

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 14, 2020 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None.

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None.

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes
Financials	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actuals
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Legal Summary	Harry A Koch Co Premium Summary
Variance Summary	Bond Refunding Analysis
Airborne Survey Notice Example	

Information E-mailed

June 17th N-CORPE Meeting details

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 7:30 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.

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 and Rules and Regulations Hearing Minutes were mailed to Directors.

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

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

a. The June Financial Report were presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$603,872.10.

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve the June Financial Reports. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

b. Approve Insurance Renewal.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the insurance proposal from The Harry A. Koch Co as presented. Seconded by Schafer.
Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. MANAGERS' REPORTS

a. Budget. Russell asked if the Board had any questions. He identified the few changes he had made and requested the members to e-mail any questions or concerns that might come up between now and August as the budget will need to be finalized before then so it can be voted to go to hearing in September.

b. AEM. Boyce stated that the flying is scheduled to begin at the end of July, pending weather, and handed out an example notice that will be sent out to the residents in the flying plan area and published in the McCook Gazette.

c. Variance Summary. Russell went over the variance report put together by Livingston and encouraged any members who wanted to look at more details to stop in the office and review the files. The board did request that Livingston give a small presentation on the process he goes through to approve or deny an application.

d. Potential Violation. Russell went over the issues discovered at the Bryan and Ami Hauxwell properties that are owned and operated.

e. WRCF Update. Russell discussed some new thoughts on a bid process that the Personnel and Programs Committee were considering for land retirements. Priority surrounded around areas of high depletion. He will be drafting up some of the ideas that were discussed.

9. COMMITTEE REPORT

a. Personnel & Programs. Covered under the WRCF update.

b. Ground Water. None.

10. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) – KENNEDY.

The NRCS and FSA offices are still by appointment only. Continuing to work on contracts. Water Smart Grant areas will now have potential of receiving EQIP funds. More details to come out soon.

11. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) - RIPPEN.

Annual Meeting in Kearney is tentatively set for September 27th – 29th. They are currently still looking for a new office building. They are working from a temporary location at this time.

12. N-CORPE

a. Other. Loomis and Schilling went over the events of the June 17th and July 14th meeting. Looking at bonding options but it has been a slow process as they are still waiting on the parameter resolution to be drafted up. Changed insurance companies to Harry Koch which will save some money. The sold hay situation from last month has been rectified. Haying bids were advertised on approximately 1,000 acres. Only one bid was received so the whole thing went to Wes Fredericks. A vote did take place at the July meeting on the Invenergy contract. It passed 3 to 1. Invenergy has yet to sign the contract.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

None.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

a. Potential Litigation and N-CORPE Personnel.

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and N-CORPE personnel with Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 8:45 pm.

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

Exited at 10:07 pm.

15. SCHEDULE HEARING

Discussion held on potential penalties that could be imposed.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve Resolution MR1-2020 as presented with the addition of landowner names if advised by Lindstrom. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Discussion held relating to the 5:00 pm time on the resolution.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to rescind his motion approving Resolution MR1-2020 as presented with the addition of landowner names if advised by Lindstrom. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

- ◆ Palic moved to approve Resolution MR1-2020 as presented with the addition of landowner names if advised by Lindstrom and change the time of the hearing to 1:00 pm. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes – 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 at 1:30 pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:47 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary