

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Kevin Fornoff, Joe Anderjaska, Buck Haag, James Uerling, Steve Cappel, Brad Randel, John Palic, Shane Rippen, Jay Schilling, Benjie Loomis

Board Members Absent: Rick McConville

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy, Kort Kemp

Others: William M. Barger, Stan Moore, Dan Estermann, Chelsea Erickson

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes
VAR6-2015	Financials
Legal Summary	Profit & Loss Budger vs actual
Civil Rights Handout	Ltr from UNL re: weather station

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Calendars	Basin Tour Agenda
Resolution 1 & 2 re: N-CORPE	Surface Water Report
Cost Share Summary	NE Administrative Code Title 261, Ch. 3

Information E-mailed

LR 323 – N-CORPE	Hydrologist
Board Calendars	IMP Revision
Board Interviews	Bonds
eResource 6/9/15	

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:36 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: 11.c. Sub-Districts
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 May Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the Minutes from the May Regular Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Abstain - Loomis Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

Merrigan briefly went over the information provided at last month's meeting and answered additional questions. Discussion held with additional questions being asked of Moore.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve Variance Request 6 for Stan Moore. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes – 4 Nays – Cappel, Haag, Palic, Rippen, Schilling, Uerling Motion Failed

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The May Financial Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual were presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$1,010,004.09.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the May Financial Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 10 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

7. OPEN FORUM

Dan Estermann, Wellfleet. Expressed concerns regarding N-CORPE.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported Robb Overton has taken the CET position. Kort Kemp will also be leaving as he has accepted a position with the Board of Educational Lands & Funds. They may be looking at opening up a 60 day detail position until they can get these positions permanently filled.

B. NARD

1. Report – Uerling stated their next meeting will be June 15th.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff reported there will be a meeting on June 15th and 26th in Kearney. They are still working on rules. Russell handed out ranking information on the Water Sustainability Fund.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.

1. Report – Johnson stated she appreciated the Board Members taking time out of their day to be interviewed. She included updated calendars in the packets and encouraged the board members to e-mail her with additional meetings of interest.

E. NeRRMDA

1. Report – Cappel. None.

F. RRCA.

Russell stated he will be traveling to Denver.

G. LEGISLATION.

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Stakeholder Meeting in Cambridge on June 16th. Russell briefly talked about last month's meeting.

H. N-CORPE.

1. Status Report.

Randel reported that seeding has been completed, except for a few which will be planted to a cover crop for this year. They are purchasing a seed drill for patch work. Taking into consideration opening up part of Kason Farm area for public hunting. HDR is looking at Wellfleet dam for improvements that can be made. Expect to hear from the TERC board in October.

2. Issuance of River Flow Enhancement Bonds.

- a. Resolution 2015-1 Bond Call Resolution**
- b. Resolution 2015-2 2015 District Bond Resolution**

◆ Anderjaska moved to approve both bond resolutions following Randel's clarification of specific details and concerns. Seconded by Rippen.

Ayes – 8 Nays – 0 Abstain – Uerling, Cappel Motion carried

3. Other.

None.

I. OTHERS.

1. BOR – Platte River Excess.

◆ Schilling moved to approve Russell to write a letter to the BOR asking them to look at potential projects. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion carried

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report was included in handouts.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell will start looking at dates to set up a meeting.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

None.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

Russell stated that they were progressing and hoped to have something by September.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP

Russell emailed a draft to Board members. He will be working with Lindstrom and Jesse Bradley to review it.

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.

- ◆ Cappel moved to accept the Cost Share Report as presented. Seconded by Uerling.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

2. Committee.

Russell discussed some ideas relating to changes he would like to pursue. He asked if the Board would like to create a committee to handle this or if they would rather he put together some ideas to present at the next meeting. It was agreed Russell would put together some ideas for Board review next month.

B. WATERSHEDS.

Merrigan stated that P2 and 2A were both assessed by engineers but no report has been received as of yet.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

On-going.

F. TREE PLANTING.

None.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

Russell went over the 2 shared positions we had with NRCS, changes and discussions he had with Craig Dierkson. He has some suggestions on how he would like to handle the situation and will be looking at that next month when the draft budget is reviewed. Also, Russell stated that Johnson has been speaking with Judge Doyle regarding presentations he does relating to Board duties and responsibilities.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to finish up details and to schedule a presentation by Judge Doyle. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. SUB-DISTRICTS.

Russell briefly explained that we need to look into the possibility of changing to sub-districts for elections. He has come up with a few ideas and would like a committee put together to start looking into making this change and the options available. There are concerns that legislation could get passed that would force our District into the change without any input from us. Haag suggested anyone interested in serving on the committee should contact him.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

Medicine Creek goes to court on July 7th at 9:30 am at Frontier County Courthouse in Stockville.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ Uerling moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel, salaries and performance. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Entered into Executive Session at 9:25 pm.

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

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Rippen.

Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited Executive Session at 9:45 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center at 201 Garlic Ave., Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:46 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary