

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

May 22, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deb VanMatre called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She 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. 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 by roll call were:

Todd Arends	Dwayne Margritz	Jay Richeson
Lon Bohn	Charles Maser	John Stoltenberg
Tom Downey	Jerry Milner	Deb VanMatre
Ryan Kegley	Doug Reeves	Kevin Werner
Brian Keiser	Marion Reichert	Mike Wilkens
Amy Kyes	Mick Reynolds	

Excused Absences: Barry Obermiller, Keith Ostermeier and Ed Stoltenberg

Unexcused Absences: Steve Sheen

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Specialist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist, Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant, Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator, Collin Quandt – Agronomist and Nelson Winkel – Prescribed Fire Planning Specialist.

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – District Conservationist, Steve White – KRVN, Chelle Gillan, Biology and Health Sciences teacher at Central City High School, Olivia Wymer, senior at Central City High School and a GI Independent reporter.

MEETING NOTICES: Chairman VanMatre 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: Mick Reynolds made the motion to approve the April board meeting minutes. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Jerry Milner, Doug Reeves, Marvion Reichert and Mike Wilkens who abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

Chairman VanMatre asked if there were any announcements or suggestions for future meetings. There was none.

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman VanMatre reported that Barry Obermiller, Keith Ostermeier and Ed Stoltenberg requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Marvion Reichert 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.

STUDENT RESEARCH PRESENTATION: Olivia Wymer, a senior at Central City High School, presented her research project titled, "The Effect of Nitrates on C. Elegans".

NRCS REPORTS: Joe Krolikowski, District Conservationist, reported on the summary of activities for the NRCS offices in Central Platte NRD (see attached).

BUILDING COMMITTEE: Mick Reynolds, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today.

Reynolds reviewed Change Order #4 for the new CPNRD Office/Education Center with Rogge General Contractors, Inc., in the amount of \$73,776.00. Changes include site power installation, winter conditions equipment and changes to electrical and aluminum frame finishes.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve Change Order #4 with Rogge General Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$73,776.00 which included site power installation, winter conditions equipment and changes to electrical and aluminum frame finishes. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Reynolds reviewed a proposal from I.E. Design. This proposal would help with the design of the interior furnishings of the new CPNRD Building/Education Center. The total cost will be \$12,000.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve the proposal with I.E. Design in the amount of \$12,000 to help with the design of the interior furnishings of the new CPNRD Building/Education Center. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Reynolds reviewed an agreement with JEO Consulting Group, for the design of the new CPNRD Storage Warehouse (Shop) in the amount of \$111,500.

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the amount of \$111,500 for the design of the new CPNRD Storage Warehouse (Shop). Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, shared a video of the building progress.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Deb VanMatre, chairman, reported that the committee began reviewing the 2025/2026 budget. They will meet again next month.

EASTERN PROJECTS COMMITTEE: Chuck Maser, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today.

Maser reported that the committee reviewed the proposal that was presented last month by the Platte Peer Group. The Platte Peer Group was requesting that Central Platte NRD serve as a fiscal agent for the Central City Riverfront Development Project. This would allow them to apply for more grants to help fund the project.

Chuck Maser made a motion to approve the request from the Platte Peer Group and to serve as the fiscal agent for the Central City Riverfront Development Project. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE: Jerry Milner, chairman, reported that they meet earlier today and discussed the annual crop reports. No action was taken.

NITROGEN MANAGEMENT VIOLATION REPORT: Tricia Dudley, Water Quality Specialist, reported that in May she had a list of 90 landowners out of compliance. As of today, she has 30 remaining. Dudley is requesting approval to send out cease-and-desist orders to those 30 landowners.

Doug Reeves made a motion to send out cease-and-desist orders to the following landowners that are out of compliance with the Nitrogen Management Program: Dawson Feeders, Jamie Beckmann, Doug Devries, Kevin Dubbs, Frank Dush, Taylor Engel, John Fritz, Brayden Gustafson, Tom Hartman, Ray Hebda Jr., Jeffrey Johnson, Greg Keller, Michael Kelliher, Mike Lilienthal, Kirt Lukasiewicz, Phil Mader, Skyler Mamot, Chris Mitchell, Jeremy Mueller, Matt Neujahr, Colton Osborn, Travis Rainforth, Clint Ratkovec, Earl & Levi Reyner, Lucas Rivera, James Simonson, Kirk Summers, John Thorp, Joe Turek and Kenneth Vettel. Mick Reynolds seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: No Report.

STAFF REPORTS: Luke Zakrzewski, GIS Image Analyst, Courtney Widup, Water Resources Technician and Collin Quandt, Agronomist, presented to the board what their job duties are.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Transfer & Applications - Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, requested a transfer of \$300 from Grazing Deferment, to increase Trees by \$300, and reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation, Center Pivot and Trees (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. Tom Downey seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote except Brian Keiser who abstained, were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reviewed the May financial report.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the May financial report as presented. Mick Reynolds seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT: Deb VanMatre, NARD Board Member, reported that their next meeting is June 9, 2025.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: Doug Reeves, Middle Platte Basin Representative, reported they met on April 9, 2025, and discussed the NDEE & DNR possible merger. Their next meeting will be July 23, 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman VanMatre reviewed the upcoming events.

Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, June 26. Details to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: Chairman VanMatre adjourned the board meeting at 3:09 p.m.

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May Report to CPNRD

Summary of activities and/or current happenings at the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff in the Central Platte NRD (CPNRD) are nearing completion of the contract development and obligation process for the FY 2025 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds. In just our local EQIP CPNRD fund pools approximately 150 applications were received by the November 15, 2024, deadline and met eligibility criteria for ranking. The NRCS has extended contract offers in accordance with available program funding and associated application ranking scores until all the funds are allocated. We have made a request for additional second round EQIP funds, but we have not received any additional funds yet for our local ranking pools. If by chance some additional funds become available will begin contacting applicants to extend contract offers and then develop those contracts as well.
- Conservation Stewardship Program, (CStP), FY2025 classic applications received by the November 15, 2024, cutoff, have been through the ranking process. The applications that have been preapproved for funding will be field verified by NRCS staff and we will be working with the producers to gather any additional information needed. Once this review process is complete, the contracts will be developed. The obligation deadline for all FY2025 CStP classic applications is May 30, 2025. The competition for these CSP classic funds continues to be extremely high. We had approximately 370 applications across the state, we were only able to preapprove approximately 175 of those applications, total dollars obligated for those 175 contracts will be around \$23 million.
- Pathways Internship Program update, for the summer of 2025 we are planning for no pathways interns across the state. The offers we had extended to students for this summer have been pulled back. There will be no students in our Grand Island Field office this summer.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joe Krolikowski

Joe Krolikowski
District Conservationist

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Cost Share

Thursday, May 22, 2025

NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM...	\$	4,220.00
Kenneth Boryca – Planned Grazing – Nance	\$	4,220.00
TREE PLANTING COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	975.00
Casey Mitchell – Buffalo	\$	975.00
TOTAL	\$	5,195.00