

## AGENDA – April 11, 2006

The Middle Republican NRD Board of Directors will hold their regular meeting at the American Legion Hall in Curtis, Nebraska on Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:30 P. M.

### Regular Meeting:

1. Meeting called to order.
  - a. Verify quorum
  - b. Excused absences
2. Circulate agenda and roster
  - a. Items added since mailing
3. OFFICIAL NOTICE OF THIS MEETING WAS PUBLISHED IN THE NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH AND THE MCCOOK DAILY GAZETTE AND WAS POSTED IN THE NRD OFFICE AND ON THE DISTRICT WEBSITE AT WWW.MRNRD.ORG. AS A COURTESY IT WAS ALSO PROVIDED TO LOCAL RADIO STATIONS
4. Approve minutes for March Regular Board meeting
5. Financial Actions
  - a. Approve Financial Report for March, 2006
  - b. Consider Withholding Correction for 2003, 2004
6. Legal Matters – Jon Schroeder
  - a. Case Status
7. Open Forum – Comments from guests
8. Reports – Agencies, Associations, Others
  - a. NRCS – 1) District Conservationist Report
  - b. NARD – 1) Report-Moore 2) 457 plan agreement 3) Tree Program agreement
  - c. NACD – 1) Newsletters
  - d. NNRC –
  - e. Information & Education – Kara
    - 1) Post High Scholarships 2) CIG grant
  - f. NE Republican River Management Districts Association
    - 1) Next meeting June in Imperial
  - g. Other Agencies or Associations
    - 1) RC&D
    - 2) TriBasin NRD – Consider Radio Promotions
    - 3) Ne G&PC – Camp Hayes

- h. Legislation – Updates
- 9. Ground Water Management
  - a. Ground Water Management Area
    - 1) Well permits 2) Surface water data 3) Meter reports, repairs, readings 4) CREP and EQIP 5) Transfer requests - Seward 6) Consider GW Comm. report on rule revisions 7) Consider participation in Riverside agreement
  - b. Compact Compliance - 1) surface water buy outs 2) report on March 30 meeting
  - c. Ground Water Quality Management Area 1)
  - d. Other Ground Water Activity
- 10. Programs
  - a. WILD –
  - b. Buffer Strips -
  - c. Livestock Waste Control Applications –
  - d. Conservation Management Funds – Consider Applications
    - NSWCP items
    - LCP items
  - e. Watershed Inspections – repairs to P-2 Blackwood
  - f. Complaints
  - g. Chemigation
  - h. Tree Planting
- 11. General Operations
  - a. Personnel – 1) Consider Personnel & Operations Comm. report
  - b. Sales and Rental Equipment

Adjourn

Next regular meeting date – May 9, 2006, 7:30 P.M. in McCook, Nebraska.  
Four-H Building. Primary Elections

May 29<sup>th</sup> – Holiday  
June 13<sup>th</sup> – BofD, Curtis  
July 4 – Holiday  
July 11- BofD, McCook

MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NRD

ATTENDANCE ROSTER

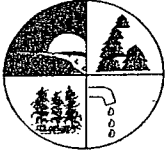
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NAME	ADDRESS	DESIRE TO SPEAK	AGENDA ITEM NUMBER
Joe Anderson Ernie Hoyt	Hayes Center Culb	Doug Whisenand & NRC	
Duane Dodman Justin Lavere	Maywood Omaha Lincoln	Dennis Peterson MARR	
Dave Cookson Tom Smith Brad Johnson	Bartley Grant		
JOSH FRIESON	Wallace		
Benjie Loomis Dan Nelson	Maywood Moorefield		
Kelly Wertz	Trenton		
Rick Spencer	Culbertson		
Stan Moore Don Roberts	Bartley McCook		
M. Peters Kevin Fornoff	McCook Hayes Center		
Lyle Haag	Bartley		

Dan Smith      Maywood

Marty Schurr      Maywood

Karen Hall      Curtis



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## **Middle Republican Natural Resources District**

### **MEETING NOTICE**

The Middle Republican Natural Resources District Board of Directors will hold their regular monthly meeting at the American Legion Hall, 214 Center Ave, Curtis, Nebraska on April 11, 2006 at 7:30P.M. The agenda, kept current, is available during regular business hours at the NRD office in Curtis. Individuals requiring physical or sensory accommodations should call the NRD at 308-367-4281 or 800-873-5613 five days prior to the meeting.

Please publish between April 1 and April 4.

**MINUTES**  
**Middle Republican Natural Resources District**  
**Board of Directors Meeting**  
**March 14, 2006**  
**McCook, Nebraska**

**Board Members Present:** Joe Anderjaska, Duane Dodson, Kevin Fornoff, Gayle Haag, Stan Moore, Jerry Mustion, Mike Peters, Don Roberts, Rick Spencer, and Kelly Wertz

**Board Members Absent:** Dennis Hoyt

**NRD Staff:** Dan Smith, Bob Merrigan, Christy Peterson

**NRCS Staff:** None

**Others:** Brad Johnson, William Barger, Jim Roberts, John Burkholder, Roger Stockton, Brad Edgerton, Dan Nelsen, Brad Randel

**Information Mailed to Directors:**

March Agenda	February Minutes
February Financial Report	Budget Comparison
I & E Report	E-notes March 7, 2006
Envirothon Score Sheet	February 17 NARD Update
March 3 NARD Update	February 24 NARD Update
E-Notes February 28, 2006	2006 Director Candidates (dated 3/2/06)
2006 College Scholarship Application	CREP Acres Summary

**Information Distributed at Meeting:**

Cost Share Summary	Tree Cost Share
DNR Reporting Requirements	March 10 NARD Update
March 9, 2006 Press Release	2006 Director Candidates (dated 3/10/06)
Monthly Reservoir Report	Daily Discharge Report
Envirothon Sponsorship Proposal	

**REGULAR MEETING**

The regular monthly board meeting was called to order by Chairman Haag at 7:05 p.m. The agenda and roster were circulated to those present.

Added items: 11f3) Reaffirm Association positions

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](http://www.mrnrd.org). As a courtesy it was also provided to local radio stations.

The minutes for the regular board meeting on February 14, 2006 were mailed to Directors.

- ◆ A motion was made by Anderjaska and second by Fornoff to approve the minutes for the February board meeting as presented.

Ayes-10          Nays-0          Motion carried

**CONSIDER VARIANCE REQUESTS**

No variance requests were received

**LEGAL MATTERS**

It will probably be April or May before there is a hearing.

## FINANCIAL ACTIONS

The financial report for February was presented. The County Treasurer's Balance was \$69,310.66. Smith reviewed the reports.

- ◆ A motion was made by Roberts and second by Wertz to approve the February financial report as presented.

Ayes-10                      Nays-0                      Motion carried

A copy of this report is on file with the minutes.

The monthly budget comparison was presented and reviewed.

## RC&D

Roger Stockton discussed RC&D activities. RC&D has been working on the formation of the Southwest Weed Management Area. This area will include 8 counties. A handout was circulated concerning the Weed Management Area. The handout included a copy of the resolution that Stockton would like the board to sign. The resolution requests District support and a District representative for the Weed Management Area. Smith indicated that, unless a board member wanted the position of representative, Tom Hansen would be appointed. Hansen was on the Frontier County Weed Board. Groups like this have a better chance of receiving grant funding. This is the only area of the state that does not currently have a weed board.

Discussion was held concerning the Riparian meeting held a year ago. Smith questioned whether there would be a follow up to that meeting. Discussion was held concerning the costs to the landowner of this group.

- ◆ A motion was made by Wertz and second by Roberts to approve the resolution as presented.

Ayes-10                      Nays-0                      motion carried

## NNRC

John Burkholder gave an update on NNRC activities.

## NARD

Washington DC trip is March 24-30. The last meeting was March 13, 2006. Moore is on the budget committee. The committee is proposing a 9% increase in dues for the Districts. The tree program has not been doing as well. The Association would like to have a cash reserve equivalent to one year's budget. Currently they have less than half. The Association is also discussing hiring someone for public relations. They are looking at contracting an outside person to do this rather than hire someone to work in the NARD office. Discussion was held on the responsibilities of NARD. Moore reviewed the insurance fund. A new committee has been developed to oversee the benefits for the NRD. Steve Chick gave the NARD board an update on NRCS activities. Moore reviewed Chick's update. The next meeting will be in Sidney in June.

## NACD

E-notes for the week of February 28 and March 7, 2006 were mailed to the Directors.

## INFORMATION AND EDUCATION

Smith reviewed the Information and Education report. Envirothon scores were circulated. Hayes Center won the regional contest. Several other schools in the District have the opportunity to go to the State competition. Registration for the State competition is \$100 per team. Historically, the District has sponsored the winning team at the State competition. Gall made the recommendation on her report that the District sponsors the regional winner at

100% and the other teams at 50%.

- ◆ A motion was made by Dodson and second by Roberts to sponsor the regional winner at \$100 and each additional school at \$50.

Ayes-8      Nays-0      Abstain-Fornoff, Anderjaska      Motion carried  
Smith reviewed the Southwest Water Conference. Approximately 85 people were in attendance.

Conservation Award applications were mailed to directors.

#### **NRRMDA**

The Association meeting was held March 10 in McCook. The Association voted to invite the public power districts to be voting members of the Association instead of just advisors. A copy of the minutes was circulated.

- ◆ A motion was made by Roberts and second by Anderjaska to approve the Associations minutes as presented.

Ayes-10      Nays-0      Motion carried

#### **WCREC CONFERENCE SPONSORSHIP**

Last year was this group's first conference. This group would like the Districts to contribute \$500 for the conference this year. This would allow them to hold the conference without a registration fee. Merrigan thought that 40-50 people attended last year. This conference is going to be geared towards producers this year. Discussion was held on waiting to see what other Districts plan to do.

#### **CREP CONFERENCE**

Each year a CREP conference has been held in different locations around the country. This year they would like to hold the conference in Eastern Nebraska. The District may assist with some Information and Education resources.

#### **LEGISLATION**

Smith reviewed legislation issues. NARD updates were circulated to Directors. Beutler has filed amendments to LB 1226. These amendments propose either an acre inch fee or an acre fee on irrigated land. They also impose a fine on NRDs who have over usage of water in their district.

#### **GROUND WATER MANAGEMENT AREA**

There were no new well permits issued. The March reservoir reports were handed out to Directors. Brad Edgerton, DNR, discussed using the flood pool at Harry Strunk Lake to send water to Harlan County after June 1. Currently the Corp of Engineer will not allow this to happen.

Meter repairs are close to completion. Some corrections have been made to readings. A summary of CREP acres was mailed to directors. Another sign up for CREP has been approved.

A transfer request has been received from Brian Wright for Jerry Mustion. This transfer requests the allocation for 86 acres be transferred to Jerry Mustion for the 2006 growing season. Discussion was held on whether the District was verifying that water transferred was not being used by the person it was transferred from. Brian Wright's meter showed a high usage this year. Wright reported that the meter was hanging on a fence post where the wind

could blow the propeller. The meter is now supposed to be stored in a shed.

◆ A motion was made by Fornoff and second by Roberts to approve the transfer request.

Ayes-10      Nays-0      Motion carried

Discussion was held concerning portable meters and the monitoring of these units.

A copy of a letter from DNR concerning reporting requirements was handed out to Directors. Smith reviewed the letter.

DNR is negotiating with Frenchman Valley and Riverside concerning purchasing the surface water. DNR has made an offer to Frenchman Valley to not use the natural flow. Riverside has accepted the offer. Discussion was held on the various issues this option has. Roberts mentioned that keeping this water in the river decreases recharge to the wells in the area.

Discussion was held on the NRD contributing funds to this project. This option will affect 9292 acres in the Frenchman Valley District and approximately 600 acres in the Riverside District. \$100,000 was in the budget for incentives. Discussion was held on the best way for the District to contribute to this project. Smith suggested the Board commit a total dollar amount. Smith can then talk to DNR and present any proposal to the Executive Committee.

◆ A motion was made by Roberts and second by Fornoff to use \$50,000 to contribute to the purchase of surface water.

Ayes-10      Nays-0      Motion carried

Anderjaska question whether the dollar amount should be a range such as 50-70,000 instead of a specific amount. When Smith has more information, he will contact the executive committee.

A meeting is being held to determine which canal will get water from Hugh Butler.

#### **GROUND WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT AREA**

Southwest Health and Human Services has contacted Smith concerning uranium and arsenic testing. Smith has indicated that the District staff will assist with this project. The May newsletter may be used as a press release for this project.

#### **BUFFER STRIPS**

There are funds available for buffer strips. Merrigan reviewed the program.

#### **SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT FUNDS**

Smith reviewed the cost-share summary report. Applications for tree cost-share were also included. Tree sales are down.

◆ A motion was made by Roberts and second by Wertz to accept these reports as presented and approve the applications.

Ayes-10      Nays-0      Motion carried

A copy of these reports is on file with the minutes.

#### **WATERSHEDS**

The dam that sits on Rick Spencer's ground has a hole by a settlement plate. Engineers are looking at how to repair this hole.

#### **PERSONNEL**

A committee needs to be appointed for the personnel and operations committee meeting. Hoyt, Fornoff, and Spencer were on the committee last year. Smith suggests doing the meeting the first week of April. Smith would also like to have a ground water committee the same week. Peters, Wertz, Roberts, Moore and Madsen were on this committee. Peters,



Wertz, Roberts and Moore will be on the ground water committee. Spencer, Peters and Haag volunteered to be on the personnel and operations committee. Personnel and operations committee will be held on April 6 at 10am. Mustion indicated that he would serve on the committee in 2007.

Ground Water Committee will meet April 4 at 10am.

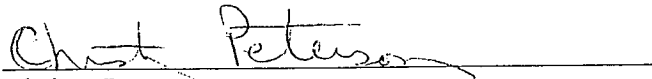
There is a meeting March 30 at 1p.m. in McCook with the Governor. Ann Bleed indicated that she would like one or two directors in attendance. Fornoff, Roberts, Haag, and Dodson will be attending the meeting in Kearney on Monday.

### **2006 ELECTIONS**

A list of candidates was circulated. There are six positions open and 12 candidates running. Those candidates present at the meeting were introduced.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be Tuesday, April 11, 2006 at 7:30 at the NRD office in Curtis, Nebraska.



Christy Peterson  
Secretary to the Board

Permit to Construct  
Summary  
April 11, 2006

		# of Apps	Completed	Open	EXP/CNX Suspended	Replacement
FY 97-98	(SPA only)	44	34	0	10	0
FY 99		53	46	0	7	6
FY 2000		42	32	0	10	7
FY 2001		71	56	0	15	14
FY 2002		111	100	0	11	18
FY 2003		51	38	0	13	38
FY 2004		8	6	2	0	7
FY 2005		10	4	6	0	6

**FY 04-05**

Kurt Ross	HA	SE 18-4-31	Complete	Replacement
Bernard Koetter	RW	NW 17-3-29	Complete	Replacement
Les Sides	RW	NW 14-4-27	Complete	Replacement
Baker Corp	HI	NE 12-3-33	Complete	Industrial
Dale Dinnel	HA	SW 24-6-34	Complete	Replacement
Village of Stratton	HI	NW 23-3-35	Complete	Test Well
Village of Moorefield	FR	SW 4-8-27		Replacement
William Kerchal	HA	SE 17-7-35		Replacement
City of McCook	RW	36-3-30		Notice of Intent

**FY 05-06**

City of McCook	RW	SW 36-3-30	done	Replacement NEW Municipal
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Verl Jurgens	FR	SE 30-8-24	Complete	Replacement
Russ Williams	FR	SE 23-7-25	Complete	Replacement
George Seward	HA	NW 23-7-35		Replacement
Village of Stratton	HI	NE 10-3-35		Test Well
Clara Grabenstein	FR	NW 8-8-27		Industrial

Clifford Randel	RW	SW 19-4-28		Replacement
Betty McKillip	HA	SE 30-6-32		Replacement
Village of Stratton	HI	NE 10-3-35		Replacement



MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NRD  
GROUNDWATER MONITORING PROGRAM

Summary Comparison of Spring 2005 to Spring 2006

	FRONTIER	HAYES	HITCHCOCK	LINCOLN	RED WILLOW	NRD
No. Wells lower than <u>Spring2005</u>	11	18	19	14	14	76
No. Wells higher than <u>Spring2005</u>	21	3	5	8	11	48
No. Wells not changed from <u>Spring2005</u>	1	0	0	1	2	4
No. Well <u>not</u> measured	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total No. of Wells in Monitoring Program	33	21	24	23	27	128
Greatest decline in 1 well	-0.76	-2.26	-2.13	-2.48	-3.35	-3.35
Greatest rise in 1 well	2.22	1.04	0.93	0.76	2.27	2.27
Average Water Level Change Spring 2006	-0.377576	-0.59857	-0.3575	-0.34	-0.02815	-0.13492
Average Annual Decline Since 1974						-0.16159



Cumulative Change  
Spring Measurements  
2006

