

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 11, 2022 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Nick Simonson, William M. Barger, Ami Hauxwell

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Rules & Regs Hearing	DEE Testimony
Proposed Rules & Regs	Agenda – Reg Meeting
September Minutes – Budget, Special & Regular	
Financials	Civil Rights Handout

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Testimony from Ron Friehe

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9:19 a.m.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.

2. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

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 Budget Hearing, Special Budget Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting were posted to the Directors iPads.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of Budget Hearing, Special Budget Hearing and the Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by McConville.

Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Abstain - Schilling Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$812,212.29.

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

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

Zink had certificates for years of service to present to Mary Tidyman (25) and Joe Anderjaska (22).

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Questioned canal water. Stated that he liked Hauxwell's written testimony relating to the rules and regulations hearing.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Rules and Regulations – Vote to Adopt as Presented at Hearing.

- ◆ Randel moved to strike the second sentence of the proposed Rule 6-1-20 which read "Pooling shall not be allowed on acres that are comingled". Rippen seconded.
Ayes – 6 Nays – Nelsen, Zink, Anderjaska, Loomis, McConville
Motion Carried
- ◆ Anderjaska moved to adopt the amended Rules and Regulations as presented. Seconded by Nelsen.
Ayes – 10 Nays – McConville Motion Carried

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

None.

9. NRCS

Kennedy went over his report and talked about challenges they have been facing.

10. NARD

Rippen went over results from the Annual Conference. He also stated he has a copy of the audit if anyone would like to see it.

11. N-CORPE

Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 19th at Twin Platte in NP.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

Concerns were expressed about executive session items that were leaked.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Legal Matters – Potential Litigation.

- ◆ Loomis moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel with Manager and staff. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:22 a.m.

- ◆ Loomis moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 10:42 a.m.

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

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2022 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:43 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary