

**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
March 26, 2020

Governor Pete Ricketts issued an executive order to permit state and local governmental boards, commissions, and other public bodies to meet by videoconference, teleconference, or other electronic means through May 31, 2020 due to COVID-19.

This meeting is being audio and video recorded in the board room.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Vice-Chairman Mick Reynolds 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.

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members present were:

Barry Obermiller	Keith Ostermeier	Mick Reynolds
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Board members present via teleconference:

LeRoy Arends	Brian Keiser	Marvion Reichert
Jim Bendfeldt	Ed Kyes	Jay Richeson
Lon Bohn	Dwayne Margritz	Keith Stafford
Chris Henry	Charles Maser	Ed Stoltenberg
Alicia Haussler	Jerry Milner	Deb VanMatre
Ed Kyes	Doug Reeves	Jerry Wiese

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant

Staff present via Microsoft Teams: Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Programs Assistant, Bill Hiatt – Resources Conservationist, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist.

Others present via teleconference– Randy Zach – NPPD

**MEETING NOTICES:** Vice-Chairman Reynolds 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:** Keith Ostermeier made the motion to approve the February board meeting minutes. Barry Obermiller seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Alicia Haussler, Brian Keiser and Jerry Wiese, who abstained. Motion carried.

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

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** There were none.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the March financial report as presented. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Transfer & Applications** – Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, requested a transfer of \$5,500 from Soil Moisture Sensor Cost Share to Well Decommissioning Cost Share and reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation, Center Pivot Incentive, Grazing Deferment, Streambank Stabilization, Soil Moisture Sensor, Burn Preparation and Well Decommissioning (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 the motion to approve the cost share transfer and applications as reported. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**NEBRASKA GEOCLOUD PROJECT:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that the 2020 GeoCloud Interlocal Cooperative Agreement is a continuation of a project that CPNRD has been partner to for several years. This project aims to collect airborne geomagnetic imagery with the intention to correlate that data with sub-surface geology and hydrogeology. Signing of this agreement will continue the project for another 2 years, with a cost of \$3,400 each year.

Barry Obermiller made the motion to sign an additional 2-year contract with Nebraska GeoCloud in the amount of \$3,400 each year. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**VIOLATION ON IRRIGATED LAND NOT CERTIFIED OR APPROVED FOR IRRIGATION THROUGH A TRANSFER IN 2019:** Luke Zakrzewski, GIS Image Analyst, reported that he would like to request a Cease & Desist order for Mr. Hayes in Osceola, NE, Section 1-13N-04W. A Center Pivot was installed on his property in 2019 and as a result 2.1 acres of land is being irrigated that is not certified as irrigated. After a brief discussion, the board of directors requested this item be tabled until the April board meeting for more information.

**MONITORING WELL BIDS:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that we put out bids for 18 monitoring wells in Buffalo, Custer, Dawson & Frontier Counties. We received 4 bids, the first two did not meet our minimum bid requirements. Sargent

Irrigation with their bid of \$107,971.15 was the first one that meet our bid requirements, followed by Downey Drilling at \$114,156.52. Central Platte's recommendation is to accept Sargent Irrigations bid of \$107,971.15, they would have a full year to complete.

Keith Ostermeier made a motion to accept Sargent Irrigations bid of \$107,971.15 to construct the 18 monitoring wells in Buffalo, Custer, Dawson and Frontier Counties. Barry Obermiller seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion passed.

**PLATTE RIVER RESILIENCE FUND:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that the Platte River Resilience Fund is a committee set up for long term funding of phragmites control and Stream Conveyance Issues on the Platte and its tributaries. Currently the 4 NRD's in the Platte Basin get two committee members. It was agreed that Tri Basin NRD and Central Platte NRD will each appointment a representative. Tri Basin NRD has appointed Jon Thorburn and Central Platte's recommendation was to appoint Deb VanMatre as she has been involved with the establishment of this committee for the last year.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve Deb VanMatre as the appointment to the Platte River Resilience Fund Committee. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Deb VanMatre, who abstained. Motion carried.

**PLATTE RIVER RECOVERY IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAM:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that currently Tri Basin NRD appoints a representative, Central Platte NRD appoints a representative and then the two together appoint a representative to the land advisory committee. Currently Mark Czaplewski is the representative for Central Platte NRD and Marvion Reichert is the alternate. This committee meets maybe 2-3 times a year. Mark Czaplewski is retiring; therefore, a replacement is needed. Lyndon Vogt said he would be willing to replace Mark unless Marvion Reichert would like to move up as the representative.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to appoint Lyndon Vogt as the replacement for Mark Czaplewski on the Platte River Recovery Implementation Land Advisory Committee and maintain Marvion Reichert as the alternate. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Marvion Reichert, who abstained. Motion carried.

**UPCOMING EVENTS: Next Board Meeting** – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, April 23. Details to follow.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Vice-Chairman Reynolds reviewed the upcoming events.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, asked everyone to review the budgets for Eastern, Western, Information/Education and Cost Share that have been put

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on Drop Box. Action will be taken on those in April.

**ADJOURN:** Vice-Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 2:34 p.m.

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NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	<b>5,000.00</b>
Opal Eggers Nester – Hall – Underground Pipeline to Pivot	\$	5,000.00
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	<b>7,500.00</b>
Timothy Turek – Hall	\$	7,500.00
GRAZING DEFERMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	<b>13,125.00</b>
Alan A Hueftle – Dawson	\$	3,736.50
Platte Valley Farms Inc. – Dawson		9,388.50
STREAMBANK STABILIZATION.....	\$	<b>3,000.00</b>
Betty Wissing – Hall – Wood River	\$	3,000.00
SOIL MOISTURE SENSOR COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	<b>2,000.00</b>
Simon Wagoner – Hall	\$	2,000.00
BURN PREPARATION COST SHARE PROGRAM .....	\$	<b>5,132.50</b>
Karl Neil Hueftle – Dawson	\$	5,132.50
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	<b>5,500.00</b>
Cozad Development Corp. – Dawson	\$	750.00
JLS Legacy Group, LLC – Dawson		750.00
O & O Farms – Buffalo		750.00
Jerrod Shepherd – Dawson – 2 wells		1,000.00
Mt. Edna Farms LLC – Dawson – 2 wells		1,500.00
Glenn Schlichenmeier – Dawson		750.00
Total .....	\$	<b>41,257.50</b>