

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Board Meeting Minutes
December 17, 2020

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jim Bendfeldt called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. He 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, that 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. Hall County has moved to a Phase 4, so the board room will be available for public participation in the meeting. Social distancing guidelines will be followed.

On November 25, 2020, Governor Ricketts issued Executive Order No. 20-36, “Corona Virus — Public Meetings Requirement Limited Waiver” The Order permits public bodies in the state to meet by videoconferencing, telephone conference call, or other electronic means so long as members of the public and the media are provided access to the meetings. The Order applies to all public meetings beginning December 1 through January 31, 2021.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present were:

Jim Bendfeldt	Charles Maser	Jay Richeson
Alicia Haussler	Doug Reeves	Keith Stafford
Ed Kyes	Mick Reynolds	

Board Members present via ZOOM:

Leroy Arends	Jerry Milner	Ed Stoltenberg
Lon Bohn	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Brian Keiser	Marvion Reichert	Jerry Wiese
Dwayne Margritz	Steve Sheen	

Excused Absences: Barry Obermiller

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician, Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist

Staff present via ZOOM: Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Bill Hiatt – Resources Conservationist, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant, Deb Jarzynka – Secretary, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Programs Assistant

Others present: Scott Sorensen – Hall County Commissioner

Others present via ZOOM: Joe Krolkowski – NRCS District Conservationist, Charles Wortman – UNL Professor of Agronomy

MEETING NOTICES: Chairman Bendfeldt 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: Alicia Haussler made the motion to approve the November board meeting minutes. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS: Chairman Bendfeldt asked if there were any announcements or suggestions for future meetings. There were none.

PUBLIC FORUM: Chairman Bendfeldt asked if anyone wanted to address the board on any item not included on the agenda. There were none.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman Bendfeldt reported that Barry Obermiller had requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Alicia Haussler made the motion to approve the absences as requested. Mick Reynolds seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

IRRIGATION WELL SURVEY: Charles Wortman, UNL Professor of Agronomy, presented to the board his irrigation well survey results of the nutrient concentrations and water quality properties on the 100 wells that were sampled in the Central Platte NRD.

EASTERN PROJECTS COMMITTEE: Chairman Jerry Wiese reported on their meeting held earlier that day.

The committee reviewed a change order for an additional 3,000 LF of roadway with Blessing Construction to finish the detention cell access road improvement for Prairie/Silver/Moores. The original contract was for \$138,575.00, the change order would add \$35,511.00, which would finish up the project.

Jerry Wiese made the motion to accept the change order in the amount of \$35,511.00 for Blessing Construction to complete the detention cell access road improvement for Prairie/Silver/Moores. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: Chairman Ed Kyes reported on their meeting held earlier that day.

The committee reviewed 9 proposals for a website rebuild for Central Platte NRD. The current website is about 6 years old. Recent updates with the different software programs

we currently use, has broken many of the links on our current website. Updating the current website due to all the software updates must be done in code, which makes it very difficult to update. The top proposal was with Provident Promotion of Hastings in the amount of \$9,000 + \$35/month, which includes hosting the website and any future software updates.

Ed Kyes made a motion to accept the Provident Promotion proposal in the amount of \$9,000 + \$35/month to rebuild Central Platte NRD's website. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed an outdoor classroom application from Stick Creek Kids Child Development Center in Wood River to add onto their natural playground to use as an outdoor classroom. They are requesting \$2,500.00 and the application meets all the requirements.

Ed Kyes made the motion to approve the Outdoor Classroom Application as presented for Stick Creek Kids Child Development Center in Wood River in the amount of \$2,500.00. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed an Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with USDA-NRCS. This agreement will specify the sharing of resources between NRCS and the NRD.

Ed Kyes made a motion to approve the Unfunded Cooperative Agreement with USDA-NRCS. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

The committee was updated on the funding Central Platte NRD will receive through a grant with the Nebraska Forest Service. This funding will allow Central Platte NRD to offer 75% cost share on windbreak establishment and renovations. Currently Central Platte offers 50%, the grant will cover the additional 25%.

SEARCH COMMITTEE SELCTION TO RECOMMEND BOARD MEMBERS TO FILL VACANCIES FOR SUBDISTRICT 2 & 4: Chairman Bendfeldt asked if the following board members would serve on a search committee for subdistrict 2 & 4, board members include Lon Bohn, Brian Keiser and Jay Richeson. All were willing to serve. Anyone interested must submit a letter of interest to the Central Platte NRD by December 31, 2020. Interviews will be done on January 4, 5, or 6 by the executive committee.

