

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, April 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Tracy Zink, Kevin Fornoff, Travis Rousselle, Rick McConville, Jolene Messinger

Board Members Absent: Daniel Nelsen

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Rose Weskamp, William M. Barger, Jesse Korus, Jared Abraham

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Financial Report

Civil Rights Handout

Letter from Rose Weskamp

Legislative Updates`

Regular Meeting Minutes

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Surface Water Reports

JEO Consoluting Group Presentaiton

Legal Bills

Information Distributed at Meeting:

None.

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.

♦ Fornoff moved to excuse the absence of Nelsen due to sickness. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 9

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

c. Appoint Board Member to Finish out term of the vacation seat.

Rose Weskamp sent in a letter of interest for the vacate position and answered questions of the board. The board took a paper vote and voted Rose Weskamp into the vacate position 7 to 2.

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 were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of the March Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Abstain – Messinger, Weskamp Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The March Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$102,989.74.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the March Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Abstain – Weskamp Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. AEM.

Jared Abraham started the presentation on the update with the project as far as what they have finished and what they will be completing in 2023. Jesse Korus of UNL went over what he does on his side of converting the data.

B. DATABASE.

Russell discussed the different companies and options are there and the opinion of the staff as to which one is felt will get us where we want to be technologically.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve entering into a contract with Longitude 103 based off the recommendation of P & P committee and staff. Seconded by Loomis
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. PROGRAMS & PERSONNEL

A. COLA – INSURANCE – POSITION.

Russell reported on discussions held with the committee on all three items. Further information was requested which will be provided and addition discussion will be held next month.

B. CAPITALIZATION POLICY.

Russell stated that an update needs to be done to include new meters and clean up the body of the policy. Draft was provided to the board members.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the capitalization policy as presented. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

C. VEHICLE.

Have not received all the bids yet.

- ♦ Schilling moved to approve the staff purchase of 20-30K on a pickup with the trade-in should they find one. Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

9. NRCS – KENNEDY

Kennedy reported on their current workload. Field work has started and tree planting sites are being prepared. Also working on tanks and pipeline applications.

10. NARD - ANDERJASKA

Next meeting will be in June in conjunction with the basin tour which will be held at Central Platte. Zink will be planning on attending the basin tour.

11. NRC – FORNOFF

Meeting was held last Wednesday. He updated the board on the current applications received.

12. NSIA – SCHILLING.

Nothing new.

13. N-CORPE - LOOMIS

Next meeting will be held next Wednesday in Alma.

14. LEGAL MATTERS

A. POOLING REQUEST.

- ♦ Anderjaska moved to approve Resolution MR13-2023 which reiterates MR5-2022 giving the Manager and Manager's Staff approval or denial authority for pooling applications. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

15. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. POTENTIAL LITIGATION AND PERSONNEL.

- ♦ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel with Board, Manager and staff. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 11:02 a.m.

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

Exited at 11:37 a.m.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the MRNRD office in Curtis.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:39 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary