

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, May 8, 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, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling

Board Members Absent: Rick Spencer, Brad Randel, Brian Schafer

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy, Kaila Kressin

Others: Dan Estermann, William M. Barger

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Legal Summary

Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual

CSP Contracts

Civil Rights Handout

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Gully Erosion

Water Level changes 2017-2018

Surface Water Report

Cost Share Summary

NE Statewide GW Level '17 Report

Information E-mailed

None.

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 April Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

◆ Palic moved to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 9

Nays - 0

Abstain - Schilling

Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The April Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$141,385.57.

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve the April Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 10 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 – Jason Kennedy went over a couple handouts he provided and talked about some of the program deadlines coming up.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reported on the basin tour scheduled for June 11th and 12th. Registration due date is May 25th if anyone is interested in attending.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated that their next meeting will be May 17th in Kearney.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson has been working on the building plans and helping with tree planting. There were four applications for ACE camp which runs at \$215/each. We normally only give out a couple and we don't have any restrictions on how many we will pay for so she requested the Board consider putting a cap on an amount or number we give out.

2. Envirothon & Tree Program – Kaila gave a report on how the arbor day tree program went this year as well as the Envirothon competition.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Russell had a draft of the basin plan so if anyone wants a copy, he can send it out. He will plan on sending everyone a copy of the final draft whenever it is complete.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis gave a report on the April 18th meeting. Damages to adjacent landowners has been completed and they have a signed agreement from them. Grazing and spraying plans were discussed to avoid having that happen again. They are still in discussions on how to handle the in-kind issue. Audit should be done in June. There's approximately 3 miles of fencing that needs to be completed.

2. 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.

None.

(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

Alex did a presentation of everything that Brown and Caldwell has done to-date and provided handouts.

(f) WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Russell has ordered the Johnny-On-The-Spot to be delivered. He also suggested that once the spillway project is complete they might consider building a permanent bathroom structure.

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.

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

None.

F. TREE PLANTING.

Russell stated that Andrew has been out with the tree crew. Also, the NRD staff took turns going out and planting 22,000 shrubs.

G. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL & PROGRAM COMMITTEE.

None.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

- ◆ Rippen moved to accept Boyce’s bid on the diesel for \$7,000.01. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

C. ELECTIONS.

Done.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:05 pm.

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

Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 10:01 pm.

- ◆ Palic moved to get bids from all four groups that sent in a proposal. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 12, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary