### CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes September 24, 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.

### **ATTENDANCE:** Board members present were:

LeRoy Arends	Charles Maser	Keith Stafford
Jim Bendfeldt	Barry Obermiller	Ed Stoltenberg
Lon Bohn	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Alicia Haussler	Mick Reynolds	Jerry Wiese
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Excused Absences: Chris Henry, Brian Keiser, Dwayne Margritz, Jerry Milner, Doug Reeves, Marvion Reichert and Steve Sheen

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Programs Assistant, Courtney Widup – Resources Conservationist, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist and Brandon Summers – Grand Island Independent.

**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:** Keith Ostermeier made the motion to approve the August board meeting minutes. Mick Reynolds seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Alicia Haussler who 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. There were none.

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**EXCUSED ABSENCES**: Chairman Bendfeldt reported that Chris Henry, Brian Keiser, Dwayne Margritz, Jerry Milner, Doug Reeves, Marvion Reichert and Steve Sheen had requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

NRCS REPORT: Joe Krolikowski, NRCS District Conservationist, reported for Mike Pavel, Resource Conservationist at the Kearney Field office, as he was unable to attend. Joe reviewed the staffing situation regarding COVID for the Kearney NRCS offices and reviewed the programs workload for Buffalo County (see enclosed report). Joe also reported on the EQIP Activity in Central Platte NRD (see enclosed report).

ARCGIS SOLUTIONS: Jesse Minken, Assistant Manager, gave a presentation to the board on ARC GIS and how field staff has been using it for collecting, analyzing and managing field data. Jesse also reviewed the story map that is available on our website for the Lower Wood River WFPO.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE: Chairman Charles Maser reported that the committee met earlier today and discussed the cease & desist orders that were sent out last month. Three of the violators have been turned over to the court, because they had irrigated after the cease & desist was filed, as far as we can tell the other two have not irrigated. Council will work with the court on the three that have violated.

WESTERN PROJECTS COMMITTEE: Chairman Jay Richeson reported on their meeting held earlier that day.

The committee reviewed recommendations to develop a Watershed & Flood Prevention Operations Plan-Environmental Assessment (WFPO) to address flooding in the Elm & Turkey Creek Watershed. We received a grant for \$742,500 from NRCS. Requests for proposals were sent out in August. Proposals were received from HDR Engineering, JEO Consulting and Olsson Associates. The committee recommended we go with JEO Consulting.

Jay Richeson made the motion to approve the contract with JEO for the Elm and Turkey Creek WFPO. Keith Stafford seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: General Manager Vogt, reported that Central Platte NRD will have a new employee starting November 1, Elison Wagner, with the RWBJV/NRCS shared position. She will replace Eleanor Nugent as the Easement Habitat Specialist. Vogt also reported that the Nebraska Forest Service approached a few NRD's about partnering on a RCPP Grant application. The Nebraska Forest Service notified Central Platte NRD that they were successful in receiving the grant. The grant is helping to

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enhance our current tree program, so landowners receive higher cost share amounts. More information will be given to the board as it becomes available.

LONG RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR 2020-2025: Marcia Lee, I&E Specialist, said the draft plan was put on drop box after last month's board meeting for the directors' review. She said it is required that the plan be updated every year and submitted to the state (NE Dept. of Natural Resources). She asked if the directors had any suggestions or updates. There were no suggestions.

Alicia Haussler made the motion to approve the 2020/2025 Long Range Implementation Plan as presented. Deb VanMatre seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications – Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Burn Preparation 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.

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

**NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT:** Chairman Bendfeldt reported that they will meet next week for the business session that is usually held at the Annual Conference and will report at the next board meeting. Bendfeldt also handed out an upcoming virtual screening on how humanity is adapting to how we manage water as a plant (see enclosed flyer).

**NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION:** Mick Reynolds reported that the commission is currently scoring 7 projects for funding.

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

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, October 22. Details to follow.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Chairman Bendfeldt reviewed the upcoming events.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was none.

ADJOURN: Chairman Bendfeldt adjourned the board meeting at 3:06 p.m.

### **United States Department Of Agriculture**



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September 21, 2020

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

### September Report to CPNRD

To the Central Platte NRD board, please accept this report from the Kearney Field Office for the September Board meeting.

### Staffing:

Working with the virus has made this a challenging year at times, with teleworking, and with some infections hitting the service center causing everyone in the office to telework for 2 weeks. Fortunately, staff affected had milder symptoms and were able to return to work after recovery. Another challenging part of the virus is not being able to meet with any customers in the office since we are still in phase 1 of reopening, due to the number of new cases in Buffalo county. Dalton Bender who was a contract employee was added to our staff as a Soil Conservationist Technician this summer. The office is glad to have him now as a full time NRCS employee. Our intern Jaden Russell is stationed in the Kearney Field Office to complete the last of his required hours and receive training. Jaden has quickly picked up what we have shown him and is already a productive employee in our office. Jaden plans to complete the rest of his college career this December and can hopefully be converted to a fulltime position in Nebraska. Pam Bergstorm, the National Wild Turkey Federation forester, left us last spring when she accepted a forester position with Nebraska Forest Service.

### **Programs:**

### **Emergency Conservation Program (ECP)**

The Kearney Field Office is still assisting the FSA with their Emergency Conservation Program (ECP). This FSA program was made available to producers after the bomb cyclone in the spring of 2019. So far, we have completed 4 reviews of the approved applications and returned to FSA for the work being completed to pre storm condition. 51 approved applications are still waiting for FSA to inform us that work is done and ready for inspection. There is one large application due to the July flood event that is on a permitted dam north and east of Odessa, this will require NRCS engineers to assist with construction and check out. NRCS is waiting for the Army Corps of Engineers to determine if a corps permit is required for this project. We are hoping the 51 approved applications will be turned in this fall or early winter so NRCS can complete checkout, process the application, and return to FSA for payments to be made.

### Conservation Stewardship Program (CStwP)

We had 2 applications for the 2020 CSP classic this spring, a priority system was in place because of the number of new applications. Neither of Buffalo counties scored as "high" in the priority system and were not ranked. We had 1 contract that was eligible for a renewal application for 2020 funding. This application did not meet minimum thresholds for eligibility. We are currently working with 5 renewal applications for 2021. They will need to let us know what new enhancement or practices they wish to adopt and on how many acres. NRCS will need

to have these ready for ranking around the beginning of November and the selected contracts will be obligated by December 31, 2020. Currently we have 14 active contracts, we are working with producers to get their records submitted and paid later this year.

### Conservation Stewardship Program-Grassland Conservation Initiative (CSP-GCI)

We had 1 new contract this year to develop. We have 10 contracts total now. NRCS will need to do field visits this month to certify that still in grass and payments sent out.

### **Environment Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)**

NRCS developed 16 new contracts this year and all were funded by early September. Practices cost shared on were hi tunnels, cedar/brush management, gravity to SDI/pivots, advanced soil moisture sensors, and wildlife plantings. Follow up now on existing contracts to determine where at with implementation.

### Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)

12 accepted offers for new or re-enrollments were forwarded by Farm Service Agency to NRCS. We had to make field checks of each and inform applicants of what needed to be done to meet the selected cover they signed up for. For this we looked at diversity of species in the existing stand and amount of invading smooth brome and/or trees. 5 offers decided to withdraw their offers. Part of the decision to withdraw was the new rental rates have tended to be lower than the contract that was ending and with the new farm bill there is no cost share being offered for the middle of contract management. In the end 7 contracts were written and sent out for signature. The signed contracts needed returned to Farm Service Agency by September 11 for approval prior to end of September. This fall will need to conduct field checks on expiring September 2021 and 2022 contracts to determine if existing stands meets selected cover type for possible reenrollments. This summer NRCS conducted reviews on approximately 15 contracts to determine if established so would be eligible for haying or grazing.

### NWSCP/NRD programs

NRCS had 4 applications that ended up completing their work by June. The number of tree planting also seemed down this year from last year.

### Other:

Highly Erodible Land compliance reviews went well this year. We had almost 30 to complete, and of those 30 only 10 required variances to treat ephemeral erosion issues. These 10 will be reviewed again next year after we work with the producers to update their plans if required. In the spring we will check to see that these repairs were made, and cover crop was seeded across the whole field or in the waterways. From when I started there is vast difference in reduced tillage practices. When I started in Buffalo county, we measured residue in almost every tract, most fields were tilled. This year, we only measured residue in 2 tracts. One was ridge tilled in sandy valley soils and the other a hill pivot, both gave us a chance for training Jaden on what we need to do for compliance reviews. The rest of tracts were no tilled or strip tilled. In those we only needed to look if the ephemeral gullies were controlled with the no till or strip till. The new conservation plans to include cover crops for ephemeral gully control have been made and sent out to the tract's owners and operators for signature.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Mike Pavel

Mike Pavel Resource Conservationist Kearney Field Office

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### September Report to CPNRD

Attached is a summary of FY 2020 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) activity in the Central Platte NRD (CPNRD), timelines for FY 2021, and a copy of the application to be completed by an applicant before the deadline. The FY2021 application deadline has not been announced yet, it is typically in mid-November. We will be completing outreach efforts to promote the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and to help emphasize the benefits to conservation after implementation of these conservation practices across the Central Platte.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joe Krolikowski

Joe Krolikowski District Conservationist

Attachment: CPNRD FY 2020 EQIP Contract Summary and FY 2021 Application

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# FY 2020 EQIP Contract Summary-CPNRD

Water Conservation: \$2,122,665 (41 contracts/6,422.5 acres)

- 12 Pipeline/Pivot/Pumping Plant/Dryland/FM/IWM

- 2 SDI/Pumping Plant/Dryland/FM/IWM

- 15 Dryland Only

- 12 IWM/FM

Grazing Lands: \$101,537 (7 contracts/2,006.8 acres)

Brush Mgt/Prescribed Burn/Water Supply/X-Fence/PGS

Soil Health: \$3,595 (1 contracts/151.1 acres)

- Cover Crop (Ephemeral Gully Initiative)/No-Till

Forestry: \$35,112 (1 contracts/58.5 acres)

- Windbreak establishment/Windbreak Renovation

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# FY 2020 EQIP Contract Summary Totals - CPNRD

Field Office Summary

Central City – 10 contracts - \$775,800 – 1,264.5 acres

Grand Island - 8 contracts - \$83,153 - 1,063.2 acres

Kearney – 16 contracts - \$257,800 – 1,714.8 acres

Lexington – 20 contracts - \$1,337,102 – 6,075.9 acres

Totals -54 contracts -\$2,453,854.70 - 10,118.4 acres







## What comes next?



## FY 2021 EQIP Timeline

Continuous Signup with Ranking Cutoff Dates

First Ranking Cutoff Date: November 2020 TBD

Second Ranking Cutoff Date: To Be Determined

Application Ranking Deadline: February 2021 TBD





## Carryover CPNRD EQIP Applications:

Water Conservation: 70 - \$3.5 million

Grazing Lands: 4 - \$56,617

Soil Health: 16 - \$231,137

Total Applications: 90 - \$3.8 million







### **ONESTIONS?**

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### CONSERVATION PROGRAM APPLICATION

Name:	Application Number:
Address:	Application Date:
	County and State:
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□ Crop Production       Crop Type:         □ Livestock Production       Livestock Type:         5. The land offered under this application is (check all that apply):       □ Private Land         □ Public Land (Federal, State, or Local Government)       □ Tribal, Allotted, Ceded or Indian Land         6. You certify that Certification of control of the land offered under the application is evidenced by:       □ Deed or other evidence of land ownership (required for all ACEP-WRE applications)         □ Written lease agreement       Years of control are through         □ Other agreement or legal conveyance (describe):       Years of control are through or, Evidence of historical control of land since:         □ Yes □ No Is the land offered under this application enrolled in any other conservation program?         8. Do you meet the criteria for any of the following categories? (mark all that apply)         □ Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher         □ Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher         □ Veteran Farmer or Rancher         □ Not Applicable         If you wish to apply in any of these categories, you must meet the self certification requirement Definitions are provided below. For more information please go to this website: https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/	4.	Is the land being offered for enrolln livestock production?	nent used for crop (including forest-related) or
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**Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher** – The term "Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher" means a participant:

- With direct or indirect gross farm sales not more than the current indexed value in each of the previous two years, and
- Who has a total household income at or below the national poverty level for a family of four, or less than 50 percent of county median household income in each of the previous two years.

A legal entity or joint operation can be a Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher only if all individual members independently qualify. A Self-Determination Tool is available to the public and may be completed on-line or printed and completed hardcopy at: <a href="https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/">https://lrftool.sc.egov.usda.gov/</a>

Beginning Farmer or Rancher – The term "Beginning Farmer or Rancher" means a participant who:

- Has not operated a farm or ranch, or who has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 consecutive years. This requirement applies to all members of a legal entity, and who
- Will materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch.

In the case of a contract with an individual, individually or with the immediate family, material and

substantial participation requires that the individual provide substantial day-to-day labor and management of the farm or ranch, consistent with the practices in the county or State where the farm is located.

In the case of a contract made with a legal entity, all members must materially and substantially participate in the operation of the farm or ranch. Material and substantial participation requires that the members provide some amount of the management, or labor and management necessary for day-to-day activities, such that if the members did not provide these inputs, operation of the farm or ranch would be seriously impaired.

**Socially Disadvantaged Farmer or Rancher** – The term "Socially Disadvantaged" means an individual or entity who is a member of a socially disadvantaged group. For an entity, at least 50 percent ownership in the farm business must be held by socially disadvantaged individuals. A socially disadvantaged group is a group whose members have been subject to racial or ethnic prejudice because of their identity as members of a group without regard to their individual qualities.

These groups consist of the following:

- American Indians or Alaskan Natives
- Asians
- Blacks or African Americans
- · Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders
- · Hispanics.

Note: Gender alone is not a covered group for the purposes of NRCS conservation programs. The term entities reflect a broad interpretation to include partnerships, couples, legal entities, etc.

**Veteran Farmer or Rancher** – The term "Veteran Farmer or Rancher" means a producer who served in the United States Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Air Force, or Coast Guard, including the reserve component thereof; was released from service under conditions other than dishonorable; and:

- has not operated a farm or ranch, or has operated a farm or ranch for not more than 10 years;
- who first obtained status as a veteran during the most recent 10-year period.

A legal entity or joint operation can be a Veteran Farmer or Rancher only if all individual members independently qualify.

9.	ls	any of the land offered for enrollment under this application
		Certified Organic by the National Organic Program (NOP)
		Transitioning to become Certified Organic by the NOP
		Exempt from Organic Certification as defined by the NOP
		Not Applicable

Certification in any of these categories is to assist with planning and will not automatically result in the application being considered in any initiatives made available for organic-related production. Applicants must specifically request to participate in an organic initiative. Note that the EQIP Organic Initiative has a lower payment limitation (\$140,000 over the period of fiscal years 2019-2023 per person or legal entity) than payments made to a person or legal entity under General EQIP.

On the farm(s) identified above, the Applicant agrees to participate in the identified program if the offer is accepted by the NRCS. The undersigned shall hereafter be referred to as the "Participant." The participant understands that starting a practice prior to contract approval causes the practice to be ineligible for program financial assistance. The participant will provide written authorization to

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install structural or vegetative practices. The Participant agrees not to start any financially assisted practice or activity or engage the reimbursable services of a certified Technical Service Provider before a Contract is executed by CCC. The Participant may request, in writing, a waiver of this requirement for financially assisted practices by the NRCS State Conservationist.

All participants that certify land control or certify eligibility as Limited Resource Farmer or Rancher, Beginning Farmer or Rancher, or Veteran Farmer or Rancher, will provide all records necessary to justify their claim as requested by a NRCS representative. It is the responsibility of the Participant to provide accurate information to support all items addressed in this application at the request of NRCS. False certifications are subject to criminal and civil fraud statutes.

The Participant acknowledges that highly erodible land conservation/wetland conservation, adjusted gross income certifications, and member information for entities and joint operations are on file with the FSA.

10. ☐ Yes ☐ No I have received appendix.	I have received a copy of the applicable conservation program contr	
Applicant Signature	Date	

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### CENTRAL PLATTE NRD Cost Share September 24, 2020

BURN PREPARATION COST SHARE PROGRAM			\$	4.125.00
Alan Roth – Hall		4,125.00	,	,
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM			\$	5,000.00
Nancy Henry - Dawson	\$	500.00		
James Granstrom - Dawson - 5 wells		3,750.00		
Mark Pfeiffer – Hall		750.00		
Total			\$	9,125.00

### BRAVE BLUE

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### FREE SPECIAL SCREENING

FOLLOWED BY A VIRTUAL PANEL DISCUSSION WITH WATER PROFESSIONALS



Featuring Matt Damon, this documentary is the first honest and hopeful documentary that paints an optimistic picture of how humanity is adapting new technologies and innovations to re-think how we manage water as a planet. The event is hosted by the Water Environment Federation (WEF), Nebraska Water Environment Association (NWEA), and the Nebraska Section of the American Water Works Association (NSAWWA). WEF is a proud sponsor of the documentary production.

Students and professionals are invited to attend.

After a brief introduction, the event will open with a viewing of the 50 minute documentary followed by discussion with a panel of local and national water professionals to present and answer questions about ways in which we are facing these challenges and taking steps towards the future nationally, and locally in Nebraska. Panel members include:

Dr. Eileen O'Neill | Former Executive Director of WEF, 2020 WEF Fellow

Donna Garden | City of Lincoln Transportation and Utilities, Assistant Director of Utilities

Dr. Nick Brozovic | Water for Food Daugherty Global Institute at the University of

Nebraska, Director of Policy

Ron Sova | HDR, Nebraska & Iowa Water Business Group Manager

### MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup> 6:00 – 8:00 PM





To receive a link to the virtual screening, please RSVP at **nebwea.org**View the trailer at **braveblue.world**