

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

September 3, 2026

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deb VanMatre called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She reported that the NRD abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business and said that a copy of the Open Meetings Act was displayed on the south wall of the conference room. The Board reserves the right to change the order of an item on the agenda, and some items on the agenda are subject to closed session.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present by roll call were:

Lon Bohn	Jerry Milner	Jay Richeson
Ryan Kegley	Barry Obermiller	John Stoltenberg
Brian Keiser	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Amy Kyes	Doug Reeves	Kevin Werner
Dwayne Margtitz	Marvion Reichert	Mike Wilkens
Charles Maser	Mick Reynolds	

Excused Absences: Todd Arends, Tom Downey and Luke Ourada.

Unexcused Absences: Ed Stoltenberg

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Specialist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician, Collin Quandt – Agronomist, Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Darren Cudaback – Precision Conservation Specialist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician and Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist

Others present: Joe Krolkowski – District Conservationist and Nolan Little – Tri Basin NRD Assistant Manager.

MEETING NOTICES: Chairman VanMatre reported that the notices of the meeting had been published in the Grand Island Independent, and the news release was provided to other media outlets in the district.

MEETING MINUTES: Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the July board meeting minutes. Keith Ostemeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Chairman VanMatre asked if there were any announcements or suggestions for future meetings. There was none.

PUBLIC FORUM: Chairman VanMatre asked if anyone wanted to address the board

on any item not included on the agenda. There was none.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman VanMatre reported that Todd Arends, Tom Downey and Luke Ourada requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Charles Maser made the motion to approve the absences as requested. Lon Bohn seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORTS: Joe Krolikowski, District Conservationist, reported on the staffing in our four Natural Resources Offices (see attached).

PRECISION CONSERVATION MANAGEMENT PROGRAM: Darren Cudaback, Precision Conservation Specialist, gave a summary of his work done with the Frito Lay landowners in western part of our district.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the “Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request – Fiscal Year 2026/2027” and to set the levy at 0.020350. Mick Reynolds seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mick Reynolds, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today.

Reynolds reported that Change Order #9 for the New Office/Education Building in the amount of \$88,569.00 is needed for the Septic System and the Deck Drains.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve Change Order #9 for the New Office/Education Building with Rogge General Contractors for the Septic System and Deck Drains in the amount of \$88,569.00. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Reynolds reported that Change Order #10 for the New Office/Education Building in the amount of \$39,579.00 is needed for a retaining wall on the west side of the building due to erosion near air conditioning units.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve Change Order #10 for the New Office/Education Building with Rogge General Contractors for the retaining wall on the west side of the building in the amount of \$39,579.00. Barry Obermiller seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE: Jerry Milner, Chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today.

Milner reported that the committee reviewed transitioning from the UNL current Nitrogen Management certification test to the V-TAPS Educational program for producers in Phases II and III. No action was taken.

Milner reported that the committee reviewed the One Red Program which gives incentives for farms for reducing emissions and decarbonization. The One Red Program is being developed by the Nebraska Department of Water, Energy and Environment. No action was taken.

PERKINS COUNTY CANAL: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that a Joint Defense & Common Interest Agreement with the State of Nebraska was available for board members to view.

Jay Richeson made the motion to approve the Joint Defense & Common Interest Agreement with the State of Nebraska. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that due to the lawsuit with NET, funds to pay for our Vadose Sampling Project will not be reimbursed from the State for a length of time. After discussing with the other NRD's involved with the study, it was decided to keep moving forward with the project and we will request reimbursement when money is available again.

Vogt reported that a press release from the Natural Resources Conservation Service is located on Dropbox regarding the Elm/Turkey Creek WFPO. The press release approves the next phase for the Elm/Turkey Creek WFPO once funds are available.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications - Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Burn Preparation, Cover Crop, Reverse Osmosis System and Sensor Based Nutrient Management (see enclosed). She said the applicants are in compliance with the District's rules and regulations, funds are available, and she recommended they be approved.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the cost share applications as reported. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

VOTING DELEGATE AND ALTERNATE: Mick Reynolds made a motion to elect Jay Richeson as voting delegate and Deb VanMatre as voting alternate for the NARD Annual Conference. Brian Keiser seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Jay Richeson and Deb VanMatre who abstained. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reviewed the August financial report.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the August financial report as presented. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT: Deb VanMatre, NARD Board Member, reported that three resolutions have been submitted for consideration at the 2026 NARD Annual Conference in Kearney.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: Doug Reeves, Middle Platte Basin Representative, reported that on July 29, 2026, the Commission met and scored applications. However, due to the ongoing lawsuit with NET the Commission has suspended further funding at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman VanMatre reviewed the upcoming events.

NEXT BOARD MEETING – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, September 24. Details to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: Chairman VanMatre adjourned the board meeting at 3:03 p.m.

September 2, 2026

Central Platte NRD
215 North Kaufman Avenue
Grand Island, NE 68803

August Report to CPNRD

In my report this month I would like to take this time to update you all on where things stand currently in Nebraska with our leadership and what staffing looks like today within our 4 Natural Resources Conservation Service Field Offices. Unfortunately staffing continues to fluctuate in our agency, state, and in our local NRCS offices, and I feel it is important as partners for the NRD Board and Staff to stay updated with these changes.

When I updated you last January, Rob Lawson was serving a detail in headquarters, Rob is back in Nebraska serving as our State Conservationist. During Robs detail, James Huntwork was serving as the Acting State Conservationist of Nebraska. James is back serving as the Assistant State Conservationist for Field Operations for the Central Area.

Current staffing within our 4 NRCS offices located across the Central Platte NRD.

Grand Island Field Office

- **Joe Krolikowski** – District Conservationist,
- **Jason Scholz** – Resource Conservationist,
- **Jacoba Nowak** – Soil Conservationist,
- **Alexandra Zubia** – District Secretary,
- **Angie Lau** – Program Assistant for our 4 offices and Central Area,

Central City Field Office

- **Kaitlin Stouffer** – Resource Conservationist,
- **Vacant** – Soil Conservationist,
- **Kyla Friedrichsen** – District Secretary,



Kearney Field Office

- **Janelle Taubenheim** – Resource Conservationist,
- **Ethan Gibbens** – Soil Conservationist,
- **Agustin Ruvalcaba** – Soil Conservation Technician,
- **Shelly Lippincott** – District Secretary,

Lexington Field Office

- **Vacant** – Resource Conservationist,
- **Kevin Gill** – Soil Conservation Technician,
- **Drayden Bellamy** – Contract Employee,
- **Lisa Kennicutt** – District Secretary,

Thanks again for your continued support to our partnership, and we look forward to maintaining this relationship into the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joe Krolikowski

Joe Krolikowski
District Conservationist



CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Cost Share
Thursday, September 3, 2026

BURN PREPARATION COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	8,625.00
Frances Hardin – Buffalo	\$	1,425.00	
Troy Daum – Dawson		7,200.00	
COVER CROP COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	10,000.00
Morace Schmoker – Polk	\$	2,000.00	
Benjamin Kamrath – Polk		2,000.00	
Thompson Ag LLC – Frontier		2,000.00	
Two Quarters Inc. – Dawson		2,000.00	
Darius Drew Arnold – Dawson		2,000.00	
REVERSE OSMOSIS SYSTEM COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	1,500.00
Rene Blauhorn – Hall	\$	750.00	
Gregory Cyza – Polk		750.00	
SENSOR BASED NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	1,912.95
Scott Smyth – Buffalo	\$	850.50	
Greg Smyth – Buffalo		1,062.45	
TOTAL		\$	22,037.95