

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Brad Randel, Joe Anderjaska, Daniel Nelsen, Benjie Loomis, Tracy Zink, Rick McConville, Shane Rippen, Dan Estermann, Jolene Messinger, Jay Schilling

Board Members Absent: Travis Rousselle

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Kevin Fornoff

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Reg Meeting	Public Hearing Minutes
Regular Meeting Minutes	Financial Report
Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Surface Water Report

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9:00 a.m.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.
2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
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 Public Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting were posted to the Directors IPads.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of Public Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$223,713.23.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Financial Report. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

Kevin Fornoff gave an update on the Natural Resources Commission.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Rules and Regulations Packet. Russell reported on the status of packets going out to owners.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NRCS

Kennedy reported that the contract deadlines for temp to dry programs are coming up November 18th. There are many windbreaks being set up this year so they are working on getting those plans done by the end of November.

10. NARD

Rippen was unable to attend last meeting but will be meeting up with Dean to get an update.

11. N-CORPE

Loomis reported on the October 29th meeting. The cost sharing on the employee with Game & Parks is starting to pay off as they are also able to work on water lines, solar panels and tanks. Invenergy is having trouble getting the powerline needed and requested an extension to get it completed as their deadline is starting to run out. The N-CORPE board denied the request. Grazing cattle had to be pulled out early due to the dry conditions so the rent income expected will be reduced. Michael Hoger from Agoro provided a presentation on carbon credit contract they were seeking. Loomis abstained from the vote until he could get an opinion of the MRNRD board.

Schilling stated that after January 1st he will not be able to take on the duties of the N-CORPE alternate due to his obligations on the NSIA.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

To discuss in executive session.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matters

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with Manager and staff. Seconded by McConville.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:46 a.m.

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

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 10:39 a.m.

Chairman Zink reminded everyone that entered into executive session that the discussions held within that timeframe were private and should not be discussed.

- ◆ Schilling moved to deny Brendon Hauxwell pooling agreement application due to incompleteness. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to file an injunction for the violation of the Cease and Desist sent to C & D Cappel farms. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 13, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:42 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary