

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:30 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present:** Joe Anderjaska, Rick McConville, John Palic, Steve Cappel, Jolene Messinger, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Rick Spencer, Brad Randel, Brian Schafer

**Board Members Absent:** Buck Haag, Kevin Fornoff, Shane Rippen

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** Lynn Frederickson, Ken Anderson, Dan Estermann, Marvin Henry, William M. Barger, Cathy Russell

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Legal Summary

Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual

Civil Rights Handout

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Draft Budget

Surface Water Report

Cost Share Summary

**Information E-mailed**

Draft Plan Section for Stakeholder Review

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman McConville at 7:30 pm.

a. Verify Quorum.

b. Excused Absences.

◆ Anderjaska moved to excuse the absence of Fornoff due to death in the family. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 8            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

◆ Schilling moved to excuse the absence of Haag due to birth in the family. Seconded by Spencer.

Ayes - 7            Nays – Anderjaska            Motion Carried

2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 6.b. Real Estate

9.c.1. Hazard Mitigation Plan Resolution

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 of the Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 7            Nays – 0            Abstain – Spencer            Motion Carried

**5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

**6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The May Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$1,039,649.22.

Randel arrived at 7:35 pm.  
Loomis arrived at 7:37 pm.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the May Financial Report. Seconded by Schafer.  
Ayes - 9            Nays – 0            Abstain – Loomis            Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Real Estate. The corporation has previously signed a resolution allowing the purchase of the Petersen property allowing Chairman Buck Haag to sign all closing documents. Chairman Haag is absent due to his wife having their child. Therefore, page 5, article 2 of the Middle Republican Natural Resource District Bylaws state in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman can act as the Chairman.

- ◆ Palic moved to direct McConville to sign the real estate transaction documents on behalf of Haag due to him being absent for the birth of his child. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 9            Nays – 0            Abstain - McConville            Motion Carried

Russell handed out a draft of the budget for the Board to start reviewing and be prepared to discuss in detail at the July meeting.

**7. OPEN FORUM**

Lynn Fredrickson, North Platte. Concerns about N-CORPE and fence repairs being made.

Marvin Henry, Maywood. Concerns about trees that were washed into the creek when N-CORPE was running which were removed at his request; however, they were piled in his hay field as opposed to being put in another location where they can be burned. He requested to have them moved.

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

**A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy reported that they had received \$130,000 additional funds to fill more EQIP contracts, worked on developing cover crop contracts and finished up on erodible wetland reviews which all turned out well. Announced that

the resource conservationist position has now been advertised for the Hayes County office.

**B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen.  
None.

**C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff  
None.

**D. OUTREACH**

1. Report – Johnson has been working on the building plans, attended a manager’s meeting in Gothenburg last week and finishing up installations of the high tech irrigation systems now.

**E. LEGISLATION**

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Russell reported on the June 1<sup>st</sup> meeting. There will be another one on June 26<sup>th</sup> to regroup on three items of concern.

**F. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report – Loomis stated that the next meeting is currently scheduled for July 11<sup>th</sup> in North Platte. Schilling did make a comment to the patrons who spoke during open forum stating that the Board was working on resolving their issues and encouraged them to attend the other 3 NRD meetings to report their concerns to them as well. Russell stated there was nothing new on the audit but it was still currently scheduled to be completed by June 20<sup>th</sup>.

2. Other  
None.

**G. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

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**1. REPORTS**

**(a) SURFACE WATER.**

Bureau’s report included in Board packets.

**(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.**

None.

**(c) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE.**

Russell is attempting to set up committee meetings and provided some dates. The members agree June 25<sup>th</sup> would work best.

**(d) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.**

Russell and Boyce will be on a teleconference with Brown & Caldwell and the Bureau tomorrow on the Red Willow watershed.

**(e)WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Seeding has been completed where the trees were removed and they will start working on putting down some mulch to cover the slope while the grass gets established.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

None.

**3. IMP**

None.

**B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA**

None.

**C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY**

**1. Hazardous Mitigation Plan Resolution**

- ◆ Palic moved to approve the Resolution for the Hazardous Mitigation Resolution.  
Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 10          Nays – 0          Motion Carried

**10. PROGRAMS**

**A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.**

Cost share report reviewed.

**B. WATERSHEDS.**

Russell stated that he did include a line item on the budget for land rights to cover costs of the road that they will be putting in on the P2 dam.

**C. CHEMIGATION.**

None.

**D. METERS.**

None.

**E. TREE PLANTING.**

None.

**F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.**

None.

**11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

**A. PERSONNEL & PROGRAM COMMITTEE.**

Discussed under 9.A.1.c. Meeting scheduled June 25<sup>th</sup>.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

None.

**C. ELECTIONS.**

None.

## **12. LEGAL MATTERS**

- A. Compact Issues.  
None.

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

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

Entered at 8:21 pm.

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

Exited at 8:53 pm.

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

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

Entered at 8:54 pm.

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

Exited at 9:00 pm.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 10, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:01 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary