

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, January 9, 2018 at 1:30 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** Buck Haag, Rick Spencer

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** Todd Siel, William M. Barger, Ken Anderson, Chelsea Erickson

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

LB 758	Surface Water Report
Cost Share Summary	Past Due Bills Policy
Dan Hughes Article	

**Information E-mailed**

NARD Update January 5

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McConville at 1:30 pm.

- a. Verify Quorum.
- b. Excused Absences.

◆ Rippen moved to excuse the absence of Haag and Spencer. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 11            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

- a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 8.e.2. LB758  
11.b.1. Policy on Past Due Bills

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 Regular Board Meeting with corrections on page 3. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

**6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The December Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$7,943.60.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the December Financial Report. Seconded by Palic.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

**7. OPEN FORUM**

Ken Anderson, North Platte. Spokesman for Landowners for a Common Purpose, he provided a handout of an article by Dan Hughes.

**8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS**

**A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported that they are currently working on ranking the EQIP projects. The budget still has not been finalized so the position in Hayes Center will remain unfilled. They have been working on tree orders and collecting deposits as well.

**B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen reminded everyone of Legislative Conference. Johnson reported that she has everything set up for the Senator’s Reception during it.

**C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff stated that there could be a meeting in February but he has not been given a date yet.

**D. OUTREACH**

1. Report – Johnson reported on the Personnel and Programs committee meeting with Red Thread and about the project. She currently has \$4,000 in sponsorships and possibly another \$500 coming in as well.

**E. LEGISLATION**

- 1. 1098 – Basin Planning.  
None.

2. LB 758. Russell went over Dan Hughes bill and requested whether the Board would like to show support for it. Discussion held.

- ◆ Schilling moved to support LB 758. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**F. N-CORPE**

**1. Status Report.**

Loomis stated that they have not met since the last regular board meeting but he did mention that the corn had been harvested. The cost of the custom harvester and making up the loss in bushels would be costly.

- 2. Other**  
None.

**G. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**1. REPORTS**

**(a) WELL PERMITS.**

None.

**(b) SURFACE WATER.**

Bureau's report included in Board packets.

**(c) METER PROGRAM.**

Wrapping up the last of the meters now.

**(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE.**

Russell will be setting up a committee meeting very soon.

**(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.**

They are still working on it.

**(f) WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Currently a meeting is set for Thursday, January 11<sup>th</sup>. Should the weather be an issue that morning, Russell will try to reschedule it for Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

None.

**3. IMP**

Russell will e-mail out the forecast letter that DNR just released sometime this week.

**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 stated that Lameck has a grant to do a study on practices and we have provided him with information. Russell will monitor what they will be sending out to the producers in our district.

**10. PROGRAMS**

**A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.**

Cost share report reviewed.

**B. WATERSHEDS.**

None.

**C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.**

None.

**D. COMPLAINTS.**

None.

**E. CHEMIGATION.**

None.

**F. TREE PLANTING.**

None.

**G. BUFFER STRIPS.**

None.

**H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.**

None.

**11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

**A. PERSONNEL & PROGRAMS.**

Will discuss in executive session.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

1. Policy on Past Due Bills. Proposed policy was reviewed.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to adopt the proposed policy on past due bills. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**C. ELECTIONS.**

Reminder for incumbents that the deadline to file in February 15<sup>th</sup>.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

- A. Compact Issues.  
None.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Fornoff moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate with the Board and Manager. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 2:30 pm.

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

Exited at 2:51 pm.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 1:30 pm at the Red Willow County Fairgrounds Community Building in McCook, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary