

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 8, 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, Mary Tidyman & Stacie Owens

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy, Dave Griffith

**Others:** William M. Barger, Kirk Olson, Andy Olson, Dan Estermann

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Budget and Special Hearing Agenda  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Regular Board Meeting Minutes  
Application for Permit – Olson’s  
Civil Rights Handout

Budget Presentation  
Special Meeting Minutes  
Var 8 & 9 Packets  
Financial Report

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Calendars  
Bond Resolution  
IMP WS  
Cost Share Report

Legal Summary WS  
Proposed Rule Changes – Pooling  
New IMP Concepts  
Sub-district Resolution

**Information E-mailed**

None.

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:35 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: 8.A.(2) DamWatch Presentation
  
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 August Special Meeting and Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the Minutes from the August Special Meeting and Regular Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

Discussion held.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve VAR 8 & 9 for Olson Farms, Inc. Seconded by Palic.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

**6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The August Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$27,162.80.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Approve Budget.  
Russell went over the final numbers in detail.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the Budget and set the mill levy as presented. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 10      Nays - Uerling      Motion Carried

Uerling stated his reason for not voting to approve the budget was his objection to the amount of money being spent on N-CORPE.

**7. OPEN FORUM**

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Comments relating to canal water.

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

**A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy went over his report and introduced Dave Griffith.
2. DamWatch Presentation – Dave Griffith.  
Griffith provided a presentation of the program and its abilities.

**B. NARD**

1. Report – Uerling. None.
2. NARD Annual Conference, September 27-29, Kearney.
3. Voting Delegate & Alternate.  
Haag appointed Anderjaska as delegate and Fornoff as alternate.

**C. NNRC**

- 1. Report – Fornoff reported on the latest meeting.

**D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

1. Report – Johnson reported on the updated fact sheet and stated that she will plan on periodically putting an informational blurb in the newspaper. Husker Harvest days begin next week. We will be holding a Land Judging contest here in Curtis in October.

**E. NeRRMDA**

- 1. Report – Cappel. None.

**F. RRCA**

None.

**G. LEGISLATION**

- 1. 1098 – Basin Planning.  
Russell reported on last months’ meeting.

**H. N-CORPE**

- 1. Status Report.

Loomis reported on the last meeting. Bruce Leffler from the bonding agency was there to talk about what they had to offer. They have been approached about putting in a biking/walking trail on a portion of the ground. There will be a Hearing on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the south Mid Plains Campus from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

- 2. Review Final Pumping Bill.

- 3. Other.

Russell went over the bond resolution. Discussion held.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to adopt the bond resolution as presented. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 9      Nays – Cappel      Abstain - Uerling      Motion Carried

**I. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

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**1. REPORTS**

**(a) WELL PERMITS**

None.

**(b) SURFACE WATER**

None.

**(c) METER PROGRAM**

None.

**(d) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE**

None.

**(e) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE.**

Russell stated that he and Don Felker are meeting with the Bureau tomorrow.

**(f) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL**

Russell and Boyce will be traveling to Denver towards the end of the month to meet with Brown & Caldwell.

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.**

Went over the proposed changes.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the proposed rule changes as presented and take them to public hearing in October. Seconded by Cappel.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Uerling brought up some concerns he has relating to payments for retiring acres. He would like to see some offsets for people who are wanting a variance for livestock wells. The groundwater committee will meet to discuss some ideas.

**3. IMP**

Russell went over his spreadsheet and a copy of the presentation he viewed at the meeting in Holdrege last week. He explained some of the discussions and changes they are working with Kansas on. Discussion held.

**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.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the cost share report. Seconded by Randel.  
Ayes - 10      Nays – 0      Abstain - McConville      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 stated that he will be setting up a Personnel & Operations Committee Meeting to meet with Kennedy to discuss the Trenton secretary opening.

**B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

None.

**C. VOTING SUB-DISTRICTS**

Russell went over the suggested small change that the election commissioner had. Discussion held.

- ◆ Schilling moved to adopt sub districts as presented in Option 7. Seconded by Uerling.  
Ayes - 11    Nays – 0    Motion Carried

**12. LEGAL MATTERS**

**A. Compact Issues.**

None.

**B. Other.**

None.

**13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Fornoff moved to enter into executive session to discuss real estate. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes – 11    Nays – 0    Motion Carried

Entered into Executive Session at 9:23 pm.

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

- ◆ Palic moved to exit executive session. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes – 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Exited Executive Session at 9:36 pm.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to direct Russell to pursue looking into purchasing Wellfleet dam. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes – 10      Nays – McConville      Motion Carried

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 13, 2015 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center at 201 Garlic Ave., Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary