

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 9, 2021 at 1:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Sylvia Johnson, Mary Tidyman and Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None.

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda

R & R Hearing Minutes

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Legal Summary

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Resolution MR2-2021

Long Range Plan

Surface Water Report

Mil Levy Information

Telemetry Meter Project Update

NRCS Local 2020

R & R effective March 1, 2020

Information E-mailed

NARD Feb. 12 Update

NARD Summary Feb. 26, 2020

March Meeting from Zink

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randel at 1:30 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences. None.

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 February Rules & Regulations Hearing and Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Zink moved to approve the minutes of the February Rules & Regulations Hearing and Regular Board Meeting as amended. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Abstain – McConville, Randel, Schilling Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The February Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$177,804.78.

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve the February Financial Report. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Accept Audit.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to accept the audit as presented at the February meeting. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Abstain – McConville, Randel, Schilling Motion Carried

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. LAND RETIREMENT

Russell went over the details of resolution MR2-2021 and answered questions.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the purchase of 47.77 acres from K & R Farms, Inc., as set out in the resolution MR2-2021. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes – 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The side-by-side was in an accident last year but with COVID it was stalemated until now. The insurance company has now totaled it out so we will be looking to replace it.

There is a trip scheduled to Israel so look at their irrigation practices. Russell will email out information in case any board members are interest. Boyce will be attending.

He handed out a draft of the long range plan for the board to review and to also give input on by the April meeting.

He also spoke briefly about the possibility of needing to look at raising the mil levy since it has not been raised over the last 5 years. More to discuss on this at a later date.

8. NRCS

A. SIGN AGREEMENT. Kennedy will have an agreement that he and Russell drew up between the NRD and NRCS to review and get signed soon.

He handed out a funding distribution worksheet for the 2020 year. Currently working on EQIP ranking and CSP contracts.

9. NARD

Rippen stated there was a meeting held yesterday mostly to look at the new building and he was not able to attend. They will be starting to look at the budget. Schilling discussed some thoughts and ideas he had for legislative conference.

10. N-CORPE

A. OTHER. Next meeting will be in April. Nothing new to report at this time.

11. LEGAL MATTERS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Potential Violations.

- ◆ Zink moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential violations with the Board, Manager, Assistant Manager and Staff. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 2:46 pm.

- ◆ Palic moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Messinger.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 3:38 pm.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary