

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 10, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Steve Cappel, John Palic, Shane Rippen, Jay Schilling, Buck Haag, Rick McConville, Kevin Fornoff, James Uerling

Board Members Absent: Benjie Loomis, Brad Randel

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Bob Merrigan, Alex Boyce, Sylvia Johnson, Doris Burke, Spencer Campbell & Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy, Amy Houser

Others: Dan Estermann, Joe Estermann, Brad Johnson, Kyle Shepherd

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Minutes from April Meeting
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	Press Release dated April 28, 2016
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report
Spring Well Report	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Medicine Creek Model	Tree Presentation & State Envirothon by Houser
Cost Share Summary	

Information E-mailed

Republican NRD Assessment of Management Action Plan

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.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to excuse the absence of Loomis due to illness and Randel due to child's school program. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

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 April Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Minutes from the April Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The April Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$122,838.21.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the April Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy went over his report and work load. Houser summed up her written report on the tree program and state Envirothon (copy filed with these minutes).

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reported that their next meeting will be in June.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated their next meeting will be in June.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson reported she is working on grants through the sustainability fund. Looking into ideas on buying back inches and building a phone app that would provide pertinent farming information.

E. NeRRMDA

1. Report – Cappel. None.

F. RRCA

None.

G. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Next meeting will be in Cambridge on June 21st. Discussion held about how they were going to handle the facilitator but no decision has been made yet.

H. N-CORPE

1. Status Report. Shepherd went over the recent pumping report and answered questions. Russell briefly talked about the ideas that were discussed to continue to pump N-CORPE through May in hopes of being able to get out of the water short year. Discussion held.

2. Other.
None.

I. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS.

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report included.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell would like to set up a meeting within the next couple of weeks.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

None.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

Boyce made a presentation of the Medicine Creek Model completed by Brown and Caldwell.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Russell reported that the staff was starting the process of rewriting the rules and they would be working on definitions for now.

3. IMP

Russell has been having discussions with Edgerton and DNR relating to credit if we bypass the FV water. He has also spoken to Craig Scott at the Bureau. Discussion held.

◆ Schilling moved to stay with our original agreement with FVID. Seconded by Uerling.

Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

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

Spring well measurement report was included in the packet.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. Merrigan went over the report.

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

Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

None.

F. TREE PLANTING.

Campbell reported that the tree planter is still working in the Lower Republican but hopes he will be here soon. Considering doing a couple plantings on our own if it's going to be much longer.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

Russell would like to set up a personnel committee meeting on Wednesday, May 18th in McCook as well as an executive committee meeting that same day. Merrigan stated that UNL would like to do a cooperative agreement with us to put in three monitoring wells in 8-35 in Hayes County.

- ◆ Uerling moved to fund for the three monitoring wells in 8-35 in Hayes County.
Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

Merrigan stated he will probably pursue advertising for sealed bids on the 4-Wheeler.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, June 14, 2016 at 7:30 p.m. at the Curtis Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, in Curtis, Nebraska

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary