

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Rick Spencer

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Billing Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout
Surface Water Report	Draft Vehicle Policy changes

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Special Meeting Agenda	Draft Budget
Cost Share Summary	LB 606 Amendment Language 4/4/19 & 4/5/19
Blackwood Watershed – P2 Update	Qgallala Aquifer Initiative Progress Report
Natural Disaster Recover – EWP	EWP Report – 4/9/19
Cover Crop Eligibility	

Information E-mailed

MRNRD Disaster Relief Drop Off	ZW Weekly (3/18/19, 3/25/19, 3/29/19, 4/5/19)
NARD Legislative Update (3/15/19, 3/22/19, 3/29/19, 4/5/19)	
LB 606 Transcript	LB 606 Amendment

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 7:30 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.

◆ Palic moved to excuse the absence of Nelsen. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
 - a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 11.d. Sell of Building
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.mnrnd.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.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the March Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Abstain - Randel Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The March Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$89,524.43.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

Beginning draft budget was handed out for initial review.

7. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned about water bank credits and also commented on parliamentary procedures.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy went over his handouts. RCPP cover crop initiative sign up deadline is May 3rd and Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) deadline is May 10th. Will not have contract renewals for contracts expiring this year but there will be extensions. Conservation compliance reviews will be being performed. He provided a factsheet on the Emergency Watershed Program. Almost done with phase 2 of the P2 dam design. Hope to have it done in April as there will be a 30 day review process. Once that is done, they will go out with bids and hope to start work on the structure in July.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reported that the Envirothon is April 24th and the Women for Water Gathering will be May 1st. Next meeting is in June.

C. NNRC

- 1. Report.
None.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson reported on the results of the donations for the flood victims. Working on finishing up the office. ACE Camp is being advertised now. Held a High Tech

meeting at the office last week.

2. Scholarships – High School. Went over her scholarship recommendations.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to award a \$500 scholarship to Dylan Hofman and Tate Hartley. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

E. LEGISLATION

Russell emailed testimony on LB606 to the Board. Fassett and Lavene are working on amendments now. Discussion held regarding the Boards current stance as being neutral.

- ◆ Schilling moved to support LB606 as amended. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis reported that the next meeting will be held at Twin Platte NRD on Wednesday, April 17th. There will be a hearing for the annual report that day as well.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau’s report included.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP – Alternatives.

Russell reported on the meeting with FVID and the discussions held regarding the options. Discussion held relating to that meeting and H&RW. Russell will work up some agreements for the Board to discuss and review.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Cost share report reviewed.

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. CHEMIGATION.

None.

D. METERS – INSTALLATION OF ADDITIONAL.

Personnel & Programs Committees recommended to put in an additional 50 meters and hopefully have a grant to put in an additional 1,000 next year in the rapid response region. We should know in June or July if we were awarded the grant.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to move forward with the 50 additional meters as recommended by the Personnel & Programs Committee. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

E. TREE PLANTING.

Andrew will be leaving tomorrow to go pick up trees in Halsey.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(1) Personnel & Programs – Vehicle Policy. Russell went over the suggested changes to the current vehicle policy.

Nelsen arrived at 8:45 pm

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the vehicle policy changes as presented. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Abstain - Nelsen Motion Carried

(2) Ground Water.
None.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. MEETING DATE/TIME.

Schafer stated he would like to reconsider for discussion the change to the meeting time to 9:00 am for a trial period on the second Tuesday of each month. Discussion held.

- ◆ Schafer moved to change the meeting time to 9:00 am on the second Tuesday of each month starting in May until November. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 7 Nays – Schilling, McConville, Messinger, Nelsen, Palic
Motion Carried

D. SELL OF BUILDING.

Johnson reported that there is someone interested in buying the old building. Verbal offer negotiated for \$47,000. Discussion held.

- ◆ Schilling moved to sell the old building for \$47,000 and sign the purchase agreement. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 11

Nays – Estermann

Motion Carried

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:09 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary