

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present:** Buck Haag, Joe Anderjaska, Shane Rippen, Rick McConville, John Palic, Kevin Fornoff, Steve Cappel, Jolene Messinger, Brian Schafer, Benjie Loomis, Brad Randel, Rick Spencer

**Board Members Absent:** Jay Schilling

**NRD Staff:** Jack Russell, Alex Boyce, Andrew Boyce, Sylvia Johnson, Mary Tidyman and Stacie Owens

**NRCS Staff:** None

**Others:** Dan Estermann

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Legal Summary

Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual

Civil Rights Handout

Bylaws

Personnel Policy

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Surface Water Report

Cost Share Summary

Variance Summary Report

Office outline

**Information E-mailed**

Building Committee

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:37 pm.
  - a. Verify Quorum.
  - b. Excused Absences.

◆ Anderjaska moved to excuse the absence of Schilling due to illness. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 11          Nays – 0          Motion Carried

2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
  - a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 8.d.2. Approve Scholarships
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 March Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

## **5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

## **6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The March Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$790,442.88.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the March Financial Report. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

McConville arrived at 8:02 p.m.

## **11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

### **B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

(1) **Vehicles.** The Journey is up to be traded off and the blue diesel is having problems again and we need it to pull the trailer with the tractor on it.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the purchase of the 2 vehicle bids from Wagner Ford in McCook. Seconded by Schafer.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

None

## **8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS**

### **A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy.  
None.

### **B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen reported on some of the events that will be taking place and their dates. He hasn't heard anything from anyone who went on the Washington, DC trip.

### **C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff. Nothing new at this time.

### **D. OUTREACH**

1. Report – Johnson will be holding a Meet & Greet with Hughes in McCook on April 19<sup>th</sup>. There were 4 Scholarships submitted in Ag related areas so she requested that the Board approve all 4 for \$500/each.

- ◆ Schafer moved to approve 4 \$500 to be awarded to Rebel Sjeklocha, Von Fritsche, Wesley Wach and Chyanne Friehe. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**E. LEGISLATION**

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. The bulk of the plan has been put together and is supposed to be emailed out. Russell will forward it to the board for review once he receives it.

**F. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report – Loomis stated they have not had a meeting yet. Next meeting will be April 25<sup>th</sup>. Russell reported they met a couple different times to work on the budget. Also, Dawson Public Power was out doing repairs and one of the wells got kicked on and ran for 3 days before anyone knew it.

2. Other  
None.

**G. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**1. REPORTS**

**(a) WELL PERMITS.**

None.

**(b) SURFACE WATER.**

Bureau’s report included in Board packets.

**(c) METER PROGRAM.**

Russell stated we have around 30-40 meters that need repaired.

**(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE.**

None.

**(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.**

Russell requested the board consider working with Brown & Caldwell to validate some of the work Alex Boyce has been doing on compact compliance. Discussion held.

◆ Loomis moved to approve talking to Brown & Caldwell about a contract to work with them on compliance issues of up to \$30,000. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**(f) WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Trees on the dam have been removed by BSB and the County has agreed to maintain the road.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

None.

**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. Permanent Transfer & Variance Report.**

- ◆ Rippen moved to accept the report as presented. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**10. PROGRAMS**

**A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.**

Cost share report reviewed.

- ◆ Palic moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**B. WATERSHEDS.**

None.

**C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.**

None.

**D. COMPLAINTS.**

None.

**E. CHEMIGATION.**

None.

**F. TREE PLANTING.**

Russell went over the plan for getting the shrub plantings and trees. Should anyone have any questions, he requested they contact him.

**G. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.**

None.

**11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

**A. PERSONNEL & PROGRAM COMMITTEE.**

(1) Bylaw Changes. Russell went over the suggested changes. Discussion was held.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the changes to the Bylaws. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 7      Nays – Spencer, Cappel, Haag, McConville, Palic      Motion Carried

(2) Personnel Policy Changes

- ◆ Schafer moved to approve the suggested changes to the Personnel Policy effective July 1. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

*Moved up following Item 6.*

**C. ELECTIONS.**

Done.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

**A. Compact Issues.**

None.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss real-estate with the Board, Manager and staff. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 8:56 pm.

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

Exited at 9:09 pm.

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve resolution to proceed with the bids for the design build. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 8, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:11 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary