

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

May 28, 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 June 30, 2020 due to COVID-19.

This meeting is being audio recorded in the board room and open to the public for participation.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Jim Bendfeldt called the meeting to order at 2:05 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

Board members present via Zoom:

LeRoy Arends	Ed Kyes	Mick Reynolds
Jim Bendfeldt	Dwayne Margritz	Jay Richeson
Lon Bohn	Charles Maser	Steve Sheen
Alicia Haussler	Jerry Milner	Ed Stoltenberg
Brian Keiser	Doug Reeves	Deb VanMatre
		Jerry Wiese

Board members present via teleconference:

Chris Henry Keith Stafford
Marvion Reichert

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

Staff present via Zoom: Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Programs Assistant, Shane Max – Resources Conservationist

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 April board meeting minutes. Keith Ostermeier 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.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: There were none.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Jay Richeson made a motion to approve the May 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 \$2,000 from Tree Planting Cost Share to Streambank Stabilization Cost Share and reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Streambank Stabilization, Tree Planting 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.

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

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING: Committee chairman Jim Bendfeldt reported on their meeting held earlier that day. The committee reviewed the entire budget. The budget is on Dropbox for everyone to review. The budget committee will bring the entire budget to the board next month.

PLAUTZ VIEWING DECK UPGRADE: Assistant Manager, Jesse Mintken, reported that Central Platte NRD received two RFP's for the Gibbon Crane Deck. The RFP's were received from Miller & Associates and JEO Consulting. After reviewing, staff's recommendation was to go with JEO Consulting.

Alicia Haussler made the motion to accept the proposal from JEO Consulting for the Plautz Viewing Deck Upgrade. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

UNL TAPS SPONSORSHIP REQUEST: Manager, Lyndon Vogt, reported that Central Platte NRD has supported the TAPS programs that last two years at the rate of \$1,000 per year. Dean Krull has a team this year, with a couple staff members assisting him.

Alicia Haussler made a motion to sponsor TAPS at the rate of \$1,000. Lon Bohn seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Manager, Lyndon Vogt, reported that Central Platte NRD full staff will return back to the office June 1, 2020. Staff will have a protocol to follow to keep everyone safe. Doors will remain locked to the public. However, staff will take appointments as needed and collect paperwork from landowners stopping at the NRD office.

A new employee, Brody Vorderstasse, Communications Assistant, will begin June 1, 2020. This position is shared with the RWBJV and the NRCS.

Last month Central Platte NRD filed cease & desists on 94 producers. As of today, May 28, 2020, only 18 are out of compliance. Water Quality Programs Assistant, Tricia Dudley has had contact with the remaining 18 producers that are out of compliance.

Recent rain fall for our entire district was between 5-11". Flooding was very similar to last March. The ground was so saturated, and our water table was so high, that the majority of the water ran off. The hardest hit area of the Central Platte NRD appears to be in Merrick County.

Our detention cell at Prairie/Silver/Moores is about one-third full, it handled the heavy rain very well. The detention cell is releasing water through two gates, in which one cannot be closed and releases about 80-100 cfs. The other gate is completely closed at this time.

TREE/WEED BARRIER SALES: Administrative Assistant, Kelly Cole, reported on the recent sales of trees and weed barrier (see attached).

UPCOMING EVENTS: Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, June 25. Details to follow.

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OTHER BUSINESS: Assistant Manager, Jesse Mintken, reported that the Corp of Engineers has published our LOMR for the Prairie/Silver/Moores project. There is still a 90-day period for public comment. We are expecting new flood maps to take effect in September 2020. As a result of the new flood maps this will take a good portion of northwest Grand Island and approximately 10,000 acres of farm ground out of the 100-year flood zone.

ADJOURN: Chairman Bendfeldt adjourned the board meeting at 2:32 p.m.

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Cost Share
May 28, 2020

STREAMBANK STABILIZATION.....		\$	3,000.00
Central Ag & Shop Supply Inc. – Buffalo – Wood River	\$	3,000.00	
TREE PLANTING COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	178.75
Leonard Dush – Howard	\$	178.75	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$	1,500.00
Patrick Luther – Dawson – 2 wells	\$	1,500.00	
Total		\$	4,678.75

TREES**MILES OF WEED BARRIER**

1973	106,355	
1974	93,660	
1975	79,690	
1976	66,250	
1977	86,548	
1978	104,675	
1979	122,925	
1980	148,700	
1981	170,075	
1982	135,150	
1983	111,050	
1984	85,200	
1985	89,300	
1986	65,850	
1987	73,150	
1988	91,550	
1989	83,700	
1990	125,000	
1991	104,900	19.89
1992	117,100	24.66
1993	94,250	25.36
1994	101,100	23.54
1995	78,300	20.63
1996	102,000	8.97
1997	72,450	14.64
1998	75,300	16.98
1999	58,825	17.30
2000	60,050	23.53
2001	58,600	18.70
2002	86,675	37.05
2003	77,975	36.80
2004	70,775	30.97
2005	80,775	37.97
2006	61,125	27.23
2007	44,950	13.35
2008	57,225	26.24
2009	68,703	19.71
2010	57,175	16.41
2011	54,275	28.25
2012	48,025	14.91
2013	37,716	18.86
2014	54,175	17.38
2015	46,575	14.07
2016	45,796	11.77
2017	35,350	9.94
2018	41,225	8.42
2019	29,775	7.84
2020	20,475	2.03

TOTAL 3,780,468 593.40

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD WEED BARRIER PROGRAM

Year	Total by Feet	Total in miles	By District	By Landowner
1991	105,000	19.89	77,158	27,842
1992	130,200	24.66	99,600	30,600
1993	133,875	25.36	125,400	8,475
1994	124,300	23.54	90,740	33,560
1995	108,950	20.63	92,477	16,473
1996	47,366	8.97	42,527	4,839
1997	77,321	14.64	70,310	7,011
1998	89,681	16.99	83,254	6,427
1999	91,321	17.30	84,076	7,245
2000	124,227	23.53	100,010	24,217
2001	98,755	18.70	85,520	13,235
2002	195,598	37.05	175,923	19,675
2003	194,300	36.80	178,455	15,845
2004	163,542	30.97	143,692	19,850
2005	200,463	37.97	188,577	11,886
2006	143,790	27.23	104,950	38,840
2007	70,484	13.35	58,928	11,556
2008	138,560	26.24	111,500	27,060
2009	104,050	19.71	97,585	6,465
2010	86,660	16.41	75,251	11,409
2011	149,141	28.25	106,254	42,887
2012	78,718	14.91	63,170	15,548
2013	99,590	18.86	40,690	58,900
2014	91,781	17.38	80,937	10,844
2015	74,297	14.07	53,832	24,118
2016	62,164	11.77	42,541	19,623
2017	52,497	9.94	26,624	25,873
2018	44,481	8.42	38,143	6,338
2019	41,407	7.84	37,992	3,415
2020	10,722	2.03	9,048	1,674
TOTALS	3,133,241	593.42	2,585,164	551,730

10,722 FT Installed at 3 sites

Central Platte NRD Tree Program

Handplant

16,726

Dawson: 2,875

Buffalo: 5,605

Polk: 250

Hall: 6,071

Merrick: 1,925

District Plant

3,749

Buffalo: 1,470

Hall: 154

Howard: 225

Custer: 1,900

Sold 29 small acreage packages (5 species with 10 of each included in packages)