

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, May 14, 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, Rick Spencer

**Board Members Absent:** John Palic, Shane Rippen

**NRD Staff:** Jack Russell, Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce, Mary Tidyman and Stacie Owens

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** None

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

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

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Agenda (added item)	Legislative Resolution 114
Long Term Lease Agreement	Cost Share Summary

**Information E-mailed**

ZW Weekly (4/12/19, 4/19/19, 4/26/19, 5/10/19)

NARD Legislative Update (4/12/19, 4/18/19, 4/26/19, 5/10/19)

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 9:02 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. Bank Bonding (added 5/10/19)

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.

- ◆ Zink moved to approve the minutes of the April Special Meeting. Seconded by Messinger.

Ayes - 8      Nays – 0      Abstain – Spencer, McConville, Randel, Schilling  
Motion Carried

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the April Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Messinger.  
Ayes - 10      Nays – 0      Abstain – Nelsen, Spencer      Motion Carried

**5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

**6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The April Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$147,099.92.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Bank Bonding.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the WNB bonding insurance changes. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**7. OPEN FORUM**

None.

**8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS**

**A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy reported that they are busy working on compliance reviews of highly erodible fields. Currently taking second round of RCPP sign ups. Finished up the conservation stewardship sign up and will be working on most of those through the summer. They had twice the number of applicants this year than what there normally has been.

**B. NARD**

- 1. Report – Rippen.  
None.

**C. NNRC**

- 1. Report.  
None.

**D. OUTREACH**

1. Report – Johnson reported they will be closing on the sale of the old building tomorrow. Currently finishing up tree planting. Should have a video from Red Thread in the next month.

**E. LEGISLATION**

Russell explained the Legislative Resolution 114 which was handed out and the status of LB 606.

**F. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report – Loomis reported on last month’s meeting. Working on some policies. They have not started reseeding the 925 acres yet but hopefully next week. The next meeting will be June 19<sup>th</sup> followed by a retreat.

**G. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

**1. REPORTS**

**(a) SURFACE WATER.**

Bureau’s report included.

**(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.**

None.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

None.

**3. IMP – Alternatives.**

Went over the FVID Long Term Lease Agreement. Discussion held.

◆ Loomis moved to approve the agreement. Seconded by Zink.

Ayes - 12                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried

Russell is still waiting on the letter from Lindstrom that he is developing to address the changes to the IMP but once he receives it, he will forward it out to the Board for their review.

**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.

◆ Spencer moved to approve the two applications needed. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 12                  Nays – 0                  Motion Carried

**B. WATERSHEDS.**

Still working on the P2 design.

**C. CHEMIGATION.**

None.

**D. METERS.**

The first 50 are here but not installed yet and the second 50 are ordered.

**E. TREE PLANTING.**

Finishing up the last one now.

**F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.**

None.

**11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

**A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

(1) Personnel & Programs.

Anderjaska went over what was discussed regarding policies on cost share. Further discussion will be held with NRCS. Discussion held.

(2) Ground Water.

None.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

(1) Building. Looking at concrete and rock now. Building committee will oversee what's decided.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

**A. Compact Issues.**

None.

**B. Other.**

None.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Personnel.**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with the Board and Manager. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:23 am.

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

Exited at 10:45 am.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 11, 2019 at 9:00 am at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 am.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary