

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2016 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Shane Rippen, Jay Schilling, Rick McConville, John Palic, Buck Haag, Benjie Loomis, Brad Randel, Kevin Fornoff, Steve Cappel

Board Members Absent: James Uerling

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger, Kyle Shepherd, Robert Meyer

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Billing Summary
Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual	NRD Property Taxes by Class
Civil Rights Handout	Draft R&R and Reassignment Application
Current R&R	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

RJ Meyer Audit	Surface Water Report
Fall Measurements	Usage Maps
Cost Share Report	Pickup Bids
Draft Bylaws	

Information E-mailed

Letters mailed to Producers

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: 11.c. Bids on Explorer

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 were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the October Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Abstain – Cappel Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The September Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$293,600.70.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Audit Review – Bob Meyer. Meyer went over the audit in detail and answered questions of the board.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to accept the audit as presented. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 10 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

None.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy went over his report on their workload and contract deadlines. The field office secretary position for Curtis will be in the newspapers until Thanksgiving with a cutoff date of November 29th.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen reported that the next meeting will be held on the 14th in Chadron.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff reported that they will start grading the grant applications around December 1st and hopefully they will have the exact approved applicants around mid-December.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson reported she is prepping for the Farm & Ranch show in McCook November 16th & 17th. She is also starting to work on planning the December luncheon.

E. RRCA.

None.

F. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Johnson went to the meeting last week but she said attendance was low. DNR did provide some information that had been requested by some of the members.

G. N-CORPE

1. Status Report. Shepherd reported on progress of phase 1 of the north pipeline and answered questions of the board.

2. Other.
None.

H. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS.

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau's report was included in the packets.

(c) METER PROGRAM

Technicians are currently servicing and reading meters.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell included some maps in the items handed out and explained the reason why we are doing everything we are doing with the committees, Brown & Caldwell and TZA.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

Russell will work on setting up a meeting before December 6th.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

None.

(g) TZA PROPOSAL.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Chairman Haag moved this agenda item to the end of the meeting.

3. IMP

There is a meeting on Monday, November 14th to go over the preliminary forecast of numbers.

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 measurements were included in the packets.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Discussion held about advertising cost share on decommissioning old wells that aren't being used. Will look into possible programs available for something like that.

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.

Buffalo Plains Genetics Farrowing Operation, Hayes Co.

Merrigan went over the details of a proposed farrowing operation in Hayes County and answered questions. The board recommended the staff look into it further and respond to DEQ as needed.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL. Russell briefly went over the changes to the bylaws and stated that Lindstrom is also working on some additions. Final draft should be out soon.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. BIDS ON EXPLORER.

Merrigan went over the 5 bids that were received and answered questions.
Discussion held.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the bid from Deveny's in McCook for the '17 Dodge Ram. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes – 5 Nays – McConville, Palic, Rippen, Fornoff, Haag Motion Failed

Further discussion held.

- ◆ Rippen moved to approve the bid from Janssen Ford in Holdrege for the '17 Ford F-150. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 6 Nays – Schilling, Anderjaska, Cappel, Loomis Motion Carried

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

Russell reported on what Brown & Caldwell, TZA and Boyce have put together. Boyce went over some of these numbers which we plan on meeting with DNR and trying to get credit for them.

B. Other.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

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2. RULES AND REGULATIONS

Burke went over the major changes. Discussion held and additional ideas were exchanged.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at 1:30 p.m. at the Curtis Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, in Curtis, Nebraska

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary