

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:30 PM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Brad Johnson, Chelsea Erickson, William M. Barger

Information Mailed to Directors:

R & R Hearing Agenda	Proposed Changes to Pooling
Regular Meeting Agenda	Budget Hearing Minutes
Special Budget Hearing Minutes	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Surface Water Report
Impact of the Revised IMP WS	Draft IMP dated 10/2/15

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Surface Water Report	E-mail from Uerling re: IMP
Ltr to DNR from Dept of Interior	Article from Kearney Hub dated 10/10/15
Table of Acreage in RRR compared w/CREP	Draft IMP dated 10/12/15
Cost Share Summary	NRCS Report

Information E-mailed

None.

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:38 pm.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences. None.

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 September Budget Hearing, Special Budget Hearing to Set Final Tax Request Meeting and Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Minutes from the September Budget Hearing, Special Budget Hearing to Set Final Tax Request Meeting and Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The September Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$856,611.50.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the September Financial Report. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes - 11 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 – Kennedy went over his report, talked about the Land Judging Contest which was held in Curtis at the College.

B. NARD

- 1. Report – Uerling.
None.

C. NNRC

- 1. Report – Fornoff reported on the last meeting they had.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

1. Report – Johnson reported on Land Judging and Husker Harvest Days. She also stated we would have an exhibit at the Farm & Ranch Expo in November.

E. NeRRMDA

- 1. Report – Cappel. None.

F. RRCA

None.

G. LEGISLATION

- 1. 1098 – Basin Planning.
Next meeting will be held in December.

H. N-CORPE

- 1. Status Report.
Randel stated that all the wells have now been pulled and the remaining pivots will be listed on Big Iron in November and December.
- 2. Other.
None.

I. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS

None.

(b) SURFACE WATER

Bureau reports included.

(c) METER PROGRAM

Technicians are reading and servicing meters now.

(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE

Russell went over what was discussed at the last meeting which revolved around the IMP.

(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.

Johnson reported what has been delivered based on conversations with Don Felker.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the payment to Frenchman Valley. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

Uerling stated he would like to see if we could get credit for water that is returned to the river. Discussion held.

(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

Russell stated that he and Boyce went to Denver to visit with Brown & Caldwell and review what has been completed so far. Final report should be out within the next couple of months.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

- ◆ Palic moved to approve the proposed changes to the rules and regulations as presented at hearing. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

3. IMP

a. Review Draft

Russell went over the proposed changes to the IMP and explained them in detail and answered questions. Discussion held regarding the pumping standard.

b. Stakeholder Feedback.

Uerling and Schilling went over conversations which took place at the recent meeting. Further discussion held.

c. Set Hearing Date.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the proposed changes to the IMP and take it to hearing for November 10th at 6:30. Seconded by Anderjaska.

- ◆ Uerling moved to amend the motion that the MRNRD modify the proposed IMP to stay with the current pumping standard of 247,580 AF with a reduction of 25% from the 1998 to 2002 baseline pumping volume and to stay with the current 10%-2 year RRR. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 2 Nays – Loomis, McConville, Palic, Randel, Rippen, Schilling,
Anderjaska, Fornoff, Haag Motion Failed

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the proposed changes to the IMP and take it to hearing for November 10th at 6:30. Seconded by Anderjaska.

Ayes - 8 Nays – Schilling, Uerling, Cappel Motion Carried

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

None.

10. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. Merrigan went over the report.

- ◆ Palic moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Russell also stated that he would like to see the secretaries have authority to sign off on FSA Contracts.

- ◆ Uerling moved to authorize the secretaries to sign off on FSA Contracts. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

Russell went over the discussions they had at their last meeting which included Kennedy relating to the vacancy at the Trenton NRCS office.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

C. VOTING SUB-DISTRICTS

Russell stated that everything has to be certified with the counties by December 1.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

B. Other.
None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center at 201 Garlic Ave., Curtis, Nebraska with the IMP Hearing to begin at 6:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary