

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 1:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Rick McConville, John Palic, Steve Cappel, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Rick Spencer, Tracy Zink, Kevin Fornoff, Brian Schafer

Board Members Absent: Brad Randel, Jolene Messinger

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Dan Estermann

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Legal Summary

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Civil Rights Handout

Basin Wide Plan Modifications

Information Distributed at Meeting:

NRCS EQIP & RCPP Obligation Chart

N-CORPE Annual Report – 2018

Cost Share Report

Surface Water Report

Information E-mailed

NRD Banquet Head Count for Lunch

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 1:36 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to excuse the absence of Brad Randel and Jolene Messinger. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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 November Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the November Regular Board Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Abstain – Schafer Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The November Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$64,143.87.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy handed out a chart of funding obligation and explained their guidelines. Still waiting on a new farm bill to be passed or the old one extended. He will be scheduling a local workgroup meeting sometime between now and February 15th and hopefully the NRD will provide a couple staff and the Board would do the same. He will get out more details soon.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reminded everyone about Legislative Conference in Lincoln in January. Let Owens know if you plan to go.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated their next meeting will be December 18th.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson has been busy overseeing the building construction which is coming along well. Their projected completion date is the end of February. Working on compact changes and working with DNR on agreements for the money they allotted us.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Russell went over the small number of changes made to the plan. Discussion held.

- ◆ Zink moved to adopt the Republican River Basin-Wide Plan, as written in the Final Draft, with the exception that the placeholder for the effective date of the

plan, which is located on page 4 of the Final Draft, will be replaced with a date that is consistent with the effective date stated in the orders issued by the Districts and NeDNR, and that will be no later than March 31, 2019. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 8 Nays – Palic, Schilling, Cappel Motion Carried

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis reported that they are moving ahead with the land trade with Pieper and potentially another one with Margritz. Since being shutoff, the groundwater has been recovering very well. He went over the draft Annual Report that will be discussed at their hearing and meeting tomorrow. There were some questions from the Board on the accuracy of some of the numbers. Loomis will be sure they point it out.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau report reviewed.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

(c) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

Primarily done for right now. Will be in a holding pattern pending grant approval.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP

Plan will be to start revising the IMP after the first of the year.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Cost share report reviewed.

◆ Schilling moved to approve the Cost Share Report. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

Moving dirt on the P2 Dam now.

C. CHEMIGATION.

None.

D. METERS.

Still reading.

E. TREE PLANTING.

Doing some research on mulch machines.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(1) Personnel & Programs.

Will meet prior to the January 8th Board Meeting at 11 AM.

(2) Ground Water.

As discussed under the IMP, Russell will set up a meeting to begin the revision process after the first of the year.

(3) Wellfeet Advisory.

None.

(4) Building Committee.

Johnson has been keeping them up-to-date on the progress via text messaging and e-mailing.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other. Discussion held regarding legal services provided by which law firms.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel.

◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with the Board and Manager. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 2:58 pm.

- ◆ Rippen moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Schafer.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 3:00 pm.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2018 at 1:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary