

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Benjie Loomis, Shane Rippen, Travis Rousselle, Jay Schilling, Rose Weskamp, Jolene Messinger, Kevin Fornoff, Daniel Nelsen, Rick McConville

Board Members Absent: Tracy Zink

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others:

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Financials

Civil Rights Handout

Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

Voting Districts

Preliminary 2023 Adjustments

Dams 11A and 2A

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Anderjaska at 10:00 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 November Board Meeting were posted to the Directors iPads.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the Minutes from the November Board Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Fornoff.

Ayes – 9

Nays – 0

Abstain – McConville

Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the October and November Financials. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Elections. Russell handed out a map of the subdistricts and those 7 board members who will be up.

B. JEO Outreach. Russell had Boyce show a quick display on the screen and mentioned that Dizmang will be sending out a link to the Board Members.

C. NRCS Dams. Russell went over a handout tracking conversations and discussions regarding the Blackwood 11A and Dry Creek 2A dams.

D. RRCA Forecast. Balances were emailed out to the Board on the 2023 preliminary accounting and the RCCV Adjustment.

8. NRCS

Kennedy went over work load. EQIP funding for 2024 came in at right around one million dollars to begin with which should allow them for more funds later on. He also went over their civil rights policy and their requirements.

9. NARD - ANDERJASKA

He reminded everyone about Legislative Conference in Lincoln on January 23rd & 24th.

10. NRC - FORNOFF

Stated that they were discussing changing the point system on the application process.

11. NSIA - SCHILLING

He went over the discussions of their November 19th meeting and funding issues with the Water Leaders Academy.

12. N-CORPE - LOOMIS

Nothing currently new.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

a. Hearings. Discussion held relating to having hearings regarding two landowners.

- ◆ Schilling moved to schedule hearings prior to the January Board Meeting.
Seconded by McConville.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary