

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 7:30 PM**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present:** Brad Randel, Jolene Messinger, Joe Anderjaska, Daniel Nelsen, John Palic, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Tracy Zink, Dan Estermann, Shane Rippen, Rick McConville

**Board Members Absent:** Travis Rousselle

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

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** William M. Barger

**Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:**

Agenda	Minutes – Regular Meeting
Financial Report	Profit & Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Long Range Plan
Master Plan	Rules & Regulations

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Legal Summary

**Information E-Mailed:**

Surface Water Report                      Hauxwell Matters, 1/1/2021

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randel at 7:00 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 October Regular Board Meeting were posted to the Directors IPads.
  - ◆ Zink moved to approve the minutes of October Regular Board Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Schilling.  
Ayes – 8    Nays – 0    Abstain – Messinger, Palic, Randel    Motion Carried

**5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

**A.** The October Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$290,985.05.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the October Financial Report. Seconded by Nelsen.  
Ayes - 11                      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Asked questions regarding Kitt's permanent retirement.

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. Long Range/Master Plan.**

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve both plans as presented. Seconded by Zink.  
Ayes - 11                      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

### **B. Forecast/Basin Meeting.**

Scheduled for Monday, November 15<sup>th</sup> in Cambridge at 10 AM and 2 PM.

### **C. GIS.**

Boyce gave a quick update on his meeting with JEO. They are still working on the plan to get everything incorporated and a price together.

**D. Contract.** Russell requested another 5 year extension on this employment contract with some changes which would begin January 1<sup>st</sup>.

### **E. Well Decommissioning Level.**

Johnson reported on a request from the State to have a motion allowing more cost share funds to be utilized than what is currently budgeted in the event that there is a need for them.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved approve additional cost share funds to be used for well decommissioning if needed. Seconded by Loomis.  
Ayes - 11                      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

## **8. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Groundwater.** Rippen reported on what the committee discussed. Water quality plan is being devised. Boyce has a map showing areas that might be of concern. Rules and Regulation changes will be reviewed in pieces.

## **9. NRCS**

Kennedy wasn't available. Russell stated that bid advertising has gone out on the P2 Dam and will be opened on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

## **10. NARD**

Rippen didn't have anything major to report. Legislative conference is currently scheduled for January 25 – 27 in Lincoln.

## **11. N-CORPE**

Loomis and Schilling reported on the meeting held here at 2 PM today. Fall grazing payments will be coming in soon. Experiencing issues with the control boxes overheating so there will be expenses to replace and/or repair them as well as trying to find a way to protect them so this doesn't continue to happen. McDermott was there and they are continuing negotiations, within a reasonable timeframe, to come to an agreement or move forward with condemnation. Briefly

went over the Game and Parks agreement regarding the shared employee.

## **12. LEGAL MATTERS**

A. Wellfleet Agreement. Schroeder is drafting up the agreement now. Once the committee reviews it, it will be ready to be signed by all the parties.

## **13. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

A. Legal Matters - Personnel.

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters and personnel with the Board, Manager and Staff. Seconded by Zink.  
Ayes – 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

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

Entered at 8:03 pm.

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

Exited at 9:01 pm.

Chairman Randel reminded everyone that entered into executive session that the discussions held within that timeframe were private and should not be discussed.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to hold a penalty hearing regarding the Hauxwell violations on or around January 11, 2022. Seconded by Zink.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

Randel addressed some of his concerns regarding his schedule and announced he would be stepping down as Chairman.

- ◆ Schilling moved to accept the resignation of Randel as Chairman which moves Zink into the Chairman position and appoint Randel as Vice Chairman. Seconded by Anderjaska.  
Ayes - 11      Nays – 0      Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 1:00 pm at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:05 pm.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary