

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:45 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Ben Hardin

Others: Brad Johnson, William M. Barger, Bruce Lefler

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda	Public Hearing Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes	Financial Report
Legal Summary	Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Draft Budget	N-CORPE Draft Budgets
Red-Lined Version of Amended Bond Cost Share	Draft Rules and Regulations

Information E-mailed

None

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.
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 May Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the May Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Abstain - Spencer Motion Carried

Schafer and Loomis arrived at 7:35 pm.

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The May Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$833,720.76.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the May Financial Report. Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Abstain- Loomis, Schafer, Spencer Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

- B. Review Draft Budget.
Russell went over the current updates to numbers which are highlighted in gray.

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Ben Hardin reported on their current workload of working on ranking Conservation Stewardship Program and EQIP contracts which they have requested additional funds.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reported on their meeting May 11th – 13th in Norfolk where they wrapped up the budget and discussed changes to their current lobbyist. There was a 5% increase in the medical and 2.9% in dental this year.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated that the next meeting will be June 20th.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson has been working on grants and installation of high tech equipment. She stated that the Meet and Greet held on May 12th went well. She has been coordinating with NRCS on the fall Range Judging contest and stated that they have picked out the site.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.
Next meeting will be June 20th in Cambridge.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report. Loomis stated there hasn't been a meeting since our last regular meeting. Next one is next week.

2. Approve Amended Bond Resolution.
Lefler went over the changes and answered questions of the Board. Discussion held.

◆ Anderjaska moved to approve resolution authorizing the issuance of an amended Limited Obligation Occupation Tax Supported River Flow Enhancement Refunding Bond to replace the 2017 Bond previously issued by the NRD to NCORPE. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 12 Nays - Palic Motion Carried

3. Other.
Draft budgets from Shepherd and Russell were included. Discussion held.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS.

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report included in Board packets.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE

Russell stated a draft of the rules and regulations was handed out. He would like to set up for one committee meeting around the end of July to review them prior to printing out for the entire Board.

(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

None.

(g) TZA PROPOSAL.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Discussed under groundwater committee report.

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. Merrigan went over the cost share report.

◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Abstain - Palic Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.
None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.
None.

D. COMPLAINTS.
None.

E. CHEMIGATION.
None.

F. TREE PLANTING.
None.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.
None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.
None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

Will discuss in executive session.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

Russell went over the results of their meeting with DNR on May 23rd.

B. Other.

Medicine Creek case will be back in District Court on Monday, June 19th at 11 am.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ Fornoff moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel issues with the Board and Manager. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:05 pm.

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

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 9:28 pm.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the salary recommendations made by the Manager and Committee. Seconded by Schafer.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:30 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary