

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 14, 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 Pippen, Jolene Messinger, Travis Rousselle

Board Members Absent: Dan Estermann

NRD Staff: Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce and Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda	Minutes
Financials	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report
Legal Bills	Rules & Regs - Draft

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Information E-Mailed:

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.

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

Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Abstain – Rippen Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The Financial Report was presented by Johnson. The taxes received were \$1,016,303.72.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Draft Budget. Johnson stated the only current change to the draft budget at this point is the increase of the health insurance by 15%.

6. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Had a question on the denial of this pooling agreement.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. WaterSmart Grant Resolution MR6-2022

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve resolution MR6-2022 as presented. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. Cease and Desist. Update to be held in executive session.

C. Table all transfers starting July 1st until all updates are inputted on GIS.

- ◆ Loomis moved to table all transfers until August 31st so all the GIS and data maps can be updated with the most current information. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Johnson reported that tree planting has been complete. Auditors will be here August 1 – 3rd. She also went over zoom meeting opportunities.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NRCS

Kennedy stated they were working on continuous CRP contracts and field work. Their EQIP contracts have been 100% obligated.

10. NARD

Zink went over her attendance of the basin tour and meeting. She explained the increase in the insurance that was provided to her at the meeting.

11. N-CORPE

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Rules & Regulations.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matters – Litigation.

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session with staff. Seconded by Rouselle.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:29 a.m.

- ◆ Schilling moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Rouselle.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 10:17 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, July 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary