

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 8:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Rick McConville, Daniel Nelsen, Dan Estermann, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Tracy Zink, Brian Schafer, Brad Randel, John Palic, Shane Rippen, Rick Spencer

Board Members Absent: Jolene Messinger

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Marlene Estermann, Scott Dicke, William Barger

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Billing Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Draft Budget
Civil Rights Handout	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Cost Share Summary

Information E-mailed

N-CORPE Board Meeting Information 6-19-19 sent 6-12-19

N-CORPE Board Meeting Information 6-19-19 sent 6-17-19

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 8:01 am.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.

◆ Palic moved to excuse the absence of Messinger due to bad roads. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 11 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 with a correction on page 5. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Abstain – Spencer Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The June Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$456,133.95.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the June Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Budget.

Russell pointed out a few changes that were made. Should have the final numbers for review at the next meeting.

C. Approve Insurance Premium Payment.

- ◆ Zink moved to approve the insurance premium renewal as presented. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Nelsen arrived at 8:16 am

7. OPEN FORUM

Scott Dicke, Alma. Introduced himself as the assistant manager of the Lower Republican NRD.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy.

CHAIRMAN MCCONVILLE MOVED REPORT TO:

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen stated that insurance increases have been released. The Annual Conference in Kearney will be held September 22-24, 2019. Nothing further to report at this time.

C. NNRC

1. Report.

Russell reported that the grant application deadline is the end of the month and we plan on applying for 1 if not 2.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson reported on meetings and discussions with McCrometer. Installation of meters is almost complete.

E. LEGISLATION

Russell reported that Dan Hughes is planning on holding a hearing this fall in McCook on LB606.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Schilling reported on the last meeting which was held on June 19th. Currently have reseeded 900 acres this year and it has a good stand. 3,000 acres are planned to be reseeded in 2020. Approved an amended vehicle policy which includes the requirement of a detailed report if any personal vehicles are used for work related travel by employees. They voted to permanently retire the pivots acquired in the land trade once the current contract is up in March 2020.

G. OTHERS

None.

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A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy reported they are busy working on Conservation Stewardship Program applications. No field work is currently getting done due to all the rain.

1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

None.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

Groundwater Committee will have a meeting following the regular board meeting to review a recent application.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP – Alternatives.

Did get approved for the Water Smart Grant which should cover 1,000 new meters to be installed over the next couple of years. We have received a couple people who have expressed interest in land retirements.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Cost share report reviewed. A meeting has been scheduled for July 24th with NRCS to discuss some different options on the cost share program.

B. WATERSHEDS.

Discussed under NRCS report.

C. CHEMIGATION.

Inspections being done now.

D. METERS.

Discussed under IMP.

E. TREE PLANTING.

None.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(1) Personnel & Programs. Anderjaska reported on items discussed at their meeting.

(2) Ground Water.

(a) N-CORPE Allocation Review. Zink reported that the committee reviewed all the data provided and made the recommendation to not make any changes to the current N-CORPE allocation.

Discussions held regarding the need for additional observation wells and the committee recommended putting more in.

(3) Building – Johnson reported that the parking lot was going to get paved this week but all the rain we have gotten will delay the process awhile now.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel.

None.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:21 am.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary