

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Dan Estermann, Marlene Estermann, Kyle Shepherd, Bill Sellers

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout
Basin-Wide Planning Extension Letter	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Surface Water Report	Cost Share Summary
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Information E-mailed

N-CORPE Grass Press Summary	Video Brochure and response
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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 February Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The February Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$295,647.69.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the February Financial Report. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Texaco Funds. Russell went over the terms of the Texaco agreement and recommended that the Board consider rolling over the majority of it into a CD.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve moving the Texaco funds into a CD and authorizing Palic to take care of it. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Abstain – Rippen Motion Carried

Rippen arrived at 7:36 pm.

7. OPEN FORUM

None

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported they were getting EQIP contacts signed and obligated. Geologist and engineers have been out looking at P-2 dam and doing some testing to find out exactly what all is wrong before they develop the plan to fix it. Hiring freeze is still on so no plans to fill Ron Thompson's position as of yet.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reported on the meeting they had yesterday which consisted of working on the budget. He will have a draft forwarded out to the board members and encouraged everyone to take a look at it. The final budget will be passed at the June meeting. Dues look to increase 4% this year.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated that there wasn't much going on right now. Next meeting is May 21st.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson reported that the ACE Camp and college scholarship have been advertised. She held two high-tech meetings in McCook for producers. She has been helping Colleen with a few odds and ends on the tree program. They handed out the Red Thread video's to all the Senators. Requested advice on whether to set-up another Meet and Greet with Dan Hughes which the board advised to go ahead and do. Russell stated that Kaila Kressin would be here next month to give them a report on the Envirothon she organized. There are four going to the State level.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning – 1 Year Extension. There is a request to extend the basin planning for one more year. Discussion held.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to extend the basin planning for one more year. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 10 Nays – Palic, Rippen, Spencer Motion Carried

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis reported that there was no meeting this month. He did state after review by the lawyers on the Estermann hay claim, they reported that 2014 would be the only year they could pay on it. Next meeting will be in April. Russell stated that the manager’s would be meeting with Shepherd next week to work on the budget.

2. Bill Sellers Report. Seller’s gave a presentation on the grazing plans for the property and answered questions. Shepherd answered some questions regarding fencing.

3. Other
None.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS.

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau’s report included in Board packets.

(c) METER PROGRAM.

None.

(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE.

Russell will be setting up meetings for both the groundwater committee and the personnel and programs committee within the next couple of weeks.

(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

None.

(f) WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

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

1. Permanent Transfer & Variance Report.

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

Cost share report reviewed.

◆ Fornoff moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Rippen.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Abstain - McConville Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

None.

F. TREE PLANTING.

Russell stated that Dirk and Andrew will be doing some of the shrub plantings.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL & PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

Discussed under groundwater committee.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. ELECTIONS.

Done.

D. MEETING DATE – CHANGE.

Discussion held.

- ◆ Randel moved to change the meetings to 9 a.m. on the 2nd Tuesday's of each month starting in April. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 6 Nays – McConville, Palic, Rippen, Schilling, Spencer, Cappel, Haag Motion Failed

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

Russell went over the results of a meeting in Holdrege they had with DNR.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss real estate with the Board, Manager and staff. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:23 pm.

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

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 9:58 pm.

- ◆ Loomis moved to authorize Russell to negotiate the purchase of the property up to their asking price. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

- ◆ Rippen moved to authorize Haag to handle all the signing of the purchase paperwork. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

- ◆ Schilling moved to pursue building options. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 12 Nays – McConville Motion Carried

Russell stated that anyone interested in being on the building committee should e-mail him. First three to respond will be the committee.

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

The meeting was adjourned at 10:02 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary