

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, February 11, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Tracy Zink, Benjie Loomis, Andy O’Dea, Daniel Nelsen, Joe Anderjaska, Shane Rippen, Travis Rousselle, Jolene Messinger, Kevin Fornoff, Jay Schilling

Board Members Absent: Rick McConville

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Regular Meeting	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financials	Civil Rights Handout

Information E-Mailed:

Surface Water Report	Jan. 10, 17, 31, Feb. 7 Leg Summary
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Information Handed Out:

Manager Performance Evaluation	Variance/Perm Transfer Report
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REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink 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.

Fornoff arrived at 10:02 a.m.

4. The Minutes for the January Board Meeting were posted to the Directors iPad.
 - ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the Minutes from the January Board Meeting. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 6 Nays – 0 Abstain – Messinger, Fornoff, Schilling Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- A. Russell presented the Financial Report.
 - ◆ Schilling moved to approve the January Financials. Seconded by O’Dea.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with Minutes.

Rousselle arrived at 10:07 a.m.

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Performance Evaluation. Russell handed out the blank forms and advised the Board to fill them out and give them to Zink by March 29th. Owens will send out a couple reminders as the date approaches.

B. Transfer/Variance Report. Johnson handed out the worksheet as Russell gave a brief background on how these have been done over the last 5 years. Johnson then explained what the report was showing in more detail. Discussion held.

C. Ch 11 (Violation) Committee Report. Messinger went over 2 violators that the committee was requested to look at. Staff approached the landowners regarding their violations and then agreed upon a penalty for each. Currently in the process of having the landowners sign off on the official penalty acceptance resolutions now.

- ◆ Loomis moved to accept resolution MR1-2025 and the committee's recommendation for the agreed upon penalty. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

- ◆ Loomis moved to accept resolution MR2-2025 and the committee's recommendation for the agreed upon penalty. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. NRCS- KENNEDY

Working on 2025 project rankings which are due at the end of the month. There is a brief pause on anything relating to the inflation reduction act due to an executive order that was signed.

9. NARD - ANDERJASKA

Reported on the results of the Legislative Conference. He and O'Dea attended the NARD Board of Directors board meeting. Washington DC Trip is scheduled for March 29 – April 2 and sign-up deadlines are coming up. The basin tour will be held in Valentine on June 9th – 10th. Reported on insurance change from Mid America to Blue Cross Blue Shield.

10. NRC

Nate Jenkins will be taking the position. May consider requesting he come to give a report quarterly.

11. NSIA – SCHILLING

Reported on their January 29th meeting and bills they supported and opposed.

12. N-CORPE - LOOMIS

Next meeting will be Wednesday, February 19th at the Twin Platte NRD in North Platte.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

Nothing further from the Supreme Court yet but hopefully soon.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to adjourn. Seconded by Messenger.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, March 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:56 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary