

Middle Republican NRD

ORDER

INTEGRATED  
MANAGEMENT PLAN

Effective  
February 8, 2008

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Chapter 46, Reissue Revised Statutes of Nebraska, Article 7, the Ground Water Management and Protection Act, provides the authority for the designation of a Management Area and the adoption of rules and regulations to administer that area. It also provides for the amendment of existing rules.
2. The Ground Water Management and Protection Act provides the authority for the designation of an Integrated Management Plan. It also provides for the amendment of an existing plan.
3. In accordance with NRRS 46-718, the Department of Natural Resources and the Middle Republican NRD have agreed on goals and objectives, the geographic area, the surface water controls, the ground water controls and the plan to gather and evaluate data.
4. The Integrated management Plan for the Middle Republican Natural resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources became effective January 1, 2005
5. Notice of the January 8, 2008 Public Hearing on the proposed revisions to that plan were published in accordance with NRRS sections 46-718 and 46-743 in the following newspapers in the MRNRD:
  - (a) North Platte Telegraph
  - (b) McCook Gazette
6. Notice of the Public Hearing and a full copy of the proposed revisions were posted on the District website at [www.mrnrd.org](http://www.mrnrd.org). Copies of the proposed revisions were also made available from the Middle Republican NRD office in Curtis, Nebraska at the time of publication of the newspaper notices.
7. A public hearing was held in accordance with NRRS sections 46-718 and 46-743 on January 8, 2008 as advertised. All parties present were given the opportunity to testify. Written testimony provided at the hearing is part of the official record.
8. Notice of a Public Hearing and a full copy of the proposed revisions was posted on the District website at [www.mrnrd.org](http://www.mrnrd.org).
9. The notice for these revisions noted that the Integrated Management Plan is a joint plan developed by the Middle Republican Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

10. Persons wishing to provide written testimony were given until 5 P.M. on January 8, 2008 to present that testimony. No written testimony was provided outside of the hearing.
11. Ann Bleed, Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, was in attendance at the hearing and provided a letter noting the challenge to LB 701 and the ability to revise the plan should it become necessary. This letter is part of the permanent record
12. The Board considered all testimony and, in open session, at their regular board meeting on January 8, 2008 approved revisions to the Integrated management Plan.

**ORDER**

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE MIDDLE REPUBLICAN NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS BY REISSUE REVISED STATUTES OF NEBRASKA, SECTIONS 46-701 TO 46-753, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Middle Republican Natural Resources District have agreed to adopt the revisions to the Integrated Management Plan and to implement the proposed controls in accordance with NRRS 46-715 through 46-718.
2. The Integrated Management Plan established January 1, 2005 is hereby revised.
3. That all rules and regulations pertaining to the administration of the management area are contained within the revised "Rules and Regulations for the Ground Water Management Area".
4. The Integrated Management Plan for the Middle Republican Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources included as an attachment to the Rules and Regulations for the Ground Water Management Area, effective February 1, 2008.

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Joshua Friesen, Chairman

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Stacie Owens, Secretary