

MINUTES
Middle Republican Natural Resources District
Board of Directors Meeting
Tuesday, September 10, 2024, at 9:05 AM
Curtis, Nebraska

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

Board Members Absent: None

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

NRCS Staff: Jason Kennedy

Others: None

Information Posted to Directors I-Pads:

Agenda – Budget Hearing

Meeting Minutes – Regular Mtg

Financials

Civil Rights Handout

Agenda – Regular Meeting

Executive Committee Minutes

Budget

Information E-Mailed:

Russell re: Farm Progress Link information

Information Handed Out

None.

REGULAR MEETING

1. The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Zink at 9:09 a.m.
 - a. Verify Quorum.
 - b. Excused Absences.

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 August Board Meeting were posted to the Directors IPads.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the Minutes from the August Board Meeting as corrected. Seconded by Messinger.
Ayes – 7 Nays – 0 Abstain - McConville, Rippen, Schilling, Anderjaska
Motion Carried

5. FINANCIAL ACTIONS

- A. The Financial Report was presented by Russell.

- ◆ Fornoff moved to approve the August Financials. Seconded by Anderjaska.
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, approve the 1% increase in Restricted funds, approve the tax request Resolution MR6-2024 and approve the occupation tax at \$10/acre. Seconded by McConville.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

6. OPEN FORUM

None.

7. MANAGER’S REPORT

A. Positions. Russell stated that the field office secretary position was advertised and an interview of one person was completed. She was offered the position but didn’t accept it. We will wait a couple months and try to readvertise. The open technician position we will look to start advertising in October.

B. R & R Chapter 11 Committee. Russell explained that he called the committee chapter 11 since that chapter in the rules and regulations relates to violations. He explained the process that will be used and the reasons why we are taking this approach. Zink appointed Messinger as the Chairperson, Rippen and Fornoff to the Committee. All three have accepted.

8. NRCS- KENNEDY

Reported on current workload, schedules and deadlines.

9. NARD - ANDERJASKA

A. NRD Annual Conference, Sept. 22-24.

10. NRC - FORNOFF

One large application was approved for 9 million and all the small applications were approved. Next meeting will be October 2nd.

11. NSIA – SCHILLING

Went over the tour of the republican basin with Brad Edgerton, reviewed what the bureau was doing to decommission H&RW.

12. N-CORPE - LOOMIS

Nothing new.

13. LEGAL MATTERS

A. Approve Executive Committee Meeting vote for hire of Todd McWha on Case #A23-0751. Russell stated he has already got the supreme court dates bumped to November 5-7th to have time to get caught up on the case.

- ◆ Anderjaska moved to reaffirm the executive committees' decision to hire Todd McWha for case A23-0751. Second by Schilling.
Ayes – 11 Nays – 0 Motion Carried

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

A. None.

The next Regular Board Meeting will be held Tuesday, October 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. at the Middle Republican NRD Office in Curtis, Nebraska.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:16 a.m.

Stacie M. Owens, Board Secretary