

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, October 10, 2023 at 9:00 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: Tracy Zink, Nelsen

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None.

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Regular Meeting	September Meeting Minutes
September Budget Hearing Minutes	September Special Meeting Minutes
Financials	Civil Rights Handout

Information Distributed at Meeting:

September Checking Account Detail	NRCS Report
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REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Vice Chairman Anderjaska at 9:00 a.m.

- a. Verify Quorum.
- b. Excused Absences.

- ◆ Loomis moved to approve the absence of Zink due to family medical issues. Seconded by Fornoff.
Ayes – 8 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 September Budget Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and Special Meeting were posted to the Directors iPads.

- ◆ Schilling moved to approve the September Budget Hearing, Regular Board Meeting and Special Meeting. Seconded by Rousselle.
Ayes – 8 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the Financial Report for September. 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. PL566 Dry Creek 2A and Blackwood 11A Dams.

Russell and Boyce have a meeting scheduled with the state engineer and conservationist to further review the options on dealing with the dams.

B. Vacancy.

Russell let the board know that Livingston has put in his resignation and his last day will be the 20th. There is no plan to replacement at this time but eventually we will need to do something to handle the tree planting and chemigations.

McConville arrived at 9:12 am.

C. Recording Meetings.

- ◆ Schilling moved to record all future meetings. Seconded by Messinger.
Ayes – 9 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

8. NRCS

Kennedy went over his handout which showed projects completed for the year. Waiting to see how the Inflation Reduction Act would influence their practices.

9. NARD

A. Report on Annual Meeting. Anderjaska reported that the attendance was better than normal. Weskamp reported that she felt it was very beneficial and she learned quite a bit as well as making more contacts.

10. NRC

Fornoff stated their next meeting will be the first part of December.

11. NSIA

Schilling updated the board on current lake levels.

12. N-CORPE

Meeting next Wednesday the 18th in Imperial.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

Russell updated the Board on recent verbal events on the Hauxwell case moving forward to the Supreme Court.

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, November 14, 2023 at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:39 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary