

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Rick McConville, Daniel Nelsen, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Tracy Zink, Jolene Messinger, Travis Rousselle

Board Members Absent: Kevin Fornoff

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

NRCS Staff:

Others: William M. Barger

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Financial Report

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Compact Accounting Adjustments

Regular Meeting Minutes

Legal Summary

Civil Rights Handout

Legal Retainer Agreement

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Letter from Bureau 1/3/19

2019 Forecast of Depletions

Audit

Ltr from DNR 12/20/18

Cost Share Report

Information E-mailed

None

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9:00 am.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.
 - c. Board Reorganization

Zink 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.

Anderjaska nominated Zink for Chairman. Nominations cease.

Russell announced Zink to retain position as Chairman.

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

Loomis nominated Nelsen for Vice Chairman.

McConville nominated Anderjaska for Vice Chairman.

Nominations cease.

Written ballots cast. Anderjaska – 5. Nelsen – 4.

Russell announced Anderjaska to the position of Vice Chairman.

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

Anderjaska nominated McConville for Secretary.

Nelsen nominated Messinger for Secretary.

Nominations cease.

Written ballots cast. Messinger – 5. McConville – 4.

Russell announced Messinger to retain the position as Secretary.

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

Zink nominated Loomis for Treasurer.

Nominations cease. Yes – 8 No – 0 Abstain - Loomis

Russell announced Loomis to retain position as Treasurer.

Russell turned meeting over to Chairman Zink.

Zink requested one volunteer from each district to serve on the Groundwater Committee.

Discussion held. Groundwater Committee shall consist of the following members:

Anderjaska	Nelsen	Schilling
McConville	Rippen	

Zink requested one volunteer from each district to serve on the Programs/Personnel Committee.

Discussion held. Programs/Personnel Committee shall consist of the following members:

Fornoff	Loomis	[VACANCY]
Messinger	Rousselle	

Zink requested volunteers for the Wellfleet Committee. Discussion held. Wellfleet Committee will be Rousselle, Loomis and Schilling.

Zink requested volunteers for the N-CORPE board. Discussion held. N-CORPE member will be Loomis and the alternate will be Nelsen.

Zink requested volunteers for NARD. Discussion held.

Zink nominated Anderjaska for NARD Rep.

Rousselle nominated Rippen for NARD Rep.

Nominations cease.

Written ballots cast. Anderjaska – 5. Rippen – 4.

Zink requested volunteers for NARD Rep Alternate. Discussion held.

Zink nominated Rippen for NARD Rep Alternate.

Nominations cease.

NARD representative will be Anderjaska and the alternate will be Rippen.

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 McConville.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The December Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$20,183.71.

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve the December Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned whether paperwork needs to be completed before water reports are received? Will it be a compact call year?

7. MANAGER’S REPORT

A. **BOARD MEETING TIME.** Discussion held.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to set the meeting time at 10 AM December through March. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 8 Nays – Rousselle Motion Carried
- ◆ McConville moved to set the meeting time at 9 AM April through November. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 8 Nays – Rousselle Motion Carried

B. **ADVERTISE FOR BOARD VACANCY**

- ◆ McConville moved to advertise in the McCook Gazette for the Board Vacancy. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

C. **BRENDON HAUXWELL POOLING AGREEMENT SUBMISSION 12/30/22**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to deny the 12/30/22 pooling agreement submission from Brendon Hauxwell based on the new rules effective date of November 1, 2022. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

D. TRANSFER REQUEST

Russell went over a request for a transfer that was denied by staff due to a higher development.

- ◆ Loomis moved to deny transfer request based on its movement to a higher developed area. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

E. COMPACT FORECAST & ACTIONS

Russell went over the results of what the districts will owe Kansas and how we plan to do it.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to direct Russell to notify Frenchman Valley that we wish to bypass the 1,950 acre feet of surface water. Seconded by Rousselle.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. NRCS

None.

9. NARD

A. Legislative Conference, Lincoln, Jan. 26-27.

10. N-CORPE

A. OTHER. Next meeting is in Alma on Wednesday, January 18th. Loomis requested guidance from the board on an agenda item relating to the carbon credit program. Discussion held. Board unanimously agreed they were not in favor.

11. LEGAL MATTERS

None.

12. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:44 am.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary