

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 9, 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, Brian Schafer, Jolene Messinger, Brad Randel

Board Members Absent: Brian Schafer, Benjie Loomis, Rick Spencer

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy, Kaila Kressin

Others: Brad Johnson

Information Mailed to Directors:

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

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Ltr to DNR and attachment dated 4/25/17	Draft Budget
USDA erosion article	Appendix 1 from R&R
Cost Share	

Information E-mailed

Legislative Summary 4/13, 4/21, 4/28	Meet & Greet Reminder
Management Actions- Compact Call Year	E-mail with Hearing Attachment

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:45 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.

◆ Fornoff moved to excuse the absences of Schafer, Loomis and Spencer.
Seconded by McConville.

Ayes - 8 Nays – Anderjaska, Schilling 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.

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve the minutes of the April Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Abstain- Randel Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The April Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$127,578.50.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the April Financial Report. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 10 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Approve the Wellfleet Project.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the completion of the Wellfleet project. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 10 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported that they are still in a hiring freeze so they are unable to fill the Hayes County Resource Conservationist position. There will be a summer intern starting in June. He went over the new USDA requirements for erosion control. Kaila Kressin gave a report what the field office secretaries have been working on behalf of the MRNRD. She went over the results of the Envirothon and the success of this year’s tree program.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen stated that the Basin Tour will be coming up in June. Their next meeting is on May 19th.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff reported that they are working on the budget. There is discussion that the State will be removing some funds but they haven’t heard how much as of yet.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson reported on the Meet & Greet held in April. She will be holding another one on Friday, May 12th at 10 AM at Sehnert's. Planning on starting to install the High Tech equipment next week. We will be having a summer intern from NCTA starting next week as well. She will begin to start working on grants soon. Russell added that he has hired a contract employee who will be putting articles in the newspapers approximately every couple of weeks to boost awareness of the positive things we are working on.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Russell reported that the basin planning was extended for an additional year. Next stakeholders meeting will be in June.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report. Russell mentioned that the lead accountant from the third party auditing firm has quit her job at that company. He hasn't heard who will be assigned to that project yet. Next meeting will be in June. The four managers and Kyle will plan on getting together to draft up a budget.

2. Other.

None.

H. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS.

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

None.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE

Russell went over what was discussed at the most recent committee meeting. Looking at setting an allocation on N-CORPE of possibly 12" per year over a 10 year period. More to come on that after further discussion.

(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

Boyce stated they were currently working on Red Willow basin boundaries and will be doing some model runs on N-CORPE.

(g) TZA PROPOSAL.

Working on getting RRCA information to them now.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the proposed changes to the rules and regulations as presented at hearing. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 7 Nays – Schilling, Haag, Cappel Motion Carried

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

Resolution to correct easement. Merrigan went over the discrepancy made by the title insurance on water right retirements and requested the Board to authorize Haag to sign the documents to allow the title company to get the documents corrected.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to authorize Haag to sign any and all other documents required to complete the correction of the title for the easement on the Darrell Nelson and Don Hinz properties. Seconded by McConville.

Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. Merrigan went over the cost share report.

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

Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 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.

Russell would like to set up a Personnel & Policies meeting before the June meeting. He will be looking at dates and contacting the committee.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

Russell went over the letter he sent to DNR and some documentation as to why we feel we should be getting certain compact credits. We haven't received a response as of yet.

C. Other.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 13, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:55 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary