

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Zoom

Board Members Present: Brad Randel, Daniel Nelsen, Benjie Loomis, Tracy Zink, Rick McConville, Shane Rippen, Dan Estermann

Board Members Via Zoom: Joe Anderjaska, Travis Rousselle, Jolene Messinger, Jay Schilling,

Board Members Absent: None.

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Kevin Fornoff

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Reg Meeting	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Bylaws – Draft	Resolution – DNR (2)
Response & Recovery Resolution	Civil Rights
Surface Water Report	

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9:00 a.m.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.
2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
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 Regular Board Meeting were posted to the Directors iPads.
 - ◆ McConville moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Estermann as amended.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Abstain – Rousselle Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$53,080.60.
 - ◆ Nelsen moved to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Resolution – DNR (2)

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve Resolution MR-13 ad MR-14. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. Bylaws.

- ◆ Loomis moved to approve the Bylaws as presented and revised. Seconded by Messinger.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

C. Transfers.

Russell went over the list of transfers and described the temporary transfer and variance request for well drilling.

- ◆ Schilling moved to deny the temporary transfer request and let it move forward as a permanent transfer if the parties so choose. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried
- ◆ McConville moved to deny the variance request for well drilling pursuant to the rules and regulations. Seconded by Estermann.
Ayes – 10 Nays – Rousselle Motion Carried

D. SW Data. Russell went over his request to seek out a possible contract with JEO to pull data together on surface water.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve working with JEO to pull data together by the end of February for approximately \$20,000. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

E. Wildlife Response & Recovery Resolution. Discussion held. No action taken.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NRCS

Kennedy provided a project update and talked about possible haying and grazing of CRP ground which must go through FSA for approval.

10. NARD

Rippen stated legislative conference was coming up in January and to inform Owens to get signed up.

11. N-CORPE

Loomis gave a quick report and answered questions.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

Russell went over a request from Bryan Hauxwell to use one of his irrigation wells to build a feedlot. Discussion held.

Russell has let Brenden Hauxwell know his original pooling agreement was denied due to incorrect information supplied. If he chooses to apply again Russell would like the decision to come from the Executive Committee.

Russell also had a draft article that Blankenau wrote relating to violations within the District by Bryan and Ami Hauxwell and requested feedback from the Board. Discussion held.

- ◆ Loomis moved to move forward with the publication of the article.

Further discussion held. Motion died for lack of a second.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to table the article until February.

Further discussion held. Motion died for lack of a second.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matters

- ◆ Loomis moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with Manager and staff. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:23 a.m.

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

Exited at 10:38 a.m.

Chairman Zink reminded everyone that entered into executive session that the discussions held within that timeframe were private and should not be discussed.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the MRNRD office in Curtis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary