

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 9:00 AM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** None

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Billing Summary
Budget	Civil Rights Handout
Surface Water Report	Cost Share Policy

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Cost Share Summary	Cover Crop Program Meeting - NRCS
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**Information E-mailed**

June Surface Water Report	NARD Annual Meeting Resolution
2019 Annual Conference – NARD	

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 9:00 am.
  - 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 July Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Zink moved to approve the minutes of the July Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Abstain – Messinger      Motion Carried

## **5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

## **6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

**A.** The July Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$32,826.00.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

**B.** Approve Budget to go to Hearing including Occupation Tax.  
Russell went over the budget and answered questions.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the budget to go to hearing in September with the change of separating out the watershed rehab account as discussed. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 13                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

### **A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy went over his report and spoke about the cover crop program meeting they will be putting together for August 28<sup>th</sup>. Working on obligating contracts. Discussed benefits of cover crop program.

### **B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen.  
2. Annual Conference, Kearney.  
Preparing for the conference. Anyone wishing to attend should let Owens know as soon as possible.

3. Voting Delegates.

Rippen will be the delegate and Zink will be the alternate.

### **C. NNRC**

1. Report.

Russell stated that they have submitted applications for two grants.

### **D. OUTREACH**

1. Report – Johnson reported that they have been busy working on the new meters with McCrometer.

### **E. LEGISLATION**

Russell is still waiting to hear when the N-CORPE interim study hearing will be. Once he does hear, he will send out an email to the board members.

**F. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report – Loomis stated the next meeting is set for September 4<sup>th</sup> at N-CORPE.

**G. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**1. REPORTS**

**(a) SURFACE WATER.**

Reviewed Bureau's report.

**(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.**

None.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

None.

**3. IMP – Alternatives.**

Russell went over discussions held with DNR and the other two NRD's. He will discuss further in executive session.

**B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA**

None.

**C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY**

1. Irrigation Retirement Resolution.

Russell went over the permanent retirement of 72 acres of Paul Johnson's.

◆ Zink moved to approve the resolution to permanently buyout 72 acres of Paul Johnson's. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes - 10            Nays – Messinger, Rippen, Spencer            Motion Carried

**10. PROGRAMS**

**A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.**

1. Cost share report reviewed.

**B. WATERSHEDS.**

None.

**C. CHEMIGATION.**

Russell reported that the technicians have been finding a number of illegal Chemigation occurring this year. He is planning to meet with Lindstrom to see how to handle these within the legal system.

**D. METERS.**

Russell and Boyce went over a map of the area that would be targeted to get the new meters through the water smart grant.

**E. TREE PLANTING.**

None.

**F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.**

None.

**11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

**A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

(1) Personnel & Programs.

(a) Cost Share Policy. Reviewed suggested changes.

- ◆ Zink moved to approve the cost share policy changes. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12                      Nays – Schafer                      Motion Carried

(2) Ground Water.

None.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

(1) Building.

None.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

**A. Compact Issues.**

None.

**B. Other.**

None.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Personnel.** None.

**B. Legal**

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal with the Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 13                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:57 am.

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

Exited at 11:21 am.

The Budget Hearing will be held on Tuesday, September 10, 2019 at 9:00 am followed by the Regular Board Meeting at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:22 am.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary