

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 8, 2021 at 7:00 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Rick McConville

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** William M. Barger

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Financial Report

Draft Budget

Civil Rights Handout

Regular Meeting Minutes

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Letter from DNR, 5/28/21

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

NARD Ltr re: Leg. Res. 23, 6/1/21

Master Plan

NARD Draft Budget, 5/27/21

Resolution MR4-2021

Long Range Plan

NARD Insurance Premiums, 5/27/21

Surface Water Report

**Information E-mailed**

None.

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randel at 7:00 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.

**Estermann arrived at 7:30 PM.**

4. The Minutes for the May Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Zink moved to approve the minutes of the May Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes – 9      Nays – 0      Abstain – Palic, Rippen      Motion Carried

**5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The May Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$1,106,126.90.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

**6. OPEN FORUM**

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned where Rick Spencer was. He was informed that Spencer didn't run for the position at the last election. Asked about the status of the cease and desists that have been sent out.

**7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

**A. IMP - Hearing.**

Scheduled at the MRNRD office on July 6<sup>th</sup>. Owens will text the board the day prior.

**B. LONG RANGE PLAN.**

Requested that the board review both plans and report back to us as soon as possible.

**9. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Brief report of the Wellfleet committee's meeting with the Wellfleet Community Club board. Making progress shifting responsibilities over to them.

**10. NRCS**

Kennedy reported they were currently working obligating the additional \$526,000 worth of EQIP funds. Applications written for water smart grants that will be submitted soon. CRP sign up should be announced soon. Staffing is at 50% in the offices.

**11. NARD**

There was a meeting held on Sunday and Monday but nobody was able to attend. Distributed the proposed insurance premiums and preliminary budget for review.

**12. N-CORPE**

No meeting until July.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

Russell went over the Legislation Resolution 23.

### 13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

#### A. Potential Violations, Cease and Desists, and Personnel.

- ◆ Zink moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential violations, cease and desists, and personnel with the Board, Manager, Assistant Manager and Staff. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes – 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 7:27 pm.

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

Exited at 8:17 pm.

Discussed held.

- ◆ Schilling moved to accept manager's recommended 2021 compensation package as presented. Seconded by Zink.

Discussed held.

- ◆ Rippen moved to amend the motion to a 15% increase across the board.

Motion died for lack of a second. Original motion was restated.

- ◆ Schilling moved to accept manager's recommended 2021 compensation package as presented. Seconded by Zink.  
Ayes - 10      Nays – Palic      Motion Carried
- ◆ Anderjaska moved to support Resolution MR4-2021 for Ashtonfield, LLC. Seconded by Zink.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 7:00 pm at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary