

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at 1:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Shane Rippen, Jay Schilling, Rick McConville, John Palic, Buck Haag, Benjie Loomis, Brad Randel, Kevin Fornoff, Steve Cappel, Brian Schafer, Rick Spencer, Jolene Messinger

Board Members Absent: None

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Alex Boyce, Sylvia Johnson, Doris Burke

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy, Diane Hidy, Carol Lashley

Others: Chelsea Erickson, William M Barger

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout
Legislative Conference Agenda	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Cost Share Summary	Draft Rules of Regulations (1-10-17)
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Information E-mailed

Legislative Conference Attendance 2017 Forecast

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 1:30 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.
 - c. Board Reorganization

Haag stepped down as Chairman and turned the meeting over to Russell.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman.

Loomis nominated Anderjaska for Chairman.

McConville nominated Haag for Chairman.

Nominations Cease. Votes casted by written ballot.

Haag – 7

Anderjaska - 6

Russell announced Haag to retain position as Chairman.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairman.

Palic nominated McConville for Vice Chairman.

Fornoff nominated Anderjaska for Vice Chairman.

Nominations cease. Votes casted by written ballot.

McConville – 7
Anderjaska - 6

Russell announced McConville to retain position as Vice Chairman.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer.
Loomis nominated Palic for Treasurer.

Nominations cease. Votes casted by unanimous voice ballot.

Russell announced Palic to retain position as Treasurer.

Russell turned meeting over to Chairman Haag.

Haag made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of NARD Representative.
Anderjaska nominated Rippen for NARD Representative.

Nominations cease. Haag announced Rippen as the NARD Representative.

Haag made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Alternate NARD Representative.

Palic nominated Anderjaska for Alternate NARD Representative.

Nominations cease. Haag announced Anderjaska as the Alternate NARD Representative.

Haag asked for volunteers for the Ground Water Committee. Fornoff, McConville, Cappel, Palic, Schilling and Rippen all volunteered.

Fornoff
McConville
Cappel
Palic
Schilling
Rippen

Haag announced Fornoff, McConville, Cappel, Palic, Schilling and Rippen as the Ground Water Committee.

Haag asked for volunteers for the Personnel and Programs Committee. Messinger, Loomis, Anderjaska, Spencer, Schafer and Randel agreed to volunteer and Haag announced them as such.

Haag asked for volunteers for the N-CORPE Director and Alternate. Haag announced the appointment of the following:

Loomis = Director
Fornoff = Alternate

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 December Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the December Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Abstain - Spencer Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The December Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$26,112.51.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the December Financial Report. Seconded by McConville.

Ayes - 13 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

7. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Express concerns on members serving on more than one Board and questioned whether we received credit from FV.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy went over his report and spoke about number of applicants they have received under the RCPP funds.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reminded everyone that legislative conference was coming up.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff next meeting will be in February at the Ag Complex in McCook for caucus time.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson reported on the high tech program which will be kicking off with advertising. Currently working with Lindsay Irrigation and Servi-Tech. Reported on the meeting held in Kansas. Helping Tri-Basin do advertising for the burn school at Eustis.

E. RRCA.

None.

F. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Next Stakeholders meeting will be in Cambridge from 10 AM to 3 PM on January 17, 2017.

G. N-CORPE

1. Status Report. Randel reported that our district is done pumping. They are working on figuring out occupation taxes, in-kind donation and budget. Next meeting will be on January 26th at 10 AM in Curtis, NE.

2. Other.

None.

H. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS.

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report was included in the packets.

(c) METER PROGRAM

Water reports will start going out sometime in February.

(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE

Russell talked about latest updates and encouraged the board to read over all the changes closely and let him know if they have any questions or concerns. Decision will need to be made on what the allocation will be for the next period. He will plan on setting up a groundwater committee meeting prior to the next regular board meeting to finalize everything and prepare to bring it to the whole board.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

FCID has express a possible interest in trading water with our Enders water.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

None.

(g) TZA PROPOSAL.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Discussed under the groundwater committee report above.

3. IMP

Still seeking exact credits we will get on Enders water. Also, if we can get credit on past retirements.

4. NOTICES OF NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUED

None.

5. CEASE AND DESIST ORDER

None.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

Russell received a letter from FCID but hasn't went over it yet.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications.

◆ Fornoff moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

None.

F. TREE PLANTING.

Will be planning a meeting with the secretaries and Spencer.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

Russell reported that Connie Elson is the new field office secretary at the Curtis NRCS office.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:11 pm.

Sylvia Johnson, Acting Board Secretary