

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Buck Haag, Benjie Loomis

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Brad Johnson, William M. Barger, Ashlyn Randel, Aleigh Randel,

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes from June Meeting
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout
Compact Balances	Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Draft Budget	Culbertson Canal
Surface Water Report	TZA Proposal
Cost Share Report	

Information E-mailed

Medicine Creek Information – Private & Confidential

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McConville at 7:30 pm.

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

◆ Fornoff moved to excuse the absence of Haag and Loomis. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

- a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 11.c. Pickup - \$17,890

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.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Minutes from the June Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes - 8 Nays - 0 Abstain - Palic Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The June Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$580,880.58.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the June Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Budget. Russell went over the revised proposed draft budget dated July 12 and answered questions.

7. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Had questions relating surface water credit.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported on additional Ogallala Aquifer funds they are pursuing to fund more EQIP contracts. He also went over some staffing changes.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reminded the Board Members about the Fall Conference coming up in September.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated they were taking applications on funds for water sustainability.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson reported that she has been working on the high tech irrigation grant. There will be a soil health day at Jacob Miller where he will talk about the benefits of cover crops.

E. RRCA.

None.

F. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Russell talked about the last basin planning meeting that was held in Cambridge and stated that he felt the discussions were very positive.

G. N-CORPE

1. Status Report. Randel reported that the audit has been completed and he hoped to have a copy for the board by the next meeting. The culvert at Duvall’s has been fixed. Fencing of the perimeter has been completed and they are working on fixing a bridge by the Wolf place. Discussed Platte River trans basin diversion and Twin Platte not agreeing for reverse pipeline.

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(s) included.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell would like to schedule a meeting to go over the present drafted rules and regulations. He will try to set something up in McCook at 1 PM in the next week or so.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

Russell went briefly over what was discussed at their meeting prior to the regular board meeting and credits they would be going after.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

None.

(g) TZA PROPOSAL.

Russell went over the proposal received and the scope of work he requested. Discussion held.

◆ Uerling moved to approve the contract with TZA Water Engineers as proposed at \$18,000 to \$22,000. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Working on changes.

3. IMP

None.

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

Platte River Diversion. Discussed under N-CORPE.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications.

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

Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

Ongoing.

F. TREE PLANTING.

None.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL – Approve Wage/Salary Increases for 2016-2017.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the wage/salary increases for 2016-2017. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Abstain - Palic Motion Carried

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. PICKUP - \$17,890.

Merrigan went over the trade in price received on Rich’s vehicle and the details of the 2016 Chevy pickup he was looking at and answered questions of the Board.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the trade and purchase of the 2016 Chevy pickup. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

None

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Curtis Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, in Curtis, Nebraska

The meeting was adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary