

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Kevin Fornoff, Joe Anderjaska, Buck Haag, James Uerling, Steve Cappel, Brad Randel, John Palic, Shane Rippen, Jay Schilling, Benjie Loomis, Rick McConville

Board Members Absent: None

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Bob Merrigan, Sylvia Johnson, Doris Burke, Mary Tidyman & Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger, Ginny McGuire, Chelsea Erickson

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes
Financials	Legal Summary
Draft Budget	FVID Bill
Dunbar-Peterson Invoice	NARD 414(h) Resolution
Civil Rights Handout	USGS Map of Water Level Changes
Ltrs relating to Water Cash Fund	Voting Sub-Districts

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Calendars	Surface Water Report
Cost Share Changes	USGS Saturated Thickness & Storage Report

Information E-mailed

Press Release Re: DNR Director	Final White Paper & Republican River Summary
DNR FAB Hearing Summary	

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:35 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences. None.

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 June Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the Minutes from the June Regular Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Cappel.
 Ayes - 10 Nays - 0 Abstain - McConville Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

Chairman Haag moved Item 8.i.1. here.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

I. OTHERS.

1. USGS – Map Proposal. Ginny McGuire went over some of the reports she has done in the past and discussed what she would be able to provide. Questions were asked and discussion held.

- ◆ Palic moved to approve the proposal and include additional years up to 2015. Seconded by Loomis.
 Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The June Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$412,756.61.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the June Financial Report. Seconded by Fornoff.
 Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Review Draft Budget.

Russell went over the draft budget and encouraged the Board to email him with any questions as we will need approval to go to hearing at the August Board Meeting.

C. Review FVID Bill.
 Reviewed and discussed.

D. Insurance Approval.
 Russell went over the renewal proposal.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the Dunbar-Peterson Insurance Agency proposal. Seconded by Fornoff.
 Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Liked the idea of pursuing the change to voting districts.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported that the new RC, Nathan Roth, has started working at the Trenton Office, discussed the current work load and requested whether the Board wanted to submit a new application for the EQIP Ogallala Aquifer Initiative.

- ◆ Schilling moved to submit an application for the EQIP Ogallala Aquifer Initiative funds. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

B. NARD

1. Report – Uerling. None.

2. 414(h) Retirement Plan Restatement Resolution.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the changes to the NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan Resolution. Seconded by Uerling.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff reported there will be a hearing on the rules July 31st. Another meeting with the State Senators and executive committee on July 28th to discuss some issues on legislation.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.

1. Report – Johnson reported on the NARD tour she recently attended and other ideas she has been working on.

E. NeRRMDA

1. Report – Cappel. None.

F. RRCA.

None.

G. LEGISLATION.

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Russell went over what happened at the last meeting. There will be another coordination meeting on July 21st in Holdrege.

H. N-CORPE.

1. Status Report.

Randel reported that all seeding has been completed with exception to 4 pivots which will be done this fall. Currently working on developing a management plan. They have been given a financial statement with the audit report to follow in the next few months. Loomis stated the remaining pivots are being sold, bins have been removed and concrete has been crushed.

2. Other.

None.

I. OTHERS.

1. USGS – Map Proposal. Discussed following Item 5 on the agenda.

2. Hazardous Mitigation Plan.

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve the Resolution for Participation in the Quad Counties Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau’s report was included in handouts.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell set up a meeting for August 10th at the McCook NRCS Office.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

Russell will plan on trying to set up a meeting prior to the groundwater committee meeting on August 10th.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

Progressing very well.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP

(a) WATER RESOURCES CASH FUND.

Discussion was held relating to the monetary funds offered by DNR for compact compliance.

- ◆ Uerling moved to accept funds from DNR via the Water Resources Cash Fund to offset compliance costs. Seconded by McConville.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

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 the college has a project which we may be giving funds to support.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. None.

2. Review Suggested Changes.

Russell went over the changes in detail. Discussion held.

◆ Uerling moved to approve the cost share changes as proposed with the corrections to items 3.f. and 6.a.1. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

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.

Russell stated that they interviewed a hydrologist today and intend to make him an offer tomorrow.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. WAGE/SALARY APPROVAL FOR FY2015-2016

Russell has previously provided the Board with his recommendation for the wages and salaries for the fiscal year 2015-2016.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the wage and salary package for 2015-2016.
Seconded by Palic.
 Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

D. VOTING SUBDISTRICTS.

Russell went over his proposed maps and requested comments. The Board would have to approve the change by the August board meeting. Discussion held. Board requested Russell to get some additional information from the election committee which he intends on doing.

E. JUDGE DOYLE PRESENTATION – AUG. 13 FROM 5:30-6:30 PM.

We will be ordering pizza’s so Board and staff can eat prior to the board meeting.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.
None.

B. Medicine Creek LLC
Russell reported on the trial.

C. Other.
None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center at 201 Garlic Ave., Curtis, Nebraska. Special meeting to be held prior beginning at 5:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:14 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary