

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Board Meeting Minutes
August 30, 2018

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.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present were:

LeRoy Arends	Jerry Milner	Jay Richeson
Jim Bendfeldt	Barry Obermiller	Bob Schanou
Alicia Haussler	Keith Ostermeier	Steve Sheen
Chris Henry	Doug Reeves	Ed Stoltenberg
Ed Kyes	Marvion Reichert	Deborah VanMatre
Dwayne Margritz	Mick Reynolds	Jerry Wiese

Excused absences: Brian Keiser, Charles Maser and Keith Stafford

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Dianne Miller – Administrative Director, Brandi Flyr – District Hydrologist, Mark Czaplewski – District Biologist, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Kelly Cole – Programs Coordinator, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Sandy Noecker – Data Compliance Officer, David Carr – Range Management Specialist, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician.

Others present – Joe Krolilowski – NRCS Liaison District Conservationist, Dean Krull – University of NE/Lincoln, Grand Island UNL Extension, Lori Potter – Kearney Hub.

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: Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the July board meeting minutes. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Chris Henry, Jerry Milner, Barry Obermiller, Marvion Reichert, Bob Schanou, Ed Stoltenberg and Jerry Wiese, who all abstained. 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. No one requested time to speak.

USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT: Joe Krolkowski, NRCS Liaison District Conservationist, reported on the National Conservation Planning Partnership and You Listening Session the Nebraska NRCS hosted at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney on July 19 (see enclosed report).

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman Bendfeldt reported that Brian Keiser, Charles Maser and Keith Stafford had requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

FISCAL YEAR 2018/2019 BUDGET: Action on Resolution & Set Levy -- The public hearing to set the property tax request was held just prior to the board meeting. Chairman Bendfeldt said action is needed on the proposed resolution. The property tax request for fiscal year 2018/2019 is \$4,527,757.60, requiring a levy of 0.02576.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request for Fiscal Year 2018/2019. Barry Obermiller seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

CENTRAL PLATTE GIBBON CRANE VIEWING TRAILS REHABILITATION PROJECT RESOLUTION: General Manager Lyndon Vogt said David Carr, Range Management Specialist, has been working on the Recreation and Trails Program grant administered by the NE Game and Parks Commission for the Gibbon crane viewing site rehab. General Manager Vogt said the resolution is required as part of the grant application (see enclosed). Total project cost is approximately \$311,000.00. Central Platte NRD's contribution would be 20 percent (17% cash, 3% in-kind).

Jay Richeson made the motion to approve the resolution for the Recreation and Trails Program grant for rehab of the Gibbon crane viewing site. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE: Select Voting Delegate & Alternate for September Conference – Chairman Bendfeldt said the board needed to select a voting delegate and alternate for the September NARD Annual Conference.

Mick Reynolds made the motion that Deborah VanMatre be selected as the voting delegate and Jay Richeson as alternate for the NARD Annual Conference. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Deborah VanMatre and Jay Richeson who abstained. Motion carried.

BASINWIDE & INDIVIDUAL INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLANS

UPDATE: Basin-wide Integrated Management Plan -- General Manager Lyndon Vogt reported that the last Basin-wide IMP Stakeholders meeting is scheduled for September 19th. He said Jim Bendfeldt and Jay Richeson both set on the Stakeholders Group, Jim represents Central Platte NRD and Jay represents the City of Gothenburg. The group has been meeting for a little over three years and it is thought they will reach a consensus on the proposed second increment of the basin wide IMP at their September meeting. General Manager Vogt said the main change in the proposed second increment of the basin-wide IMP is the one that addresses drought. He said we need to be looking at how to manage the water in wet years to help alleviate some of the problems of dry years.

Individual Basin Integrated Management Plan -- General Manager Vogt also reported on the first of four individual IMP Stakeholders Group meeting that was held earlier in August in Kearney. He said participation at the first meeting was considerably less than what it was 10 years ago. He also said the individual basin IMP will look at a drought management plan, as well as the new data that is available. Three more meetings are scheduled in Kearney on September 18, November 13, and January 15.

UPPER PRAIRIE/SILVER/MOORES CREEK FLOOD CONTROL PROJECT:

Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) Update – Assistant Manager Jesse Mintken referred to a news release that the office sent out earlier this week and said the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has approved the Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR) for the Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Project (see enclosed). He said because of some FEMA regulations the project is now referred to as a flood risk reduction project rather than a flood control project. FEMA indicated that the project, if completed as proposed, will meet the standards necessary to revise the FEMA floodplain maps for the area through a future Letter of Map Revision (LOMR). Jesse said it is important to note that the area's floodplain maps have not yet been revised and those with property in the floodplain should maintain flood insurance coverage in accordance with applicable laws.

NE ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT: Chairman Bendfeldt reported that he did not have a report this month.

NE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REPORT: Mick Reynolds, Middle Platte Basin Commission member, reported on their August 15th meeting at which they heard a report on programs that were cut four percent due to LB 944. He reported that the NE Soil and Water Conservation Program has an appropriation of \$1,806,112.00, and the NE Resources Development Fund has an appropriation of \$3,014,712.00. Mick said the Small Watershed Flood Control Program was swept clean and the unobligated balance was returned to the general fund, however, that program will remain open in case it is needed in the future. Mick also reported the Water Sustainability Fund now has an appropriation of \$10,309,520.00 and said requests for that fund included eight large

projects (\$250,000.00 or more) totaling \$14.9 million, and nine small project requests (under \$250,000.00) totaling \$1.4 million. He also said 10 percent for the Combined Sewer Overflow Project is legislated. The project scoring should be completed by the December 12th meeting in Kearney so qualified projects can be approved then.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications – Programs Coordinator Kelly Cole reported that we have received applications for the following cost share programs: NE Soil & Water Conservation Program, Center Pivot Incentive, and Well Decommissioning Program (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.

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION: Discuss Legal Issues – Chairman Bendfeldt recommended the board go into executive session to discuss legal issues.

Mick Reynolds made the motion that the board go into executive session at 2:43 p.m. to discuss legal issues. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Ed Kyes made the motion that the board come out of executive session at 3:07 p.m. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the August financial report as presented. Bob Schanou seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Next Board Meeting -- Scheduled for Thursday, September 27th at 2:00 p.m. Details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Upcoming events were briefly reviewed.

ADJOURN: Chairman Bendfeldt adjourned the board meeting at 3:10 p.m.

August 30, 2018

Central Platte NRD
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August Report to CPNRD

The Nebraska Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) recently hosted a National Conservation Planning Partnership and You Listening Session. The listening session was held at the Younes Conference Center in Kearney, NE on July 19, 2018. Nebraska was one of 8 states asked by the National Office to host one of these listening sessions across the country. Nebraska was asked to host because of the large volume of agriculture and conservation program participation we have in this state.

The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCP), is made up of five partners. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), National Association of Conservation Districts (NACD), National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA), National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA), and the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (NARC&DC).

The NCP was formed back in 2015. The objective of the NCP and this listening session is to place an emphasis on the reinvigoration of conservation planning. The plan to achieve this goal is by getting input from customer on what information they want in their conservation plan, and from the planners on what they need, in order to provide customers, the desired conservation planning information.

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Hall County has also been selected this year by the Nebraska State Range Judging Committee to host the 2018 Range Judging Contest for Area 4. The contest will be held on September 20, 2018 west of Cairo. Setup for the contest will take place September 19th. These Range Judging Contests are another form of partners (NRCS, NRD, Extension) working together to impact numerous youth in our area about the rangeland resources in Nebraska. As you all know, these area contest are very important to the youth and adults who are wanting to develop or enhance their range management skills.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joe Krolkowski

Joe Krolkowski
District Conservationist

Attachment: NCPP-Factsheet, NCPP-Factsheet2

Did You Know? National Conservation Planning Partnership 08/29/2017

nacdnet.org/2017/08/29/know-national-conservation-planning-partnership/

August 29, 2017

DID YOU KNOW?



Interesting Facts & Anecdotes

from your District Operations and Member Services Committee

NACD is a partner in the **National Conservation Planning Partnership**, along with NRCS, the National Association of State Conservation Agencies (NASCA), the National Conservation District Employees Association (NCDEA), and the National Association of Resource Conservation and Development Councils (NARC&DC).

Did You Know?

NCPP was formed in 2015 to emphasize the critical role that conservation planning plays in advancing voluntary conservation efforts on private lands. Since then, the partnership has worked to "reinvigorate conservation planning" by implementing goals, offering new tools, and expanding training to enhance the capacities of those working through the conservation delivery system to provide sound conservation planning assistance to landowners and managers.

NCPP has developed a strategy that ensures conservation field staff have the right expertise, are stationed in the right locations, and have enough time to work one-on-one with our diverse customer base. For the planning process to work, effective communication is essential.

The four overarching objectives of NCPP are to:

1. Reinvigorate conservation planning
2. Improve the partnership's capacity to deliver one-on-one conservation planning assistance
3. Ensure the delivery of voluntary, science-based assistance
4. Build a workforce of strong conservation planners.



To accomplish these objectives, the NCPP Leadership Team has appointed four Action Teams: (1) Partnership and Leveraging, (2) Training, Certification and Technical Tools, (3) Communication and Messaging, and (4) Outcomes and Accountability.

The partnership also hosts webinars on modern conservation planning monthly, and is one of the reasons conservation district employees are invited to participate in NRCS' Conservation Planning Boot Camp.

Content for this edition of Did You Know? was provided by NRCS. If you are interested in learning more about NCPP, contact NACD Director of Communications Stephanie Addison at stephanie-addison@nacdnet.org.

National Conservation Planning Partnership

Resources Available for Leadership & Employee Engagement



Catching Up on NCPP

The National Conservation Planning Partnership (NCPP) was established in 2015 due to a renewed recognition of the critical role that conservation planning plays in advancing voluntary conservation efforts on private lands. Since this time, NCPP has had many moving parts and pieces, which have and will continue to shape this effort.

NCPP recognizes it is only through the leadership, support and commitment of conservation partners in the states that this effort will be successful. NCPP is committed to helping you as leaders continue to communicate the importance of NCPP with your employees and partners.

We Need You!

It is important that our field staff understand the benefits and importance of conservation planning. Our goal is to ensure you have access to all of the educational resources and informational tools available for you, your teams and your employees accordingly. These resources will help you discuss and expand the conservation planning efforts in your region, center, state or field level.

Listed you will find some of the critical communication resources which can support your communication efforts and help you shape the way you want to move conservation planning forward in your respective area.

Available Resources:

Joint Partnership Letter from all NCPP partners, which highlights the overarching objectives and intent of the NCPP effort. Signed on 3/9/16 by all NCPP partner leads. Emailed by the Office of the Regional Conservationists on 4/5/16.

Conservation Planning E-mail Update from acting Chief Jordan which provided valuable resources for states to support their conservation planning efforts, including the Conservation Planning Partnership Publication and [SharePoint Site](#) to find additional conservation planning resources. Distributed 3/9/17

10 Things to Know About the Conservation Planning Policy, which answers the most commonly asked questions regarding the planning policy. Available on the [SharePoint site](#). Distributed to STCs on 5/17/17 from Acting Deputy Chief Jimmy Bramlette.

Conservation Planning Partnership Publication, which highlights NCPP's overarching objectives, strategy and its roadmap. Available online: <https://go.usa.gov/xnPqR>. (Distributed to all employees on 3/9/16)

What Works in the Field, new peer-to-peer web conference series to support conservation planning staff and partners to ensure they are fully engaged and can share tools

and ideas to improve efficiencies. Invites are distributed monthly to all employees and partnership staff. Recordings are also available online. (July - present).

Talking Points and Briefer, which highlights overview of NCPP and recent NCPP accomplishments. Distributed to partner leadership on 11/8/2017 under Astor Boozer's and Mike Brown's signatures.

Our Commitment

NCPP is dedicated to this effort and we are seeking your assistance to ensure that conservation planning becomes the focal point that brings our staff and members' greatest skills, strengths, energy and passion to help farmers and ranchers address serious resource issues while making their land healthier and more productive.

We hope that these resources continue to be utilized in your state to reiterate the importance of conservation planning. If you need additional resources, please let us know.

"There is no virtue in planning merely for the sake of planning. Unless plans can be translated into action, planning becomes a profitless mental exercise."

- Hugh Hammond Bennett



BEFORE THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1. The Central Platte Natural Resources District is applying for federal assistance from the Recreational Trails Program for the purpose of the "Central Platte Gibbon Crane Trails Rehabilitation Project".
2. The General Manager of the Central Platte Natural Resources District is authorized to sign the application for federal assistance, and any other official project documents that are necessary to obtain such assistance, including any agreements, contracts or other documents that are required by the State of Nebraska or the Federal Highway Administration.
3. The (Central Platte Natural Resources District currently has the written commitment for the 20% local matching share for the project elements that are identified on the application form and the supplemental documents and will, as it becomes necessary, allocate the local funds for the project.
4. The Central Platte Natural Resources District will commit the necessary financial resources to operate and maintain the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for 25 years.
5. The Central Platte Natural Resources District will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, age, religion, disability, sex or nation origin in the use of any property or facility that is acquired or developed pursuant to the project proposal, and shall comply with the terms and intent of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and any of the regulations promulgated pursuant to such Act.
6. The Central Platte Natural Resources District will comply with all rules and regulations of the Recreational Trails Program, applicable Executive Orders and all state laws that govern the grant applicant during the performance of the project.
7. The Central Platte NRD will comply with the Federal accessibility and use standards where they can be reasonably applied.
8. All paperwork may be signed by the project sponsor, but the Resolution MUST be signed by the Mayor, Board Chairman, School Board Chairman, or Director of the Public Power District.

I _____, Board Chairman of the Central Platte Natural Resources District certify that this resolution is a true copy of the original document that was adopted by the Central Platte Natural Resources District at a properly advertised and announced public meeting held this _____ day of _____, 20____.

(SIGNATURE)
(Chairman of the Board)

ATTEST: _____
(Clerk)

(SEAL)



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August 27, 2018

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

**FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY APPROVES CONDITIONAL LETTER OF MAP REVISION
FOR THE UPPER PRAIRIE/SILVER/MOORES CREEK FLOOD RISK REDUCTION PROJECT**

Grand Island, Neb. (Aug. 23, 2018) – The floodplain maps for northwest Grand Island and portions of Hall County are one step closer to being revised to reflect the recent flood risk reduction efforts of the Central Platte NRD, City of Grand Island, and Hall County.

This significant milestone of the Upper Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Flood Risk Reduction Project is a result of the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) recent approval of a Conditional Letter of Map Revision (CLOMR). In other words, FEMA indicated that the project, if completed as proposed, will meet the standards necessary to revise the FEMA floodplain maps for the area through a future Letter of Map Revision (LOMR).

The CLOMR is essential to the floodplain map revision process as it provides assurance that FEMA will accept the technical information necessary to update the floodplain maps when the LOMR is submitted. It is anticipated that the LOMR request will be submitted to FEMA as soon as possible after all project components have been constructed.

Despite this news, it is important to note that the area's floodplain maps have not yet been revised. The effective floodplain maps, which can be accessed through FEMA's Flood Map Service Center (www.msc.fema.gov), remain the effective floodplain maps until FEMA approves the future LOMR and subsequently updates the maps. As such, those with property in the floodplain should maintain flood insurance coverage in accordance with applicable laws.

The Central Platte NRD (CPNRD), City of Grand Island, Hall County, and Merrick County have been working together in coordination with Nebraska DNR (NeDNR) since 2005 to implement the Upper Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Flood Control Project. The purpose of this project is to provide flood risk reduction to properties in northwest Grand Island and portions of Hall County. The project consists of construction of four dry dams, an approximately 554-acre detention cell, and a levee. More information about individual improvement projects can be found at www.cpnrd.org/flood-control.

For more information, please contact:

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- Project Construction - Jesse Mintken, CPNRD Assistant Manager
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CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Cost Share
August 29, 2018

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE	\$	5,000.00
Donald J Walker 2008 Trust – Hall	\$	5,000.00
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$	7,500.00
Donald J Walker 2008 Trust – Hall	\$	7,500.00
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	500.00
Robert F Keiser – Dawson	\$	500.00
Total	\$	13,000.00