

5. Open Hearing for Variance Request. None.

6. Close Hearing.

7. CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUEST

None.

8. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

A. The August Financial Report and Profit and Loss Budget vs Actual were presented by Russell. The taxes received were \$36,347.08.

- ◆ Uerling moved to approve the August Financial Report as presented except for the payment of dues to the NE Water Resources Association which is believed to be incorrect. Seconded by Palic.

Ayes - 11 Nays - 0 Motion Carried

A copy of this report is filed with the Minutes.

B. Approve Budget.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to approve the budget as presented. Seconded by Loomis.

Ayes - 8 Nays – Uerling, Cappel, McConville Motion Carried

Discussion held. McConville stated he would like to see taxes lower. Uerling stated if he voted against the budget it is due to concerns with N-CORPE and having to use our tax dollars to pay for compact compliance issues which he feels is a State issue.

9. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Barger Case.

None.

B. Medicine Creek Case.

Russell stated that we have responded to the filing in District Court. All documents have been sent to the Judge for his review and decision.

C. Compact Issues.

Russell reported that DNR is working with the State of Kansas on an agreement to allow them to store water in Harlan in exchange for a water credit. Discussions are underway so we will see if they can come to an agreement.

D. Other.

None.

10. OPEN FORUM

Jay Schilling, McCook. Commented on the State of NE water releases and other information he had on Kansas' request to store water in Harlan. He would like to see the NRD's take an active role and encourage the State to leave the water in storage for our beneficial use.

Dan Estermann, Wellfleet. He encouraged the Board to be concerned with the water level around the N-CORPE project, he would also like to see audited financial numbers as to where the money is going and would like a water model that we can all understand. Haag responded

that we are monitoring wells in the N-CORPE area and put in 3 additional monitoring wells, an independent auditor is auditing the books now and hopefully we will have a final report here in the next couple of months and we are working with Brown & Caldwell to develop a model that we all can understand and utilize.

Bill Barger, Culbertson. Expressed his ideas relating to the compact.

11. REPORTS – AGENCIES, ASSOCIATIONS, OTHERS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. District Conservation Report – Kennedy went over his report and answered questions of the Board.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. Report – Anderjaska reported that the State Fair went very well. Husker Harvest days started today but the crowd numbers were down due to the rain. Annual Conference is coming up in a couple of weeks and he requested any comments from the Board relating to the Resolutions. Discussion held.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission (NNRC)

1. Report – Fornoff stated that the next meeting will be August 13th in Kearney.

D. INFORMATION AND EDUCATION.

1. Report – Johnson reported that the State Range Judging contest is September 25th and the Land Judging would be October 22nd. She also included a copy of the NE MRNRD Economic Impact of Irrigation Study: The Case of 2012 and a draft press release based on information in that study which she plans to publish later this week. She is also working on the development of a new logo for the MRNRD.

E. NE REPUBLICAN RIVER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS ASSOCIATION (NeRRMDA)

1. Report – Hoyt/Fornoff.
None.

F. RRCA.

None.

G. LEGISLATION.

1. 1098 – Basin Planning.

Russell reported that the deadline was the end of August. DNR will have to decide how to move forward. He hasn't heard anything further at this time.

H. N-CORPE.

1. Status Report.
Next meeting will be Thursday, September 18th in North Platte.

2. Other.
None.

I. OTHERS.

None.

12. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

A. GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA

1. REPORTS

(a) WELL PERMITS

Merrigan went over his report.

(b) SURFACE WATER

No report available.

(c) METER PROGRAM

None.

(d) EQIP/ARP (2 applications tabled: John Miller/Gothenburg Livestock).

None.

(e) GROUND WATER COMMITTEE – pooling changes (currently tabled).

None.

(f) FRENCHMAN VALLEY COMMITTEE

Russell stated that a tour is being lined up to be held in Gothenburg with Frenchman Valley's Don Felker as well as invites to both H&RW and FCID.

(g) MODELING – BROWN & CALDWELL

Russell reported that the agreement has been signed and they are setting up a teleconference to begin the process. He sent copies of the work plan to DNR and the Attorney General's office. He also included a copy of an Interlocal Agreement with the Upper Big Blue NRD to share their engineer they have on staff for technical assistance in preparing a hydrologic evaluation of the Medicine Creek Basin. Board requested having Schroeder review the agreement and bring it back to the next meeting for action.

2. RULES AND REGULATIONS.

(a) APPROVE CHANGES TO GO TO HEARING (currently tabled).

Russell has been reviewing some other Rules and Regulations of other Districts relating to Adjudicatory Hearings. He would like to redo the language in our Rules and Regulations, with the help of Schroeder, and have something to present to the Board over the next couple of months.

3. IMP – DNR DISCUSSION.

(a) COMPLIANCE OPTIONS.

None.

4. NOTICES OF NON-COMPLIANCE ISSUED.

None.

5. CEASE AND DESIST ORDER.

None.

B. GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA.

Merrigan reported that they have completed water quality samples of approximately

45 wells. Not many changes from last years results.

C. OTHER GROUND WATER ACTIVITY

None.

13. PROGRAMS

A. COST-SHARE FUNDS – LCP/NSWCP.

1. Approve Applications. Merrigan went over the cost share report.

- ◆ Uerling moved to accept the September Cost Share Report as presented. Seconded by Cappel.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

B. WATERSHEDS.

None.

C. EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL ACT.

None.

D. COMPLAINTS – Reports on previous complaints.

None.

E. CHEMIGATION.

None.

F. TREE PLANTING.

None.

G. BUFFER STRIPS.

None.

H. LIVESTOCK WASTE CONTROL APPLICATIONS.

None.

14. GENERAL OPERATIONS.

A. PERSONNEL.

1. Curtis Field Office Secretary.

Russell reported that there were 21 applicants for the job. They went through the applications and narrowed it down to 5 to interview. Kennedy and Merrigan handled the interviews and their recommendation is to offer the position to Amy Houser.

- ◆ Uerling moved to offer the position to Amy Houser. Seconded by Palic.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

2. SALES AND RENTAL EQUIPMENT.

None.

Uerling went over the USGS Study which he had printed for everyone and will be placed in their individual binders.

The next regular meeting will be held Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 7:30 p.m. at the Community Center, at 201 Garlick Avenue, Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Stacie M. Owens
Board Secretary