

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m.
208 Center Ave, Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: William M. Barger

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads/distributed at meeting:

Regular Meeting Agenda	Regular Meeting Minutes
Financial Report	Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual
Civil Rights Handout	Draft Budget
Director Code of Conduct	FNIC Insurance Premium Breakdown

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9 a.m.
 - 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. The Minutes for the June Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.
 - ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the minutes of the June Regular Board Meeting. Seconded by Schilling.
Ayes - 8 Nays – 0 Abstain – McConville, Rippen Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- A. The June Financial Report was presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$465,415.19.
 - ◆ Schilling moved to approve the June Financial Report. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 9 Nays – Rippen Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

Messinger arrived at 9:12 a.m.

B. Draft Budget. Russell went over the latest changes to the budget and answered questions. He also advised them to get any questions or requested changes to him before August when we need to finalize to go to hearing in September.

C. Insurance.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the renewal of the insurance premium as presented. Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

6. OPEN FORUM

William M. Barger, Culbertson. Asked about water diversions for this year.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. WATERSHED DAMNS/FVID. Russell went over the meeting with DNR, Boyce and himself to review dams and new criteria that was established which made the reviews required to do. Future meetings with DNR will be held to discuss the reviews.

B. MCCROMETER/LONGITUTDE 103. Working well between the two and will be producing a promotional video.

C. OTHER. Will be producing Podcasts and pushing outreach much further here very soon. AEM has completed their recent study. They will be back next year to finish up the rest of the District.

8. NRCS – KENNEDY

Rain delays in the field but just keep on getting out there when they can. Received additional EQIP funds and late CSP funds. Waiting for CRP grassland funds and who will be receiving them.

9. NARD - ANDERJASKA

Review of the Code of Conduct which was provided to the Board. Will plan to take action at the August meeting.

10. NRC – FORNOFF

A meeting is planned for July 19th in Kearney at 10 a.m. to go over applications.

11. NSIA – SCHILLING.

There will be a tour and meeting in Ord on July 26th-27th which he will be attending.

12. N-CORPE – LOOMIS

Next meeting will be July 19th in Curtis at 10:00 a.m. with lunch and a tour to follow at N-CORPE.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

Changes to the Rules and Regulations are needed so a groundwater committee meeting will be set up soon to start reviewing those changes.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

- ◆ Schilling moved to enter into executive session to discuss legal matters with Board, Manager and staff. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes - 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

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

Entered at 9:48 a.m.

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

Exited at 10:05 a.m.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary