

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Travis Rousselle

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger, Jim Bowen, Marlene Estermann

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda	Minutes – Regular Meeting
Financial Report	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Legal Bills

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Legal Summary	Draft Letter to Edson & Eschliman
Surface Water Report	

Information E-Mailed:

NARD ZW Weekly 2/11, 2/18, 2/25, 3/4 NARD Summary 2/11, 2/17, 2/25, 3/4

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.
 - 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 Regular Board Meeting were posted to the Directors IPads.
 - ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of February Regular Board Meeting.
Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The February Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$223,497.95.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Accept Audit Report.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to accept the audit as presented. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

6. OPEN FORUM

Zink commented on all the water issues that have been in the news lately. Palic commented on some statutory requirements of NRD's that's only half correct in how things actually work. William M. Barger, Culbertson, had questions regarding the canal in Perkins County.

Schilling arrived at 9:15 am.

7. SW WEED MANAGEMENT – JIM BOWEN

Bowen gave a presentation on all the activities, programs and accomplishments that they have made.

8. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Outreach. Russell stated we would be doing some publications over the next few months.

B. GIS/Meter Update. Boyce gave a presentation on the latest progress that JEO has been making.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOVE ON AGENDA TO AFTER ITEM 12.

10. NRCS

Kennedy went over their work load of preapproving conservation applications. 2022 RCP cover crop applications will be next on the list.

11. NARD

No updates at this time. Russell did go over a draft letter that he plans to present at the Fall Conference and requested feedback from the Board.

- ◆ Schilling moved to send letter as addressed with the inclusion of the NARD President, Orval Gigstad and the Legislative and Govt Affairs Committee, Jim Meismer. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

12. N-CORPE

Nothing new.

9. COMMITTEE REPORTS

MOVED ON AGENDA BY CHAIRMAN.

Discussion held regarding rules and regulations.

- ◆ Palic moved to take the next couple months to do updates. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

13. LEGAL MATTERS

None.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matters – Litigation.

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with the Board. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 11:15 a.m.

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

Exited at 11:59 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, April 12, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:01 p.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary