

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Rick Spencer

NRD Staff: Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce, Mary Tidyman, Colt Livingston and Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None

Information Mailed to Directors:

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| Agenda | Regular Meeting Minutes |
| Financial Report | Legal Billing Summary |
| Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual | Civil Rights Handout |

Information Distributed at Meeting:

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| Revised Agenda | Draft Budget |
| Surface Water Report | Cost Share Summary |
| Building Costs | |

Information E-mailed

NARD Legislative Update (5/16/2019, 5/31/2019)

ZW Weekly (5/17/2019) IMP Revisions

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 9:03 am.
a. Verify Quorum.
b. Excused Absences.

2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 6.b. Budget

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 May Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Messinger.

Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Abstain – Palic, Rippen Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The May Financial Report was presented by Johnson. The taxes received were \$1,115,919.94.

◆ Schilling moved to approve the May Financial Report. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Budget.

Johnson went over the draft budget identifying recent changes and advised the Board to make sure they called or email Russell as soon as possible with any additional changes they may have. Discussion was held on N-CORPE numbers and Johnson will have Russell look into a couple questions relating to them.

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy discussed the possibility of additional RCPP funds but is currently still waiting for the other NRD’s to have their meeting to see if they are interested in helping to get those funds. Wrapping up the Stewardship Conservation ranking. Surveying P2 now with new standards so they can finish development of the final design of the structure.

B. NARD

1. Report – Zink reported on what was discussed at the last meeting which was held in Ord yesterday. She also went over the comments made regarding the relationship between NRD’s and NRCS, and different ideas and/or thoughts that were brought up.

C. NNRC

1. Report.
None.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson reported that they were busy putting in the first 50 meters now and have the other 50 on order. There was one application for the ACE Camp Scholarship which she approved. She submitted the paperwork needed to get the grant funds so we should be seeing that money arrive soon.

E. LEGISLATION

None.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis stated that the next meeting will be Wednesday, June 19th with the retreat to follow. He encouraged the other board members to attend if possible.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau’s report reviewed and discussion held.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP – Alternatives.

Johnson reported Russell has only received comments from the Lower Republican on the letter he sent out. He will send out a follow-up email towards the end of the month if he doesn’t get any further comments from the other NRD’s.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA

None.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Cost share report reviewed.

B. WATERSHEDS.

Discussed under NRCS report.

C. CHEMIGATION.

Currently underway.

D. METERS.

Discussed under Outreach report.

E. TREE PLANTING.

Johnson introduced Colt Livingston and stated that he had some ideas of how to do things better next year but overall, this being the first time we have done all the tree planting, it went well.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

- (1) Personnel & Programs.
- (2) Ground Water.

Johnson will email out possible dates available to the above two committees to set up meetings, including the Wellfleet Lake committee, and what will need to be covered under each committee meeting. Discussion held on the Porta-A-Potty issue at Wellfleet Lake and it was decided to keep it at the main beach area for now and will discuss how we want to handle it in the future.

(3) Building – Schilling reported on the offers received, options available and recommendation of the building committee.

- ◆ Randel moved to concrete the entire property based on the offer received from Morton. Seconded by Zink.
- ◆ Anderjaska moved to amend the motion to concrete only the North and South side of the building and use crushed concrete on the East side. Seconded by Schafer.
Ayes - 2 Nays – McConville, Messinger, Nelsen, Palic, Randel, Rippen, Schilling, Zink, Estermann, Loomis Motion Failed
- ◆ Randel moved to concrete the entire property based on the offer received from Morton. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 9 Nays – Anderjaska, Rippen, Schafer Motion Carried

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

- A. Compact Issues.
None.
- B. Other.
None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- A. Personnel.
 - ◆ Rippen moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with the Board only. Seconded by Messinger.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:31 am.

- ◆ Randel moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 10:39 pm.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2019 at 8:00 am at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary