

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Thursday, August 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: None

Others: Brad Johnson, Rick Spencer, William M. Barger, Andy Olson, Dan Estermann, Trey Wasserburger, Kirk Olson

Information Mailed to Directors:

Special Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Agenda
Minutes	Financial Report
Legal Fees WS	Civil Rights Handout
Voting Sub-Districts	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Draft Budget	Ltr from Derickson
Ltr from Schuler	NARD Annual Conference Information
Water Sustainability Fund Ap	Tax and Acre Information by Johnson
Surface Water Report	Draft Pooling Agreement changes
IMP Method, Depletions WS	Cost Share Report
Revised Sub-District Numbers	Voting Precincts – McCook
E-mail from Schilling, 8/13/15	Var. 8 & 9

Information E-mailed

Voting Sub-Districts	E-mail from Owens re: Stakeholder Meeting
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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. 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.

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

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Minutes from the July Regular Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The July Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$23,761.62.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Approve Draft Budget for Hearing.
Russell went over the final numbers in detail.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the Draft Budget as presented for Hearing in September. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questions relating to FVID water.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – None.

B. NARD

1. Report – Uerling. None.
2. NARD Annual Conference, September 27-29, Kearney.
Let Owens know who wants to attend.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff went over the last meeting with Senators and provided a draft copy of the application and criteria to apply for funding from the Water Sustainability Fund.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.

1. Report – Johnson reported on the field event Roric Paulman held which was disrupted by weather. She encouraged the Board to provide her with any additional events that need to be added to the calendar and she will email it out once it's been updated.

E. NeRRMDA

1. Report – Cappel. None.

F. RRCA.

None.

G. LEGISLATION.

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Next meeting is in Cambridge next Tuesday.

H. N-CORPE.

1. Status Report.

Randel reported on recent activities and stated that they had extended Kyle Shepherd's contract and gave him a raise. There is no firm commitment on bond percentages yet. They will be finalizing the pumping bill next month.

2. Other.

None.

I. OTHERS.

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS

Merrigan reported on 2 well permits for Olson Farms Inc. which will be Variance 8 and 9 to be voted on next month. Kirk Olson addressed the Board and answered questions relating to the feedlot operation he is wanting to put in. Discussion was held.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report was included in handouts.

(c) METER PROGRAM

New database is installed and working to check on all the conversions now.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell went over the results on Monday's meeting and requested the rest of the Board to review the suggested changes to pooling rules. The Board was encouraged to email any comments to him prior to next month's meeting. We will plan to take them to hearing in October.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

Russell went over the discussions held at the Monday meeting and the gathering of well data. Brown & Caldwell will start working on the numbers once we turn in this year's data.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

A teleconference was held on Tuesday and they stated they were on track to provide a report in late September.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

Pooling changes were discussed under the Ground Water Committee report.

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

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. Merrigan went over the report.

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

Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Abstain - McConville Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

Russell reported that assessments are being done on some areas below some of the structures.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

None.

F. TREE PLANTING.

None.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

Russell reported that Alex Boyce has started and we are currently in the process of remodeling the office.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. VOTING SUB-DISTRICTS

Russell went over the different scenarios and options that were provided to him by other Board members. Discussion was held.

- ◆ Schilling moved to send Option 7 to the election commission for review and comments and vote to accept or deny at the September meeting. Seconded by Uerling.
Ayes - 7 Nays – McConville, Fornoff, Anderjaska, Loomis Motion Carried

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center at 201 Garlic Ave., Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:35 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary