

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7: PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** None

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** William M. Barger

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Legal Summary

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Insurance Renewal Invoice

Civil Rights Handout

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Corrected Profit Vs Loss Budget vs Actual    Draft Budget

Surface Water Report

Cost Share Report

**Information E-mailed**

None

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:30 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: 6.c. Insurance Renewal
  
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 of the June Regular Board Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 11            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

McConville arrived at 7:32 PM.

## **5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

## **6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The June Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$644,931.17.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the June Financial Report. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Randel arrived at 7:36 PM.

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Review Draft Budget.  
Russell went over the current updates to numbers which are highlighted in gray.

C. Insurance Renewal.  
Reviewed the renewal invoice from Harry A. Koch Company.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the proposed insurance renewal. Seconded by McConville.  
Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questions about surface water credits.

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

### **A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported they would receive additional \$238,000 in EQIP funds which will be used to fill 20 preapproved CSP contracts. The USDA has discontinued the hiring freeze but, with next year's budget cuts, they won't plan on hiring anyone for Ron Thompson's position at this time.

### **B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen. None.

### **C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff reported they would be having an open meeting to change some of the rules.

### **D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

1. Report – Johnson stated that all the high tech irrigation equipment has been installed and they are working on doing follow-ups with the producers. There will be a weather station going in North of Indianola which has been donated by McCrometer. Will be working on grants for modeling and high tech irrigation projects.

**E. LEGISLATION**

**1. 1098 – Basin Planning.**

Russell stated there is a meeting next week for the coordinators and briefly talked about the last stakeholders meeting.

**F. N-CORPE**

**1. Status Report.** Loomis reported that HDR is working with them on the wind project. There will be a meeting to discuss it on July 26<sup>th</sup>. They are working with the budget that Russell had provided. Audit is running slow and they have requested an additional month to complete it.

**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**

None.

**(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE**

Plan on setting up a meeting August 1<sup>st</sup>.

**(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.**

None.

**(g) TZA.**

None.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

None.

**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**

None.

**10. PROGRAMS**

**A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.**

1. Approve Applications. Merrigan went over the cost share report.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Abstain - Haag      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.**

Will discuss in executive session.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

None.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

**A. Compact Issues.**

Will discuss in executive session.

**B. Other.**

None.

### **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel with the Board, Manager and staff. Seconded by Palic.  
Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 8:46 pm.

Staff was dismissed at 9:15 pm.

- ◆ Randel moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 13      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Exited at 9:19 pm.

The regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary