

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Buck Haag

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Dan Estermann

Information Mailed to Directors:

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| Regular Meeting Agenda | Haag's Resignation |
| Regular Meeting Minutes | Financial Report |
| Legal Summary | Draft Budget |
| Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual | Civil Rights Handout |

Information Distributed at Meeting:

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| N-CORPE 1 ST Qtr Bill | Surface Water Report |
| Cost Share Summary | |

Information E-mailed

Draft Plan Section for Stakeholder Review

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McConville at 7:34 pm.

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

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to excuse Rippen from the June meeting due to his attendance at the NARD Basin Tour which didn't allow him time to get back for the Regular Meeting. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Abstain - Rippen Motion Carried

- c. Haag's Resignation

- ◆ Fornoff moved to accept the resignation of Buck Haag as Chairman and Board Member of the Middle Republican NRD. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 11 Nays – Palic Motion Carried

- d. Board Reorganization

Vice Chairman McConville turned the meeting over to Russell.

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

- ◆ Fornoff moved to nominate McConville for the position of Chairman. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Abstain - McConville Motion Carried

Russell announced the new Chairman and turned the meeting over to the Chairman.

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

- ◆ Loomis moved to nominate Randel for the position of Vice Chairman. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Abstain - Randel Motion Carried

Chairman announced the new Vice Chairman.

e. Action on Board vacancy. Russell went over the options

- ◆ Schilling moved to put out a legal notice announcing a vacancy on the board and include a request for those interested in filling the vacancy until the end of the year to submit a letter of interest to the Board. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the June Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Abstain - Rippen Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The June Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$479,904.18.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Budget.

Russell went over the July 10th latest draft budget, answered questions and encouraged the board to call or e-mail any questions or concerns.

C. Insurance.

Russell went over the proposal from Harry A. Koch Company for \$29,331.80. This is the same company we have been using.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the renewal through Harry A. Koch Company. Seconded by Rippen.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy reported that they were busy working on CSP contracts. He was also approached by the weed superintendent of Red Willow County stating they were trying to get SW Weed Management going again and will be holding a meeting on July 19th at Pizza Hut in McCook.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen.

He reported on the basin tour he attended last month. Working on the budget now and there will be a 4% increase. He has a copy of the breakdown should anyone wish to see it. They will be sponsoring the Big Red Wrap-up again this year. September 11-13, 2018 is Husker Harvest Days, September 23-25, 2018 is Fall Conference and January 29-30, 2019 is Legislative Conference.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated they have not had a meeting since his last report. He did report they are now taking applications for grants.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson reported that they have added a few more high-tech systems. She has been attending various meetings and working on the building project. Will be submitting a couple of grant applications.

2. Red Thread Contract

Personnel and Programs Committee met with them prior to the regular board meeting and listened to their proposal. Hoping to get more details on exactly what they will be providing before making any decision on entering into an agreement with them.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Russell stated that it is more or less complete. They are working on the finishing touches to clean up 3 items of concern.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis

Meeting tomorrow in North Platte. Audit is supposed to be completed and provided at that time.

2. 1st Quarter Bills.

Russell passed out a copy of the invoice received. Discussion held. No budget has been completed yet. Working with Lindstrom regarding expenditures and billing without a budget on file. As for now, we will not be paying the bill. Russell will request board approval when it is decided it should be paid.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau's report included in Board packets.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

(c) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE.

None.

(d) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

None.

(e) WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP

None.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

Cost share report reviewed.

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. CHEMIGATION.

None.

D. METERS.

None.

E. TREE PLANTING.

None.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL & PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

None.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

(1) Policy

- ◆ Palic moved to approve developing a checklist for the drills with a signed disclosure that they will be billed for damages. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

C. ELECTIONS.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ Fornoff moved to enter into executive session to discuss real estate with the Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 8:59 pm.

- ◆ Palic moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 9:29 pm.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to accept the Morton building bid and direct the building committee to work directly with Morton to oversee the completion. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 10 Nays – Spencer, Rippen Motion Carried

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:42 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary