

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:30 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

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

**Board Members Absent:** John Palic

**NRD Staff:** Jack Russell, Alex Boyce, Sylvia Johnson, Doris Burke, & Stacie Owens

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** Ken Weaver, William M. Barger

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Agenda	Minutes from May Meeting
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Draft Budget
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report
Brown & Caldwell Contract	

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Insurance Premium Summary	Proposal of Insurance
Allocation Reduction Premium Program	McCrometer Connect
Trending Graphs	Medicine Creek Model 2016
Cost Share Report	

**Information E-mailed**

Pumping Update on N-CORPE	NARD Tour information
Wellfleet Dam	

**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.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the absence of Palic due to family emergency. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 9                      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

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 May Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Minutes from the May Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 7                      Nays - 0                      Abstain – Loomis, Randel      Motion Carried

**5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

McConville arrived at 7:35 pm.

**6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The May Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$903,900.21.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the May Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 10                      Nays - 0                      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Budget. Russell went over the proposed draft budget and answered questions.

C. Insurance Renewal. Board reviewed the policy.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the insurance renewal quote for \$26,965.95. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 10                      Nays - 0                      Motion Carried

**7. OPEN FORUM**

William M Barger, Culbertson. Questions relating to the FVID water buyout.

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

**A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported on the new soil conservationist in Trenton. He stated they did received \$30,000 of EQIP funds and he made an additional request for another \$363,000 of funds.

**B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen reported on the meeting and tour held in York on Monday. The risk pool rates have changed which he noted Russell had included in the proposed budget. Much of their discussion related to the 2020 National Envirothon which is planned to be held in Nebraska. Husker Harvest Days in Grand Island will be September 13<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> and the Annual Conference held in Kearney will be September 25<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>.

**C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff stated the next meeting would be June 27<sup>th</sup> in Kearney. They will begin to start scoring the second round of applications.

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

1. Report – Johnson reported that she is working on three grant applications for the NNRC and one through NET. She is also working with the company that the website it through on a new logo and an app. Installation of two weather stations on Haag’s property and in Trenton are complete. Installed a High Tech Irrigation package on a local pivot.

#### **E. RRCA.**

Russell has made three requests to engineers for proposals on looking for mound credit and more details on how the compact model works.

#### **F. LEGISLATION**

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Next meeting will be Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> in Cambridge.

#### **G. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report. Randel reported that all wells have been shut down and the next meeting is here in Curtis tomorrow.

2. Other.

None.

#### **H. OTHERS**

None.

### **9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

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##### **1. REPORTS**

(a) **WELL PERMITS.**

None.

(b) **SURFACE WATER**

Bureau’s report(s) included.

(c) **METER PROGRAM**

None.

(d) **GROUND WATER COMMITTEE**

Russell stated that the committee met and went over information provided by Boyce which was also included in the handouts during the meeting. They also went over some of the proposed changes to the rules and regulations.

(e) **FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.**

Russell would like to set up a meeting at 7 PM on July 12<sup>th</sup>.

(f) **MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL**

Russell provided a copy of the contract on the Medicine Creek Basin Modeling on N-CORPE wells for the Board’s review. Discussion held.

- ◆ Uerling moved to enter into the contract with Brown & Caldwell to do a Medicine Creek Basin Model on the N-CORPE wells for \$11,426. Seconded by Anderjaska.  
Ayes - 10            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Working on changes.

**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. Enclosed for review.

**B. WATERSHEDS.**

Russell spoke briefly about Kelley Creek.

**C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.**

None.

**D. COMPLAINTS.**

None.

**E. CHEMIGATION.**

None.

**F. TREE PLANTING.**

Completed.

**G. BUFFER STRIPS.**

None.

**H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.**

None.

**11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

**A. PERSONNEL.**

Russell requested to go into executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

None.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

**A. Compact Issues.**

None.

**B. Other.**

Russell stated that Schroeder got a 20 day extension to file the appeal and would be sending over a draft for review soon. Once Russell receives it, he will forward it out to the Board.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel and real estate with the Board and Manager. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 10      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:13 pm.

- ◆ Schilling moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 10      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Exited at 9:32 pm.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Curtis Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, in Curtis, Nebraska

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary