

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m.**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Daniel Nelsen, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Tracy Zink, Kevin Fornoff, Travis Rousselle**

**Board Members Absent:** Jolene Messinger, Rick McConville

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** William M. Barger, Karen Labenz

**Information Posted to Directors IPad:**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Civil Rights Handout

Surface Water Reports

Legal Bills

Judgement of Reversal & Vacation

NARD Legislative Summary

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Financial Statements

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 10:00 a.m.

a. Verify Quorum.

b. Excused Absences.

◆ Fornoff moved to excuse the absence of Messinger due to family medical reasons.  
Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 6

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 January Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of the January Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 5            Nays – 0            Abstain - Fornoff            Motion Carried

**5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

**A.** The January Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$1,204,368.05.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the January Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 6            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

**B.** Audit Report – Karen Labenz presented the audit in detail and answered questions of the Board.

Rippen arrived at 10:10 a.m.  
Nelsen arrived at 10:12 a.m.

**6. OPEN FORUM**

None.

**7. MANAGER’S REPORT**

**A. BOARD VACANCY.** No submissions from the public yet.

**B. OTHER.** Johnson handed out a goal sheet that she and Russell requested each board member to fill out and return at the March Board meeting. Discussed upcoming meetings relating to water quality around the State.

**8. NRCS**

Kennedy stated that RCCP and EQIP rankings are due Tuesday. Doing CSP inventories. Went over approved contracts.

**9. NARD**

Anderjaska went over the latest events. They are working on getting the Washington DC trip reestablished. They are starting to work on the budget. Next meeting will be March 7<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. Estimating a 2.3% increase in insurance premiums. Discussion held regarding some legislation.

**10. N-CORPE**

Loomis went over the last meeting. Had discussions about how Game and Parks agreements. Still working on repairs to the well field in preparation to pump. Loomis expressed the boards view point on the carbon contract proposal. Went over Twin Platte’s pumping plan from April to September. They have settled with Bruce McDermott on a price.

**11. LEGAL MATTERS**

Discuss during executive session.

**12. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with Board, Manager and staff. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 8            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

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

Nelsen left meeting to respond to ambulance call 11:10 a.m.

Entered at 11:10 a.m.

- ◆ Loomis moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Anderjaska.  
Ayes - 8            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

Exited at 11:52 a.m.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023 at 10:00 a.m. at the MRNRD office in Curtis.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:53 a.m.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary