

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Kevin Fornoff, Joe Anderjaska, Buck Haag, James Uerling, Steve Cappel, Brad Randel, John Palic, Blaine Stinson, Rick McConville, Bill Hoyt, Benjie Loomis

Board Members Absent: None

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Bob Merrigan, Sylvia Johnson, Doris Burke, Stacie Owens, Mary Tidyman, Spencer Campbell

NRCS Staff: None.

Others: Shane Rippen, William M. Barger, Randy Bollish, Dan Estermann, Bob Meyer, Rick Spencer, Jay Schilling,

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Meeting Minutes
Variance Hearing Minutes	Financial Report
Profit vs Loss Report	Civil Rights Handout
N-CORPE Allocation/Pumping	2015 Preliminary Forecast
Well Permit Report	Brown & Caldwell Invoice
Fall Monitoring Well Report	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Surface Water Report	ARP Applicants
CREP Expiration List	Cost Share Report

Information E-mailed

Agreements with KS & CO	eResource dated 10/28/14
KS vs NE Court Transcript	Annual RR Forecast Meeting

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 October Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve the Minutes from the October Regular Board Meeting and Public Hearing. Seconded by Uerling.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Abstain – Hoyt, Loomis Motion Carried

5. Open Hearing for Variance Request. None.

6. Close Hearing.

7. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

8. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The October Financial Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual were presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$420,840.07.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the October Financial Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

Russell also stated we will be making another bond payment on N-CORPE soon. He requested more information from Lindstrom on the bill we received but have not heard back from him yet.

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Accept Audit. Bob Meyer was available to go over the audit in detail and answer questions of the Board.

- ◆ Uerling moved to accept the Audit as presented. Seconded by Hoyt.
Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

9. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Barger Case. Nothing new.

B. Medicine Creek Case. Nothing new.

C. Compact Issues.

Russell went over the agreement between Kansas, Colorado and Nebraska they recently entered into. He also discussed numbers from the preliminary forecast.

D. Other. None.

10. OPEN FORUM

Dan Estermann, Wellfleet. Comments relating to N-CORPE.

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Comments related to N-CORPE.

11. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. District Conservation Report – None.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. Report – Anderjaska. None.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NNRC)

1. Report – Fornoff. Next meeting is November 24th in Kearney.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.

1. McCook Farm & Ranch Expo, November 19th & 20th.
Johnson stated that we would have a booth set up.

2. Other.

Johnson reminded the members to RSVP for the banquet in December.

E. NE REPUBLICAN RIVER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (NeRRMDA)

1. Report – Hoyt/Fornoff.
None.

F. RRCA.

None.

G. LEGISLATION.

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Russell stated that Olson's had been awarded the bid as facilitator. They will now be putting together a plan on how they are going to run the basin planning.

H. N-CORPE.

1. Status Report.

Randel stated that they would be interviewing for the manager's position on Monday. Still deciding on the best course of action to sell the pivots whether it be privately or by auction.

2. Approve Bond Payment.
Discussed during financial actions.

3. Water Usage Calculations.

Russell explained in detail. Discussion held. The groundwater committee will need to start coming up with some ideas on how to control the pumping.

4. Other.
None.

I. OTHERS.

1. DNR Preliminary Basin Forecast for 2015.
Russell went over the forecast. Discussion held.

12. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS

Report included.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau report included in board packet.

(c) METER PROGRAM

Technicians are currently reading meters.

(d) EQIP/ARP.

Merrigan went over the applications of John Miller, Gothenburg Livestock and Betty Leach and requested the Board take action.

- ◆ Hoyt moved to counter offer \$500/acre on the Leach application and \$800/acre on Miller and Gothenburg Livestock. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 2

Nays – Haag, Loomis, McConville, Randel, Stinson, Uerling, Anderjaska, Cappel, Fornoff

Motion Failed

- ◆ Hoyt moved to close ARP until further notice. Seconded by McConville.

Ayes - 10 Nays – Palic Motion Carried

(e) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE – pooling changes (*currently tabled*).

Russell would like to set up a meeting around the first week of December. He will contact members with dates.

(f) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE

Russell will be trying to set up another meeting.

(g) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

1) Interlocal Agreement with UBBNRD on Engineer.

Russell has signed the contract for use of the UBBNRD's engineer at \$71.00 an hour.

2) Review Invoice.

Russell stated he will provide a copy of the invoice each month which has details on what Brown & Caldwell have been accomplishing. He also reminded the Board about the monthly teleconferences which are held at 11 am on the 1st Tuesday of each month.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP – DNR DISCUSSION.

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

Fall Measurement report included in packets.

13. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. No new applications at this time.

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS – Reports on previous complaints.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

Russell stated that there have been changes to the chemigation rules that will need to be incorporated. A hearing will be set up for January. He will have a draft of the changes by next month's meeting for review.

F. TREE PLANTING.

None.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

14. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL – Hydrologist.

Russell would like to set up a Personnel & Operations Committee meeting within the next 2 days to discuss the hydrologist position and a couple other items. He will call once he gets a meeting room reserved in McCook.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 1:30 p.m. at the Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:33 pm.

Stacie M. Owens
Board Secretary