

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None.

Information Mailed to Directors:

Ltr from Russell re: 4/7/20	Agenda
Minutes	Financials
Legal Summary	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Dana F. Cole & Company LLP	Ltr from Russell re: 4/7/20 w/draft budget
Civil Rights Handout	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

None

Information E-mailed

MRNRD Office 3/19/2020	April 14 Board Meeting
Surface Water Report	

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 7:32 pm.
 - 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 March Regular Board Meeting and Rules and Regulations Hearing Minutes were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the March Regular Board Meeting and Rules and Regulations Hearing. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 12 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 \$122,990.67.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the March Financial Report. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 9 Nays – Palic, Rippen, Schafer, Spencer Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

b. Audit – Accept.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to accept the 2018-2019 audit. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

c. Auditor – Approve. Russell went over the proposal received from Dana F. Cole & Company LLP and answered questions of the board.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the proposal received from Dana F. Cole & Company LLP for a 3 year contract. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. MANAGERS' REPORTS

a. Budget. Russell encouraged the board to review the budget and send any questions, suggestions, etc., to either him or Johnson every Friday. Responses will be sent out to the entire board for review.

b. COVID-19. Russell went over the precautions that the office has been taken mostly based on suggestions from the Governor. Doors have been locked and those not feeling comfortable have been allowed to work from home. We have been taking appointments by phone and letting those individuals in the small conference room or the main entry way only.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to direct the manager to carryout actions to run the office within COVID-19 measures. Seconded by Messinger.
Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

c. Scholarship. Johnson stated there were 8 applicants. 3 were ag related, 1 was partially ag related and the other 4 were not ag related at all. Staff recommendation is to give scholarships to the 3 ag related. Discussion was held regarding the locations of where these kids would be attending college and possibly considering changing the criteria. Further review and discussion will be held later on.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the staff recommendation of 3 scholarships to be awarded to Wacey Flack, Brolin Morgan Ashton Erickson. Seconded by Schafer.
Ayes - 12 Nays – Anderjaska Motion Carried

9. OTHER

April 23rd there will be a teleconference to discuss changes to the IMP.

April 22nd N-CORPE teleconference

Livingston will be picking up trees on Friday

Getting back to working on P2

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 12, 2020 at 7:30 pm location and how is currently pending.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:08 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary