

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Daniel Estermann

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes
Financials	Legal Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout
NARD Leg Conf Agenda	Board Meeting Options

Information Distributed at Meeting:

MRNRD & NRCS Cooperative Agreement	
Surface Water Report	Chemigation

Information E-mailed

Legislative Conference Info	AgriLogic Advertisement
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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.

♦ Anderjaska moved to excuse the absence of Estermann. Seconded by Zink.
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. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Abstain – Nelsen Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The November Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$40,061.38.

- ◆ Zink moved to approve the November Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
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 – Kennedy reported they are wrapping up payments on late projects. CRP signup started yesterday and runs into mid-February (does not include any CREP signups). Anyone interested should contact their FSA office. He is also setting up the workgroup schedule which is currently set for January 23rd in McCook at the NRCS office. He will be sending out further information via e-mail to Russell which he will request be sent to the Board Members for anyone interested in attending.

2. Agreement between MRNRD & NRCS. Russell went over the general agreement between the two parties which is basically a blanket agreement between all NRD's in the state and the NRCS. There will be a more detailed agreement at a later time between the MRNRD and the NRCS that will need to be reviewed in detail.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to adopt the agreement as presented between the MRNRD and the NRCS. Seconded by Schafer.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Nelsen arrived at 9:22 am.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen stated that they were working on preparation of the Legislative Conference in Lincoln January 27th & 28th. Let Owens know if you plan to attend.

C. NNRC

1. Report. Fornoff reported that they had scored the projects submitted, and provided numbers on those in November and sent that up for further approval. There is a meeting next Wednesday to see what the final report is on the approved grant applications.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson just completed the Farm & Ranch Expo. Attended N-CORPE meeting and the forecast meeting. AgriLogic Consulting will be holding a presentation at the Middle Republican NRD office on Tuesday, December 17th at 3:00 pm. The Board, Staff and spouses Holiday supper at the Coppermill on Friday the 13th beginning around 5:30 pm. The open house will be on Thursday from 2 PM to 7 PM in conjunction with Curtis Hometown Christmas.

E. LEGISLATION

None.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis reported they were working on getting insurance quotes and discussion held on information they still were working to gather. Kyle is supposed to start advertising for taking sealed bids for grazing later this week or next week. A committee has been set up to open them. Next meeting will be in North Platte on December 17th.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau report included.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP – Alternatives.

Boyce went over what was discussed at the forecast meeting and stated that it will not be a compact call or water short year.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

None.

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. CHEMIGATION.

(1) Changes. Russell went over the suggested changes and requested the board members read over them in detail and plan to vote at the January meeting

D. METERS.

The water smart grant has been sent to Montana for approval.

E. TREE PLANTING.

None.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(1) Personnel & Programs.

None.

(2) Ground Water.

Russell will be setting up a meeting to look over the Chemigation changes in detail and review a couple land retirement requests that have come in.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. MEETING TIME.

Discussed the four options on the suggested list and requested each board member to circle their choice and turn it into Johnson. Vote tally as follows: Option 1 – 4, Option 2 – 4, Option 3 – 4 and Option 4 – 0. Since it was tied up the schedule will revert back to the original setup which will be at 1:30 pm in January.

D. OTHER

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. N-CORPE

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session for legal reasons to discuss N-CORPE contract with Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Spencer.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:20 am.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 11:25 am.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at 1:30 pm at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:26 am.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary