

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, January 14, 2025, at 10:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

Board Members Present: Tracy Zink, Benjie Loomis, Andy O’Dea, Daniel Nelsen, Joe Anderjaska, Shane Rippen, Rick McConville, Travis Rousselle

Board Members Absent: Jolene Messinger, Kevin Fornoff, Jay Schilling

NRD Staff: Jack Russell, Alex Boyce and Chris Martin

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Regular Meeting	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financials	Civil Rights Handout
Surface Water Reports	

Information E-Mailed:

Information Handed Out:

Irrigation District Information 2 letters of Support re: N-CORPE

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.

◆ Zink moved to excuse the absences of Fornoff, Messinger and Schilling. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

- c. Board Reorganization

Zink stepped down as Chairman and turned the meeting over to Russell.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chairman.

Nelsen nominated Zink for Chairman.
Rippen nominated Anderjaska for Chairman
Nominations cease.

Written ballots cast. Zink –4. Anderjaska – 4. Failed
Second Written ballots cast. Zink –4. Anderjaska – 4. Failed
Third Written ballots cast. Zink – 5. Anderjaska – 3.

Russell announced Zink to the position as Chairman.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Vice Chairman.

Zink nominated Anderjaska for Vice Chairman.

Nominations cease.

Russell announced Anderjaska to the position of Vice Chairman.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Secretary.

Rousselle nominated Messinger for Secretary.

Anderjaska nominated Rippen for Secretary.

Nominations cease.

Written ballots cast. Messinger – 6. Rippen – 2.

Russell announced Messinger to the position of Secretary.

Russell made 3 calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Treasurer.

Anderjaska nominated Loomis for Treasurer.

Nominations cease.

Russell announced Loomis to the position of Treasurer.

Russell turned meeting over to Chairman Zink.

Chairman requested one volunteer from each district to serve on the Groundwater Committee. Discussion held. Groundwater Committee shall consist of the following members:

Anderjaska	Loomis	Schilling
McConville	Rippen	

Chairman requested one volunteer from each district to serve on the Programs/Personnel Committee. Discussion held. Programs/Personnel Committee shall consist of the following members:

Fornoff	Nelsen	O'Dea
Messinger	Rousselle	

Chairman requested volunteers for the Wellfleet Committee. Discussion held. The Wellfleet Committee will be Rousselle, Loomis and Schilling.

Chairman requested volunteers for the N-CORPE board. Discussion held. N-CORPE member will be Loomis, and the alternate will be Fornoff.

Chairman requested volunteers for NARD.

Anderjaska will remain NARD Rep. Andy O'Dea will be NARD Rep Alternate.

Chairman requested volunteers for the Chapter 11 Committee. Members are Messinger (chair), Fornoff and Rippen.

Chairman requested volunteers for the FVID Committee. Members are McConville (chair), Schilling and Rippen.

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 December Board Meeting were posted to the Directors iPad.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the Minutes from the December Board Meeting. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain - Zink Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. Russell presented the Financial Report.

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve the December Financials. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER’S REPORT

A. FV Water Bypass for Compact Compliance.

- ◆ McConville moved to bypass FV water for compact compliance. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. NRCS- KENNEDY

Working on 2025 rankings for conservation programs.

9. NARD - ANDERJASKA

A. Legislative Conference, Jan. 28-29.

10. NRC-FORNOFF.

Voting will take place this Thursday at 10:00 am. Nate potentially has been nominated.

11. NSIA – SCHILLING

None.

12. N-CORPE - LOOMIS

Meeting in February regarding solar panels. Two letters of support for project were given to each board member at meeting and Owens emailed them out to members absent.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

Russell reported that we are still waiting to hear from the Supreme Court.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. Contract Negotiations with FV

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to enter into executive session to discuss contract negotiations with FV with Board Members and Staff. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 11:30 a.m.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to exit the executive session. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

Exited at 11:43 a.m.

Chairman Zink reminded everyone that entered 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, February 11, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:44 a.m.

Chris Martin, Acting Board Secretary