

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 11, 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, Kevin Fornoff, Rick Spencer, Tracy Zink

Board Members Absent: None.

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy, Diane Hidy

Others: William M. Barger, Marlene Estermann, Dan Estermann

Information Mailed to Directors:

Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Budget
Civil Rights Handout	

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Surface Water Report	Cost Share Report
Cost Share Policy	Probe Spreadsheet

Information E-mailed

Annual Conference Resolutions

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman McConville at 7:38 pm.
a. Verify Quorum.
b. Excused Absences.

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 August Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the August Regular Board Meeting.
Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Abstain – Spencer Motion Carried

5. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

6. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The August Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$40,127.09.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the August Financial Report. Seconded by Spencer.
Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Budget – Approve Budget.

- ◆ 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, Spencer Motion Carried

7. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned whether water was being taken out of the ditch.

8. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. NRCS

1. District Conservation Report – Jason Kennedy reported that they will be working on the P2 watershed rebuild. There will be some surveying done on September 25th and then a contractor showing on September 26th with plans to strip it down this fall. There is an animal feeding operation expansion in Frontier and a wetland reserved project going on in Hitchcock that they have been busy with. He announced Sara Hudson as the new resource conservationist in Hayes Center. She will begin work on October 1st.

B. NARD

1. Report – Rippen stated that fall conference is coming up.

C. NNRC

1. Report – Fornoff reported that 14 large applications and 10-11 small applications were submitted.

D. OUTREACH

1. Report – Johnson has been working on the building. She and Messinger met with Morton last week to look over colors. Morton should be back sometime next week to start working on concrete for footings. Worked on the budget with Russell and getting the technicians ready to start reading meters. Had a meeting with Red Thread and will plan on setting up a committee meeting to look over what they have put together once it has been received.

E. LEGISLATION

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

DNR will be having a public meeting for anyone wanting to attend one hour prior to our regular board meeting in November.

F. N-CORPE

1. Status Report – Loomis said they were evaluating what reseeding will need to be completed. There was 8,500 acres leased out for grazing this year. Working with Dawson

Public Power to see if there might be a better rate that could potential save some money. The third party auditors should have a report out for review soon and be at the next meeting to discuss. Discussion held.

G. OTHERS

None.

9. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

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1. REPORTS

(a) SURFACE WATER.

Bureau's report included in Board packets.

(b) PERMANENT TRANSFER & VARIANCE REPORT.

None.

(c) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL.

None.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

None.

3. IMP

None.

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.

2. Approve Changes to Policy.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the deletion of 2.b. under Application Priority and Sign-Up Procedures in the Cost Share Policy. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 13

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

Currently getting Easements done on dam P2.

C. CHEMIGATION.

None.

D. METERS.

Alex Boyce went over the new GIS program and provided the Board members with their user id's and passwords so they can be prepared to enter their readings and we can test out

how the system will work.

E. TREE PLANTING.

None.

F. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

11. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. COMMITTEE REPORTS.

(1) Personnel & Programs.

Russell stated we will be putting satellite trackers on four vehicles used by the employees who go to the field for safety purposes.

(2) Ground Water.

Russell will be setting up a meeting soon. Also, discussed whether McConville finish out the year on the committee or have Zink take that position. Discussion held.

- ◆ Palic moved to have McConville finish out the year on the ground water committee. Seconded by Rippen.

Ayes - 12 Nays – 0 Abstain - McConville Motion Carried

(3) Wellfeet Advisory.

Russell reported they are currently working on a lease with Tom Hansen on the 28 acre field South of the lake.

B. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Compact Issues.

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Real Estate.

No need to go into executive session. Russell went over the resolution which will allow for Johnson to sign contracts and agreements for the building under the direction of the building committee.

- ◆ Loomis moved to approve the resolution as presented. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Copy of resolution is filed with these minutes.

Russell went over the two closest proposals from local banks he received. Discussion held.

- ◆ Palic moved to approve the proposal received from Western Nebraska Bank. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 13 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 9, 2018 at 7:30 pm at the Curtis Community Center in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:57 pm.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary