

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Shane Rippen, John Palic

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Alex Boyce, Sylvia Johnson 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	Legal Bills
Rules & Regs Penalty Section (Draft)	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Legal Summary	Water Quality & Citizen Science
Draft Budget	

Information E-Mailed:

BT Registration Form	Rules and Regulations Comments from Russell
ZW Weekly dated 4/15/22,	
2022 NE Leg Session Ends 4/20/22	NARD Sine Die Leg Update & Bill Summary

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 Estermann.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The April Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$138,788.77.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned whether it as compact call year and can ditch water go into CREP?

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. COLA/Budget.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to recommend a 7 percent cost of living raise for employees. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 7 Nays – McConville, Messinger, Schilling Motion Carried

B. WRCF Irrigation Retirement.

Russell stated that we currently have two requests for retirements but there is surface water involved so we are working with DNR to see what we can do.

C. Irrigation Leader (NE).

Russell and Boyce had an interview with them yesterday. They also have requested we be a part of doing some advertising and writing articles for some publications as a kick start our outreach process.

D. WQ Handout.

Zink went over the water quality program the University is doing with a request the board members volunteer some of their sites for testing.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NRCS

Kennedy handed out a map of the burn area and talked about their recent meeting in Cambridge trying to help educate those affected by the fires.

10. NARD

Discussion held regarding having NARD get involved with educating the Senators on NRD's. Russell will have Rippen bring it up.

11. N-CORPE

Loomis went over the recent meeting held on April 20th.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Rules & Regulations.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matters – Litigation and Personnel.

- ◆ Loomis moved to enter into executive session to discuss litigation and personnel with the Board and staff. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:11a.m.

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

Exited at 10:38 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.

- ◆ Randel moved to accept John Palic's resignation. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
- ◆ Anderjaska moved to nominate Benjie Loomis as Treasurer and to change signatories on all banking and investment accounts. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Abstain - Loomis Motion Carried

Signatories on the Western Nebraska Bank checking will be as follows:

Benjie Loomis, Irwin Jack Russell, Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce, Stacie Owens

Western Nebraska Bank Money Market Account and Safety Deposit Box will be as follows:

Benjie Loomis, Irwin Jack Russell, Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce, Stacie Owens, Mary Tidyman

Signatories on the First Central Bank NOW and CD's will be as follows:

Benjie Loomis, Irwin Jack Russell, Alex Boyce, Stacie Owens, Mary Tidyman

Signatories on the NPAIT account will be as follows:

Benjie Loomis, Irwin Jack Russell, Alex Boyce, Stacie Owens, Mary Tidyman

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary