

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**Tuesday, June 13, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. via Zoom**  
**Curtis, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present: Joe Anderjaska, Benjie Loomis, Kevin Fornoff, Daniel Nelsen, Rose Weskamp**

**Board Members Present via Zoom: Tracy Zink, Jolene Messinger, Travis Rousselle, Jay Schilling**

**Board Members Absent:** Shane Rippen, Rick McConville

**NRD Staff:** Sylvia Johnson, Alex Boyce and Stacie Owens

**NRCS Staff:** Jason Kennedy

**Others:** None

**Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:**

Regular Meeting Agenda

Regular Meeting Minutes

Financial Report

Profit vs Loss Budget vs Actual

Civil Rights Handout

Draft Budget

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

None.

**REGULAR MEETING**

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9:00 a.m.
  - a. Verify Quorum.
  - b. Excused Absences.

◆ Fornoff moved to excuse the absence of McConville. Seconded by Anderjaska.  
Ayes - 8    Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

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 May Regular Board Meeting were mailed to Directors.

◆ Schilling moved to approve the minutes of the May Regular Board Meeting with correction. Seconded by Messinger.  
Ayes - 8    Nays – 0    Motion Carried

Nelsen arrived 9:04 a.m.

## **5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS**

A. The May Financial Report was presented by Johnson. The taxes received were \$968,924.93.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the May Financial Report. Seconded by Nelsen.  
Ayes -      Nays – 0                      Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Draft Budget. Johnson went over the latest changes to the budget and answered questions.

## **6. OPEN FORUM**

None.

## **7. MANAGER'S REPORT**

### **A. GW COMMITTEE MEETING – FEEDLOTS, METERS, OTHER**

Johnson went over some issues we are running into relating to feedlot wastewater pumping and meter tampering without contacting the office. A committee meeting will be set up to go over all matters. Jesse Bradley called in and went over the numbers which allowed us out of the water short year but still in Compact Call.

### **B. DATABASE PROGRESS**

Johnson reported we should have a preliminary version by next week.

## **8. NRCS – KENNEDY**

Reported that they will be looking at 11A and 2A dams with engineers out of Lincoln, Russell and Boyce tomorrow. Updated the board on conservation contracts and funds.

## **9. NARD - ANDERJASKA**

Went over the meetings held in Kearney and updated the board on changes, conference dates and deadlines.

## **10. NRC – FORNOFF**

4 large grants and 14 small received. Scoring will be at next week's meeting and voting will be completed at the August meeting.

## **11. NSIA – SCHILLING.**

Updated the board on his conversation with Edgerton about the lake levels and the level of irrigation that will be allowed out of Swanson.

## **12. N-CORPE - LOOMIS**

No meeting this month.

## **13. LEGAL MATTERS**

Quick update on Blankenau filing a request for dismissal.

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

None.

The Regular Board Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 a.m.

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Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary