

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 12, 2019 at 1:30 PM
McCook, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Brian Schafer

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy, Diane Hidy, Carol Lashley

Others: Bob Myers

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual	Derickson Ltr dated 2/1/19
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

2018 Crop Year Water Usage	Cost Share Report
Compact Accounting	

Information E-mailed

December Surface Water Report	So It Begins, 1/11/19
Committee Assignments for NE Legislature	ZW Weekly, 1/11/19
ZW Weekly, 1/20/19	NARD Leg Update, 1/19/19
LB134 Hearing Date	NARD Leg Update, 1/25/19
ZW Weekly, 1/25/19	ZW Weekly, 2/1/19
NARD Leg Update, 2/1/19	

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 1:30 pm.
 - 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 January Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the January Regular Board Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Zink.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Abstain – Randel Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The January Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$749,431.54.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the January Financial Report. Seconded by Spencer.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Audit Handout – Bob Myers.

MOVED TO LATER IN THE AGENDA.

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy thanks those who joined the local workgroup meeting. Currently working on program pools but will be unable to approve them until everyone is off furlough. There is a sub-surface drip application that did not get funded so he requested the Board to consider funding it themselves. Currently updating the memorandum of understanding. He will be meeting with Russell to work out the details.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen gave a quick report on how legislative conference went. He have insurance and investment reports available for anyone to review if they so wish. He also has copies of the financials and budget information. The Washington DC trip will be in March if anyone is interested in attending.

C. NNRC

- 1. Report.
None.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson’s reported that they are working on the floors, doors and trim now. Still working with Red Thread on that project. Discussed some legislation and where some of the bills currently stand.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.
Order has been signed and advertised.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis stated that the next meeting will be February 27th in Curtis.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau's report included.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP – Alternatives.

Russell stated they are still working on them.

CHAIRMAN MCCONVILLE MOVED ITEM 6.B. HERE.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- B.** Audit Handout – Bob Myers went over the report and answered questions.

◆ Anderjaska moved to accept the audit report as presented. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 11 Nays – Palic Motion Carried

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.

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. CHEMIGATION.

None.

D. METERS.

Final water usage report for 2018 was handed out.

E. TREE PLANTING.

Andrew Boyce stated he has 9,000 trees/shrubs ordered and 7,000 feet of mulch. 5,000 of these are trees we will be planting.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(1) Personnel & Programs.

Anderjaska went over what was discussed at the committee meeting. DNR wants us to pursue acre buyout program first with their funds instead of the new meters. Will plan on putting in around 50 new ones this year with our own funds and then see if DNR will help fund the remainder over the new few years.

(2) Ground Water.

Russell will plan on setting up a ground water committee meeting prior to the next board meeting.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

Johnson went over the bids received on pickups. Discussion held.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the Personnel and Programs Committee recommendation on the pickup. Seconded by Randel.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.
None.

B. Other.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel.

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with the Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 3:08 pm.

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

Exited at 3:50 pm.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at 7:30 pm at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:51 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary