

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:30 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**NRCS Staff:** Ben Hardin

**Others:** William M. Barger, Dan Estermann, Whitney Schroeder

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Draft Budget	Civil Rights Handout
NARD Annual Conference Agenda	

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

UNL Workshop Information	Grant Letters of Support
Water Resource Cash Fund List	Surface Water Report
Cost Share Report	GIS Workshop Proposal

**Information E-mailed**

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**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:30 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.
  - ◆ Palic moved to approve the minutes of the July Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Anderjaska.  
Ayes - 13      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 \$30,892.89.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the July Financial Report. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 13          Nays – 0      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

**B.** Budget – Approve to go to Hearing.  
Russell went over the final draft budget.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the proposed budget and the \$10 occupation tax to go to public hearing in September. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 12          Nays - Palic          Motion Carried

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questions regarding budget and modeling cost.

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

### **A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Ben Hardin gave a report on current workload.

### **B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen.  
Last meeting was in Gothenburg but he was unable to attend. Fall Conference coming up the end of September.

### **C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff stated that not much is going on right now. Doing some changing of language.

### **D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

1. Report – Johnson reported she had submitted the grants. There have been articles in the paper every other week and she has been pushing information out there on the water usage and penalties so the producers are reminded how that works. Boyce and Johnson have been busy flying the drone over the high tech systems.

### **E. LEGISLATION**

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.  
Next meeting is in Cambridge on August 15<sup>th</sup>.

**F. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report. Loomis stated that they have not had a meeting and the next one is scheduled for Wednesday, August 16<sup>th</sup> in Curtis.

2. Other.

The audit is still not complete as they are still trying to get more information. They are planning on attending the meeting to explain why it's taking so long.

**G. OTHERS**

DNR Water Reserve Cash Fund Projects. Russell went over his list of projects he'd like to pursue and request funds to do.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve list and submit. Seconded by Loomis.  
     Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

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**1. REPORTS**

**(a) WELL PERMITS.**

None.

**(b) SURFACE WATER**

Bureau's report included in Board packets.

**(c) METER PROGRAM**

None.

**(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE.**

Russell will reschedule the meeting soon.

**(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.**

Russell and Boyce will have a teleconference tomorrow.

**(f) TZA.**

None.

**(g) WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Haag asked for volunteers. Loomis, Schilling and Anderjaska will be the committee.

**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**

None.

**10. PROGRAMS**

**A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.**

1. Approve Applications. Went over the cost share report.

- ◆ Palic moved to approve the cost share for Deaver and Brennemann on a modified report. Seconded by McConville.

Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**B. WATERSHEDS.**

None.

**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 & PROGRAMS.**

1. GIS Service Agreement.

Russell stated that we have been working with GIS Workshop over the last few months to look at implementing water report availability online. This would save money on postage and printing costs and give the producers access to their information. Boyce went over what he learned from looking at CPNRD's site. We'd look at getting it live for the next allocation period.

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into an agreement with GIS services as proposed. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

None.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

- A. Compact Issues.

None.

- B. Other.

None.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and potential litigation with the Board, Manager and legal counsel. Seconded by McConville.  
Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 8:50 pm.

- ◆ Schilling moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Exited at 9:52 pm.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to direct legal counsel and manager to draft letter concerning pooling agreement #86. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

The regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary