

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Steve Cappel, John Palic, Shane Rippen, Jay Schilling, Buck Haag, Benjie Loomis, Rick McConville, Kevin Fornoff, James Uerling, Brad Randel

Board Members Absent: None

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Bob Merrigan, Alex Boyce, Sylvia Johnson, Mary Tidyman, Doris Burke, Spencer Campbell & Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Ken Weavers, Kyle Shepherd, William M. Barger, Rick Spencer

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes
Financials	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Rules & Regs, Pages 5, 26 & 30	2015 Crop Year Water Usage Report
Cost Share Summary	Spring 2016 Subsurface Drip Irrigation Systems
2016 N-Corpe Budget & Pumping	Financials Statements from June 30, 2014

Information E-mailed

Legislative Updates: 3/18, 3/24, 4/1, 4/8

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McConville at 7:32 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.

Haag arrived at 7:34 pm.

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

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Minutes from the March Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Abstain-Fornoff, Randel, Uerling Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The March Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$86,385.09.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the March Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy went over his report and handed out some information on applications for sub-surface drip.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reported they had a fun run but he was unable to attend. Next meeting will be in June.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated they are working on scoring projects and will have a meeting next week. Another application period will open July 15th and close July 31st.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson reported that she published an article with some MRNRD facts and will continue to do follow-ups. She will be working with Alex to learn the facts on what the model is telling us so she can publish that information. She went over the two \$500.00 scholarship recommendations and information about their plans.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve \$500 scholarships to both Masen Sis and Daryn Carroll. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

E. NeRRMDA

1. Report – Cappel. None.

F. RRCA

None.

G. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Russell stated that a stakeholder meeting was held but NRD employees weren't allowed to attend it. Schilling and McConville did attend. Another meeting will be held in Holdrege next Tuesday which he will be attending.

H. N-CORPE

1. Status Report. Russell stated that they are working on modeling and had a meeting in Lincoln yesterday which Boyce attended. The regular meeting will be held next Wednesday in Curtis with a well field management workshop to follow.

Shepherd handed out a copy of the audit, budget breakdown and current pumping numbers. He also talked about some of the problems they have run into and how they handled them and answered other questions from the Board.

2. Other.
None.

I. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS.

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report included.

(c) METER PROGRAM

Burke went over the final yearly report and the changes they have made to it.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell will be setting up a meeting soon.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

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(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

Boyce reported he has been running some numbers in the model to see how everything works and answered questions of the Board.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS – Allocations.

Russell went over what our current allocations are and stated we have been getting a number of calls from producers asking if we know what the allocations will be in the upcoming period. He requested that the Board should start thinking about what they might want to do.

3. IMP

None.

4. NOTICES OF NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUED

None.

5. CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

None.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

1. Weather Station.

Russell reported that DNR will help pay for the Hayes Center weather station and we will pick up the rest of the cost.

2. Decline Map.

Russell reported that USGS is still working on the map due to personal issues, the project was delayed but hopefully will be done next month.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. Merrigan went over the report.

◆ Schilling moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Uerling.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

Tidyman is working on recreating information lost from the computer issues we previously had.

F. TREE PLANTING.

Campbell stated that they picked up the trees from Halsey today. The tree planter is planning on being here around the end of the month. The tree cooler is not keeping the room at a proper temperature so we may need to look at doing some improvements there. He plans on having the hand plants delivered to the field offices by the end of the week.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL – sick leave requests.

Russell went over the current policy for donating which must be approved by the Board. Johnson became very sick and is short sick leave. Merrigan has requested to donate 40 hours to her.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve Merrigan donating 40 hours of his sick leave to Johnson. Seconded by Randel.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ Uerling moved to enter into executive session to discuss real estate and invite staff to join. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered Executive Session at 8:49 pm.

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

Exited Executive Session at 9:19 pm.

- ◆ Palic moved to pursue real estate purchase pending fund from N-CORPE. Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Curtis Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, in Curtis, Nebraska

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary