens, Sylvia Johnson

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger, Dan Estermann, Ron Bourne, Chelsea Erickson

Information E-mailed to Directors:

Heineman Press Release

PR Meeting

BOR Numbers

CREP

eResource dated 6/17, 6/24, 7/1

USGS Meeting

Draft Notices and Webform

Information Mailed to Directors:

Adjudicatory Hearing Agenda

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual

Civil Rights Handout

Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

NRCS Report

Cost Share Report

Draft Budget

Article by Larry Dreiling

Email from Miller re: N-CORPE Model

USGS proposal

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 10:22 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences. None.

Moved Item 7 here:

7. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

- ◆ Hoyt moved to deny Variance Request VAR11-FY14. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 11

Nays - 0

Motion Carried

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**. 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.

- ◆ Hoyt moved to approve the Minutes from the June Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. Open Hearing for Variance Request. None.

6. Close Hearing.

7. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

Moved above following Item 1.

8. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The June Financial Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual were presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$455,299.76.

- ◆ Hoyt moved to approve the June Financial Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual as presented. Seconded by Uerling.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Review Draft Budget.

Russell briefly went over recent changes made and answered questions.

9. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compliance Issues.

None.

B. Others.

None.

10. OPEN FORUM

None.

11. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. **Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy briefly went over their current work load and answered questions.

B. **Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)**

1. Report – Anderjaska reported on the new I & E employee.

C. **Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NNRC)**

1. Report – Fornoff stated that the next meeting will be August 13th in Kearney.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.

1. Report. Due to the time it took to prepare documents for the hearing, we were unable to get the website up and running as planned.

E. NE REPUBLICAN RIVER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (NeRRMDA)

1. Report – Hoyt/Fornoff. None.

F. RRCA.

None.

G. LEGISLATION.

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. None.

H. N-CORPE.

1. Status Report. Randel reported that they purchased McCormick tractors and mowers. Russell reported that all wells are running, they are looking at hiring a manager and they will be working on putting together a website.

2. Other.

None.

I. OTHERS.

None.

12. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report included in packet.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) EQIP/ARP (2 applications tabled: John Miller/Gothenburg Livestock).

None.

(e) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE – pooling changes (currently tabled).

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) APPROVE CHANGES TO GO TO HEARING.

None.

3. IMP – DNR DISCUSSION.

(a) COMPLIANCE OPTIONS.

Russell stated that Jim Schneider is willing to come do a presentation whenever the Board wished for him to do so. Discussion held. Board wants to wait until fall to schedule.

4. NOTICES OF NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUED.

Merrigan reported that we have not received any response from Dave Koetter on the Notice of Non-Compliance that was served to him by Red Willow County Sherriff. The Sherriff reported they were unable to serve him the letter until after the deadline.

5. CEASE AND DESIST ORDER.

Discussion held relating how to proceed with regards to Dave Koetter.

- ◆ Hoyt moved to direct staff to move forward with the cease and desist after consulting with our attorney and any other appropriate agency that may need to be involved. Seconded by Stinson.

Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA.

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

1. Creation of Sub-Committees.

Russell stated he would like the Board to consider developing some different committees to work on different subjects.

2. Modeling.

Russell reported that USGS did come out with a proposal. Still waiting on another group to submit theirs.

13. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. **Approve Applications.** Merrigan went over the cost share report.

- ◆ Hoyt moved to accept the July Cost Share Report as presented. Seconded by Uerling.

Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

Kennedy reported on funds available for watershed rehabilitation, the watersheds and would like the Board to consider whether they would like to go further. Discussion held. The Board directed Kennedy to get more information and report back to them before they make a decision.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS – Reports on previous complaints.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

On-going.

F. TREE PLANTING.

None.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

14. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

Doris Burke will start on Monday morning.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

Russell went over the purchase of a new copier and discussed the purchase of a scanning and online storing system to cut down on the accumulation of papers and the ease of searching for documents. Discussion held.

- ◆ Palic moved to purchase the new scanning program and scanner. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 pm.

Stacie M. Owens
Board Secretary