APPOINT BOARD OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE TO RECOMMEND CHAIRMAN & VICE-CHAIR: Chairman Bendfeldt appointed Ed Stoltenberg, Jerry Milner and Doug Reeves to the nominating committee. All were willing to serve. The Bylaws state that board officers can only serve two consecutive, two-year terms in the same office. Jim Bendfeldt and Mick Reynolds have served two consecutive two-year

terms as chairman and vice-chairman so would not be eligible to serve in that office. The nominating committee will report back to the board with their recommendations at the January board meeting.

ELECTION FOR VOTING DELEGATE & ALTERNATE FOR NARD

LEGISLATIVE CONFERENCE: Chairman Bendfeldt said the board needed to select a voting delegate and alternate for the NARD Legislative Conference that will be held in Lincoln in January.

Mick Reynolds made the motion that Jim Bendfeldt be selected as the voting delegate and Jay Richeson be the alternate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Jay Richeson who abstained. Motion carried.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications – Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation, Center Pivot, Streambank Stabilization, Flow Meter and Well Decommissioning (see enclosed report). She said the applicants are in compliance with the District's rules and regulations, funds are available, and she recommended they be approved.

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

FINANCIAL REPORT: The November financial report was not available at last month's board meeting because the meeting was held one week early. General Manager Vogt briefly reviewed the November financial report.

Alicia Haussler made a motion to approve the November financial report as presented. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

It was stated that the December financial report will be acted on at the January board meeting.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT: Chairman Bendfeldt reported that NARD is completing the purchase of an office building in Lincoln. NARD has a Risk Pool Dividend Resolution, which all 23 districts need to sign. The Nebraska Association of Resources District Intergovernmental Risk Management Pool Association declared a dividend to be issued December 28, 2020 totaling \$900,000 to be evenly distributed to the 23 NRD's with the intention that the Districts will ratify and assign their full portion of the dividend to the NARD Foundation for the purpose of purchasing an office building.

Jim Bendfeldt made a motion to approve the Risk Pool Dividend Resolution with NARD as presented. Mick Reynolds seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: Mick Reynolds, Middle Platte Basin Commission member, reported that the Middle Platte Basin Representative Caucus will be held at the CPNRD office on January 13, 2021 at 9:00 am. Mick Reynolds will continue to be the representative unless another board member was interested, there were no others interested at this time.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, January 28. Details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman Bendfeldt reviewed the upcoming events.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reviewed the cease & desist violations with the Nitrogen Groundwater Management Program. Richard Urban received a \$2,500 reimbursement and enforcement cost that must be paid to the CPNRD, plus a \$1,000 fine to the Polk County District Court by December 31, 2020. Artie Moeller received a \$5,000 reimbursement and enforcement cost that must be paid to the CPNRD, plus a \$1,000 fine to the Hall County District Court by December 31, 2020. Bernard Katzberg's court date has been postponed to a later date. William Soll and Mike Munsterman did not irrigate this year.

SERVICE RECOGNITION: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, presented service awards for staff and outgoing board members. Outgoing Board Members: Chris Henry – 5 years and Keith Stafford, 27 years. Staff Service Awards: Shelly Lippincott – 20 years and Dean Krull – 40 years.

ADJOURN: Chairman Bendfeldt adjourned the board meeting 3:00 p.m.

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Cost Share

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NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM...		\$ 8,971.21
Milton Stoppkotte Rev Trust – Hall – Pipeline to Pivot	\$ 2,488.00	
Thomas F Webb Trust – Buffalo – Pipeline to Pivot	2,177.00	
Richard Wyman Jr. – Polk – Brush Management	1,692.46	
Steven E Rewerts – Hall – Pipeline to Pivot	2,613.75	
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$ 37,508.27
Clayton Stelk – Hall	\$ 3,756.27	
Brent Carmody – Buffalo	5,193.00	
Lyle Schinkel – Merrick	7,500.00	
Laub Farms Inc – Hall	7,500.00	
Jesse Sweet – Merrick	6,059.00	
Everett James Turek – Hall	7,500.00	
STREAMBANK STABILIZATION COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$ 3,000.00
Ronald Kershaw – Merrick	\$ 3,000.00	
FLOW METER COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$ 800.00
Steven E Rewerts – Hall	\$ 800.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$ 5,250.00
Arnold Hinkson – Hall	\$ 750.00	
Robert Imm – Polk	750.00	
Alice L Eades Rev Trust – Hall	750.00	
Mary Stuart – Dawson	750.00	
Kaboom LLC – Hall	750.00	
Hinkson Bros – Hall – 2 wells	1,500.00	
Total		\$ 55,529.48