

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Rick McConville, John Palic, Steve Cappel, Jolene Messinger, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Brad Randel, Shane Rippen, Rick Spencer, Tracy Zink, Kevin Fornoff

Board Members Absent: Brian Schafer

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger, Dan Estermann

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Legal Summary

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Civil Rights Handout

N-CORPE Agreed-Upon Procedures

N-CORPE Draft Budget

Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Cost Share Report

Information E-mailed

None

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville 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 were mailed to Directors.
 - ◆ Palic moved to approve the minutes of the October Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The October Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$286,476.41.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the October Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis.
 Ayes - 12 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 reported that there would be no funding of the Ogallala Aquifer Initiative. The Conservation Stewardship Program is on hold until the new farm bill is completed or the old farm bill extended. Signup deadline for EQIP for 2019 will be on Friday. Ranking RCPP applications which has to be complete by mid-December. Area statewide fund pools ranking deadline is January 15th and the local deadline is February 1st.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen was unable to attend the quarterly meeting but reminded everyone that Legislative Conference would be January 29th and 30th. Please let Owens know if you would like to attend.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff stated the next meeting will be December 12th which will be mainly dealing with grant applications.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson reported she’s getting ready for the Farm & Ranch Show in McCook. She’s been attending meetings on compact with Russell, working on building items and monitoring the technicians on meter reading.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. DNR held a hearing at 6:30 pm here in Curtis. No testimony was given. They held one at 1 PM today in Imperial. Tomorrow they will hold one in Holdrege at 1 PM and Alma at 4 PM.

F. N-CORPE

- 1. Status Report – Loomis.
- 2. Budget/Billing.

CHAIRMAN MOVED ITEM TO THE END OF THE AGENDA.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau report reviewed.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

(c) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

There will be two representatives coming November 26th & 27th to go out and look at the final spots that need reviewed.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP

Met with other NRD's, Brad Edgerton and Jim Schneider already. Will meet with Justin Levene, Senator's Groene & Hughes.

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.

B. WATERSHEDS.

Tear down of P2 will begin after Thanksgiving.

C. CHEMIGATION.

None.

D. METERS.

Still reading.

E. TREE PLANTING.

Preliminary order has been placed and quantities will be adjusted as more orders are received. We will be doing all the tree planting this year instead of hiring it out.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(1) Personnel & Programs.

Russell will plan on calling a committee meeting either before or right after the next board meeting.

(2) Ground Water.

None.

(3) Wellfeet Advisory.

Still working up a lease with Tom Hansen from Wellfleet.

(4) Building Committee.

Continuing to move forward.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

Will be looking at trading in the old flatbed trailer for a new one. Will require a bigger one to handle taking over the tree planting.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other. Discussion held regarding legal services provided by which law firms.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Personnel.

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with the Board, Manager and Assistant 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 8:08 pm.

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

Exited at 9:05 pm.

CHAIRMAN MOVED ITEM 8.F. 1&2 HERE.

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D. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis.
2. Budget/Billing.

- ◆ Rippen moved to approve the 2019 draft N-CORPE budget. Seconded by Spencer.
Ayes - 10 Nays – Schilling, Cappel Motion Carried

- ◆ Randel moved to pay the in-kind contributions of \$53,332.54 identified on invoice #1097 and, at which time, all in-kind contributions relating to N-CORPE will have been paid in full. Seconded by Zink.
Ayes - 9 Nays – Palic, Spencer, Cappel Motion Carried

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 1:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary