

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, October 9, 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, Brian Schafer, Shane Rippen, Rick Spencer, Tracy Zink

**Board Members Absent:** Kevin Fornoff

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** William M. Barger, Dan Estermann, Brad Edgerton, Dale Cramer

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Budget Hearing Minutes	Special Budget Hearing Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual	Civil Rights Handout

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

2018 NRCS Basin Report	Surface Water Report
Cost Share Report	P2 Bid Worksheet

**Information E-mailed**

Legal Summary	Pickup Repairs
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**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 7:32 pm.
  - a. Verify Quorum.
  - b. Excused Absences.

◆ Anderjaska moved to excuse the absence of Fornoff. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.
  - a. Items added to the Agenda since mailing: 10.b.1. P2 Bid Approval
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 and Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the September Budget Hearing, Special Budget Hearing to Set Final Tax Request and Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schafer.  
Ayes - 12      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 \$917,926.87.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the September Financial Report. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Abstain - Spencer      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Western Nebraska Bank – Approve Resolution.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Resolution for financing through Western Nebraska Bank for the building loan. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 10      Nays – 0      Abstain – McConville, Palic      Motion Carried

A copy of resolution is filed with the Minutes.

## **7. OPEN FORUM**

None.

## **8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS**

### **A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy reported on program sign-up deadlines and handed out a summary of their fiscal year accomplishments.

### **B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen stated he ended up being unable to attend Fall Conference. Anderjaska gave a brief report and also stated that the numbers were lower this year than normal.

### **C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff. None.

### **D. OUTREACH**

1. Report – Johnson spoke to the lead group along with the Lower and Upper Republican NRD's. She attended NARD fall conference in Kearney and has been meeting with DNR and the other Districts along with Russell and Boyce on compact issues.

**E. LEGISLATION**

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Legal notices went out to the newspapers today for advertising the hearing on November 13th in Curtis at 6:30 pm.

**F. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report – Loomis. Nothing new. Next meeting will be next week in Imperial.

**G. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

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**1. REPORTS**

**(a) SURFACE WATER.**

Bureau’s report included in Board packets. Brad Edgerton from Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District spoke on what they were currently working with DNR and the Bureau relating to Harry Strunk Lake. Discussion on the subject was held.

◆ Anderjaska moved to work with FCID to develop an agreement for water short years. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes - 12          Nays – 0          Motion Carried

**(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.**

None.

**(c) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.**

Russell reported that they have finalized their modeling project on the Red Willow and he will be setting up a meeting with DNR to discuss the results.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

None.

**3. IMP**

Russell stated they have met with DNR and other NRD’s and will continue. He will report on progress as it occurs.

**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.**

Viewed the 3 dam removal bids received.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the BSB bid at \$107,958.62 for phase 1 of the P2 dam. Seconded by Rippen.

Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**C. CHEMIGATION.**

None.

**D. METERS.**

Technicians are out reading meters now.

**E. TREE PLANTING.**

None.

**F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.**

None.

**11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.**

**A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.**

- (1) Personnel & Programs.

None.

- (2) Ground Water.

None.

- (3) Wellfeet Advisory.

None.

- (4) Building Committee.

Continuing to move forward.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

None.

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

**A. Compact Issues.**

None.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**A. Real Estate.**

None.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 13, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary