

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Rick McConville

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: Brad Edgerton, Nick Simonson

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Regular Meeting

Meeting Minutes

Financials

Civil Rights Handout

Surface Water Report

Information Distributed at Meeting:

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.

◆ Loomis moved to excuse the absence of McConville for medical reasons. Seconded by Nelsen.

Ayes – 10

Nays – 0

Motion Carried

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 October Board Meeting were posted to the Directors iPads.

◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the Minutes from the October Board Meeting with corrections. Seconded by Schilling.

Ayes – 8

Nays – 0

Abstain – Nelsen, Zink Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell. Further review and approval of October once a breakdown is provided from the accountants.

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

6. OPEN FORUM

Brad Edgerton, FCID, Cambridge. Discussed some topics that have come up relating to compact compliance.

Nick Simonson, LRNRD, Alma. Gave the board an update of their flow meter project, augmentation project and that they would also be working with Longitude 103.

7. MANAGER'S REPORT

A. Approve MR3-2023 (Revision to MR13-2022 for K & R Farms)

- ◆ Nelsen moved to approve Resolution MR3-2023. Seconded by Anderjaska.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. Approve MR4-2023 (Reconfirmation of MR14-2022 for Besler)

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve Resolution MR4-2023. Seconded by Loomis.
Ayes – 10 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

C. Republican River Compact. Russell updated the Board on the Compact balances for the Districts.

8. NRCS

Kennedy updated the Board on their current workload and some changes that are occurring.

9. NARD

Anderjaska and Russell both updated the Board on discussions that are being had relating to possibly raising retirement percentages.

10. NRC

Fornoff stated that their next meeting will be on November 27th in Kearney at 8:00 a.m.

11. NSIA

Schilling stated a meeting will be held on the evening of November 19th prior to the NWRA/NSIA Conference in Kearney on November 20th-21st.

12. N-CORPE

Loomis reported that there was progress being made in well fixes. They discovered the transformers didn't actually need to be in boxes, so they were currently being removed.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

None.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, December 12, 2023, at 10:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:14 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary