

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2020 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members: Joe Anderjaska, Rick McConville, Benjie Loomis, Jay Schilling, Shane Rippen, Tracy Zink, John Palic, Brad Randel, Jolene Messinger

Board Members Absent: Rick Spencer, Dan Nelsen, Dan Estermann, Brian Schafer

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Alex Boyce and Stacie Owens

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Richard Wilcox

Information Mailed to Directors:

Agenda	Budget Hearing and Reg Meeting Minutes
Financials	Legal Summary
Surface Water Report	Civil Rights Handout

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Jim Bowen Email re: Aerial Spraying

Information E-mailed

Weather Stations	October Regular Mtg & Responses
Hauxwell Hearing & Responses	Hauxwell Appeal

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Randel at 9:07 am.
 - 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. MINUTES

The Minutes for the September 16th Budget Hearing, Special Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting were provided to Directors.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the September 16th Budget Hearing, Special Budget Hearing and Regular Board Meeting with correction. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

a. The September Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$783,236.04.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the September Financial Reports. Seconded by Zink.

Ayes - 9 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGERS' REPORTS

a. Outreach. Russell reported on why 3 of the board members were unable to attend today's meeting. Discussion held.

- ◆ Loomis moved to excuse the absence of Nelson, Estermann and Schafer. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 8 Nays - McConville Motion Carried

Still working on the magazine article and meter installations.

b. SW Weed Management. Russell provided an e-mail report from Jim Bowen on the progress on aerial spraying project that the Board approved \$2,000 to go to once they have provided information to us. Russell will mail out a check to them.

8. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a. Personnel & Programs. None.

b. Ground Water. Zink went over discussions held at the committee meeting prior to the regular board meeting. Schilling also explained to Richard Wilcox that the committee would be getting confirmation from legal counsel and will get back with him.

9. NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE (NRCS) - KENNEDY.

Reported that EQIP signup deadline would be November 20th as well as conservation stewardship. Working on renewals now. Gave a brief office COVID update which stated is still under appointment only and now masks are required.

10. NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) - RIPPEN.

Reported on the annual meeting held in Kearney. Finished up their audits. Found a building which they purchased with the back half already under a rental contract until 2030. There will need to be remodeling completed. The National Envirothon is scheduled to move forward in 2021 as planned even if they have to set up something virtual. Next meeting will be held in Norfolk on November 9th which he plans to attend.

11. N-CORPE – LOOMIS/SCHILLING.

a. Other. Last meeting was held in Curtis on September 16th. They will be replacing two pickups and purchasing a trailer. Next meeting will be Wednesday, October 21st in Imperial.

12. LEGAL MATTERS

None.

13. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ Zink moved to enter into executive session to discuss potential litigation and personnel with Board and Manager. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes - 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 10:03 am.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Rippen.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 10:45 am.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2020. **Time to be determined.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:46 am.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary