

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:30 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Shane Rippen, Rick McConville, John Palic, Buck Haag, Kevin Fornoff, Steve Cappel, Jolene Messinger, Brad Randel, Brian Schafer, Benjie Loomis, Rick Spencer**

**Board Members Absent:** Jay Schilling

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** Chelsea Erickson, William M. Barger, Marvin Knoll, Ken Anderson

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

Budget Hearing Agenda's	Budget
Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Legal Summary
Civil Rights Handout	

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Resolution 2017-1 and 2017-2	Floating Township Map examples
Surface Water Report	Cost Share Report

**Information E-mailed**

Automated Gate Cost Estimate	2017 Resolutions for NARD Mtg
N-CORPE Meeting Reminder	

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:48 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: 9.C.1. Authorization to sign for Watershed
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 Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.
  - ◆ Palic moved to approve the minutes of the August Regular Board Meeting.  
Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

## **5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST**

None.

## **6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The August Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$39,605.61.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the August Financial Report. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 12      Nays - 0      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Budget – Approve.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the proposed budget and the \$10 occupation tax and set mil levy rate as presented at the hearing. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 11      Nays - Palic      Motion Carried

C. Bank Signatories.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the NPAIT account signatories as: Jack Russell, John Palic, Mary Tidyman, Stacie Owens and Alex Boyce. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays - 0      Motion Carried

- ◆ McConville moved to approve the First Central Bank checking account signatories as: Jack Russell, John Palic, Stacie Owens and Alex Boyce. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 12      Nays - 0      Motion Carried

- ◆ Schafer moved to approve the First Central Bank savings account signatories as: Jack Russell, John Palic, Mary Tidyman, Stacie Owens and Alex Boyce. Seconded by McConville.  
Ayes - 12      Nays - 0      Motion Carried

- ◆ Cappel moved to approve the Western Nebraska Bank checking account signatories as: Jack Russell, John Palic, Sylvia Johnson, Stacie Owens and Alex Boyce. Seconded by McConville.  
Ayes - 12      Nays - 0      Motion Carried

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the Western Nebraska Bank money market and security bonds signatories as: Jack Russell, John Palic, Mary Tidyman and Stacie Owens. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 12      Nays - 0      Motion Carried

- ◆ Schafer moved to approve the Western Nebraska Bank safety deposit box signatories as: Jack Russell, Mary Tidyman and Stacie Owens. Seconded by Rippen.  
Ayes - 12      Nays - 0      Motion Carried

**7. OPEN FORUM**

None.

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

**A. NRCS**

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy reported they were wrapping up their fiscal year which is end of September. Finalizing stewardship contacts now and working on organizing the range judging contest next week in Hayes County.

**B. NARD**

1. Report – Rippen reminded everyone of fall conference coming up. Had 2 resolutions for the Board to review and discuss.

**C. NNRC**

1. Report – Fornoff went over the August 30<sup>th</sup> meeting they had in Kearney. There were approximately 9 large and 13 small applications received. The Department is going through them now and then they will be scored which will hopefully happen by the end of the year.

**D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION**

1. Report – Johnson has been working on getting the range judging organized. They plan to start extracting probes in the next couple of weeks. She and Alex have completed droning the fields last week.

**E. LEGISLATION**

1. 1098 – Basin Planning. Russell went over results of the meeting and stated there was good discussion. Next meeting will be September 19<sup>th</sup> in Holdrege.

**F. N-CORPE**

1. Status Report.

Loomis went over the last meeting in Curtis on August 16<sup>th</sup>. Auditors did not show up to give a report. HDR did not show up to talk about the windfarm. Senator Groene was in attendance so there was some discussion with him.

2. Other. None.

**G. OTHERS**

None.

**9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

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**1. REPORTS**

**(a) WELL PERMITS.**

None.

**(b) SURFACE WATER**

Bureau’s report included in Board packets.

**(c) METER PROGRAM**

None.

**(d) GROUNDWATER COMMITTEE.**

Looking at setting up a meeting the first week of October. Russell will e-mail out some dates and try to get it scheduled.

**(e) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.**

Russell has received a draft report on N-CORPE modeling and he should have the final report for the groundwater committee at the next meeting around the first part of October.

**(f) WELLFLEET ADVISORY COMMITTEE.**

Boyce went over the cost estimate received for an automated gate at Wellfleet. Discussion held.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the installation of an automated gate. Seconded by Cappel.

Ayes - 11            Nays – Palic            Motion Carried

**2. RULES AND REGULATIONS**

Russell will be sending out hard copies of the latest version in the Board packets next month.

**3. IMP**

None.

**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**

(1) Authorization to sign for watersheds. Russell stated that since P2 has been approved to be rebuilt, he will need authorization from the Board to sign all documents pertaining to it on behalf of the MRNRD.

- ◆ McConville moved to authorize Russell to sign all documents pertaining to the rebuilding of P2 on behalf of the MRNRD Board. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 12            Nays – 0            Motion Carried

## **10. PROGRAMS**

### **A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.**

1. Approve Applications. Went over the cost share report.

### **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 & PROGRAMS.**

None.

### **B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.**

None.

## **12. LEGAL MATTERS**

### **A. Compact Issues.**

None.

### **B. Other.**

None.

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

- ◆ Palic moved to enter into executive session to discuss personnel with the Board and Manager. Seconded by Fornoff.  
Ayes - 12      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:09 pm.

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

Exited at 9:19 pm.

The regular board meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 10, 2017 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:20 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary