

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

July 22, 2021

CALL TO ORDER: 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. The board room will be available for public participation in the meeting.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present were:

LeRoy Arends	Ed Kyes	Doug Reeves
Jim Bendfeldt	Dwayne Margritz	Mick Reynolds
Tom Downey	Jerry Milner	Jay Richeson
Alicia Haussler	Barry Obermiller	Deb VanMatre
Ryan Kegley	Keith Ostermeier	Jerry Wiese

Excused Absences: Lon Bohn, Brian Keiser, Charles Maser, Marvion Reichert and Ed Stoltenberg

Unexcused Absences: Steve Sheen

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician, Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Angela Warner – GIS Coordinator, Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant, Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Programs Specialist, and Bill Hiatt – Resources Conservationist.

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist, Janelle Taubenheim – NRCS Resources Conservationist – Kearney Field Office, Naisargi Dave – EA Engineering, Dave Griffith – EA Engineering, Dan Bigbee – EA Engineering, and Rich Bringelson – Landowner.

MEETING NOTICES: 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: Alicia Haussler made the motion to approve the June board meeting minutes. Dwayne Margritz seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Jerry Milner and Barry Obermiller who abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

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

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman Reynolds reported that Lon Bohn, Brian Keiser, Charles Maser, Marvion Reichert and Ed Stoltenberg requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Alicia Haussler 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.

COVER CROP PRESENTATION: Dan Bigbee, EA Engineering, presented a progress report on the four-year Cover Crop Impact Study that Central Platte NRD and Lower Loup NRD are partners with. The study compared irrigated, and dryland cropped fields.

NRCS REPORT: Janelle Taubenheim, NRCS Resources Conservationist for the Buffalo County Field Office reported on EQIP programs that Dawson and Buffalo County are currently working on. She also presented the 2021 events that NRCS will be assisting with (see enclosed).

Joe Krolkowski, NRCS District Conservationist, reported on the Soil Carbon Project (see enclosed).

MANAGERS REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reviewed the managers' report.

Census numbers normally would have been received several months ago, however; due to COVID numbers will not be received until October 1. The new census data will result in CPNRD having to redistrict and we plan to do this in-house and will be required to complete the process in a very short time so that this data can be used in the 2022 election process.

The Precision Conservation Specialist position has been filled and the new hire plans to start August 23, 2021.

The Prescribed Fire Burn Plan Specialist was advertised again with a deadline of July 23, with the hope of getting a couple more applications.

A hearing on the Platte Republican Diversion was held on July 19th in Lincoln to brief the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources on the issue of standing for all the parties involved. It will be decided in the next couple of months by DNR who has or does not

have standing to participate in the process of being heard by DNR.

STAFF PRESENTATIONS: Tricia Dudley, Water Quality Programs Specialist and Brandi Flyr, Hydrologist presented to the board on their job duties at the Central Platte NRD.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: Chairman Reynolds said the Budget Committee met earlier that day to review the recommended expenditures for Fiscal Year 2021/2022. There were no recommendations for amendments or changes from the Budget Committee.

Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, briefly reviewed the proposed budget and said if it is adopted as proposed the property tax request would be \$3,983,622.69, which is a decrease of \$73,396.65 from last year. He said it is anticipated that valuations will have only a small increase and that our estimate for the levy is approximately 0.022566, compared to last year's levy of 0.022982.

Action on Budget of Expenditures for Budget Hearing & Set Public Hearing – Jay Richeson made the motion to approve the budget as advertised. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Set Public Levy Hearing – Alicia Haussler made a motion to schedule the public hearing to set the Fiscal Year 2021/2022 levy on September 2, 2021, at 1:45 pm with the board meeting scheduled that day at 2:00 or immediately following the public hearing. Keith Ostermeier 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: Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation, Flow Meter, Center Pivot 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 applications as reported. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, briefly reviewed the July financial reports.

Alicia Haussler made a motion to approve the July financial report as presented. Tom Downey seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT: No Report

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: No Report

PERSONNEL ISSUES: Keith Ostermeier made a motion to go into executive session at 3:08 pm to discuss personnel issues. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members, voting by roll call, were in favor. Motion carried.

Jim Bendfeldt made a motion at 3:31 pm to come out of executive session. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members, voting by roll call, were in favor. Motion carried.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman Reynolds reviewed the upcoming events.

Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, September 2. Details to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, recommended that we stop mailing out postcards as reminders for board meetings and start emailing the notices out as many of the directors are not receiving the postcards in a timely manner. Board members agreed, and this will begin in August.

ADJOURN: Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting 3:34 p.m.

CPNRD Board Meeting Presentation

Janelle Taubenheim
July 22, 2021

New Resource Conservationist – Kearney Field Office

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- Background
 - Grew up on a Farm in Iowa
 - Iowa State University – Graduated 2012
 - NRCS Experience
 - Summer In Iowa
 - Internship with NRCS – David City & Grand Island while in school
 - Soil Conservationist – Weeping Water & Lexington
 - Resource Conservationist – Lexington & Kearney
 - Family (Justin, Janelle, Turner, Callaway & Haven)



Lexington – Program Update

- EQIP Contracts Funded (21 applications remaining)
 - CAP-Prescribed Burn Plan Written-3
 - Range-3
 - Irrigation-4
 - IWM-1
 - Dryland-6
 - Soil Erosion- Terrace & Cover Crops – 1
 - Cover Crops -1
- CSP Contracts Funded (24 total classic applications remaining)
 - 2 Classic CSP Contracts
 - 4 Renewal CSP Contracts
- RCPP – Carbon Credit Program
 - Cover Crop Applications – 7
- CPNRD Cost Share Application – 5-7 in the works

Animal Feeding Operation – Dawson County

- Settje Agri-Services & Engineering Inc is the TSP
(Photo Credit: Settje)
- Participant wants to increase to a 5000 head feedlot
- Wants to expand and meet DEQ regulations
- NRCS assisting with AFO & Nutrient Management application

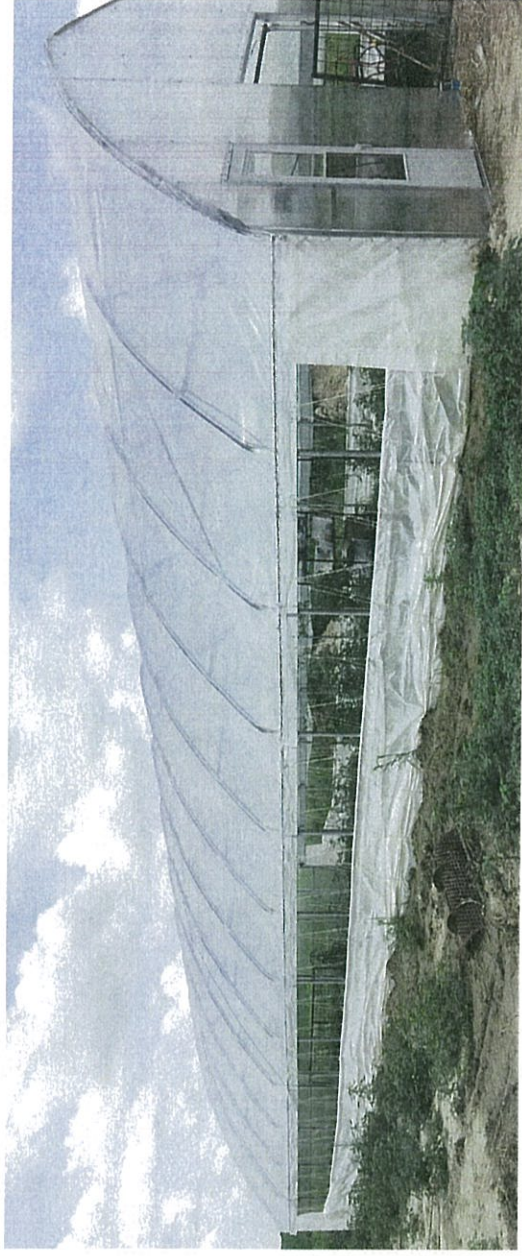




Kearney – Program Updates

- EQIP Contracts Funded (19 applications remaining)
 - IWM-5
 - SDI-1
 - Cover Crops-2
- CSP - None
- RCPP Carbon Credit
 - Cover Crop Applications – 7
- CPNRD cost share Applications
- LLNRD cost share Applications





High Tunnel System – Buffalo County

2021 Events NRCS is Assisting With

- Nebraska Grazing Conference – August 9-11
 - Pre Conference Tour August 9th in Dawson County
 - Chris Larsen, Craig Howard, & Mark Alberts
- Range Judging Contest – Was cancelled in 2020 will be held in Dawson County in 2021
 - Set Up day September 14th – Contest Day September 15th
 - Registration and Scoring at Dawson County Extension Office
 - Site is Southwest of Lexington
- Land Judging Contest - October 5 & 6th

July 21, 2021

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

July Report to CPNRD

The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is finishing up processing the applications received for another Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP) agreement, this agreement is with The Nature Conservancy, they are known as the “Lead Partner” in this project. Their Nebraska Soil Carbon Project is a collaboration with the Natural Resources Conservation Service, the Central Platte and Upper Big Blue NRDs, The Nature Conservancy, Ecosystem Services Market Consortium (ESMC), Cargill, Target, and McDonald's.

The project goal is to team up with producers to install soil health practices on central Nebraska cropland fields over the next five years. Farmers that choose to enroll in this program can receive cost share for adopting practices such as cover crops, no till, and/or diversified crop rotations. Their soils will be evaluated over this time for both carbon and water quality benefits and then quantified showing the results before and after implementing any of these conservation practices.

The application process included completion of: applicant and land eligibility determinations, conservation planning with the applicant, cost estimates, application assessments, and then ranking. All the applications that were received on or before the June 15, 2021 signup deadline have been considered for the FY 2021 fund allocation. Contract obligations are planned to be completed by the end of this fiscal year, which is September 30, 2021, for the highest ranked applications preapproved for funding. Our Field Office staff is currently waiting for the National Offices to release the new contracting software, and then provide training to us on how we use this new software to development these RCPP contracts.

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For FY 2021, we estimate approximately \$618,730 is available through this RCPP agreement, this means approximately \$309,365 to be spent toward practices in each of the 2 NRD's. The following is an application summary for each Natural Resources District:

RCPP

Field Office	Applications	\$ Requested
Kearney	7	\$72,992.00
Lexington	7	\$82,124.00
St. Paul	1	\$407.00
Hastings	1	\$12,446.00
Osceola	1	\$36,623.00
Central Platte NRD Apps	17	\$204,592.00
Aurora	4	\$343,000.00
Seward	4	\$646,554.00
York	4	\$308,001.74
Geneva	3	\$246,000.00
David City	3	\$313,156.00
Clay Center	2	\$145,923.57
Upper Big Blue NRD Apps	20	\$2,002,635.31
Totals	37	\$2,207,227.31

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joe Krolikowski

Joe Krolikowski
District Conservationist

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Cost Share
Thursday, July 22, 2021

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM....		\$ 81,017.75
Roland Lauer – Dawson – Planned Grazing	\$ 7,111.00	
Tom Phillips – Custer – Planned Grazing	6,171.86	
Ray Hebda Sr. – Merrick – Underground pipeline to pivot	5,000.00	
Bradley T Jones – Hall – Underground pipeline to pivot	5,000.00	
Dennis Ryba – Polk – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
Timothy Dean – Dawson – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
Howard Eltiste – Dawson – Planned Grazing	6,780.00	
Steve Devine – Frontier – Brush Management	5,544.98	
Randy Burge – Custer – Brush Management	2,029.20	
Randy Burge – Custer – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
Robert Rieken – Polk – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
Larry Woitaszewski – Hall – Underground pipeline to pivot	5,000.00	
Gregory Ibach – Dawsom – Brush Management	8,380.71	
FLOW METER COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$ 800.00
Larry Woitaszewski – Hall	\$ 800.00	
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$ 15,000.00
Brad Kroeger – Hall	\$ 7,500.00	
Larry Woitaszewski – Hall	7,500.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$ 750.00
Richard Fredricks – Hall	\$ 750.00	
Total		\$ 97,567.75

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Fiscal Year 2021/2022 Budget Hearing Minutes

July 22, 2021

OPEN HEARING: Chairman Mick Reynolds opened the public hearing at 1:45 pm. He stated that this public hearing is an open meeting of the Central Platte Natural Resources District. The NRD abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed on the South wall of this room, as required by State Law.

ATTENDANCE: See July 22, 2021, Board Meeting Minutes Attendance.

Chairman Reynolds reported that the purpose of this hearing is to receive support, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed Fiscal Year 2021/2022 budget and to consider amendments relative to the proposed budget. Notices of the hearing and budget summary were published in the Grand Island Independent, Kearney Hub, Central City Republican Nonpareil, Lexington Clipper Herald and Tri-City Tribune. The hearing notice was entered into the record (See attached Grand Island Independent notice).

REVIEW: General Manager Lyndon Vogt said the Budget Committee had met prior to the board meeting and reviewed the proposed budget as advertised and any Budget Committee recommended amendments. Lyndon referred to the "Budget Summary Comparison" showing last year's adopted budget and the proposed FY 2021/2022 budget (see attached).

General Manager Vogt said the budget, as advertised, would require property taxes of \$3,983,622.69. This would be a decrease of \$73,396.65 from last year. He also reviewed the balances on hand as of June 30, estimated revenue, and totals for proposed expenditures. No property tax is being proposed for the Sinking Fund.

General Manager Vogt said the actual valuations from the 11 county assessors will not be available until August 20; however, it is estimated that the change in valuations will be minimal. The levy estimate may be about 0.0225, compared to last year's levy of 0.022982.

CALL FOR TESTIMONY: Chairman Reynolds asked if there was any testimony on the proposed budget. There was none.

CLOSE: Chairman Reynolds closed the hearing at 1:48 pm.

See July 22, 2021, board meeting minutes for action on the proposed Fiscal 2021/2022 budget.

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County of Hall) SS.

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GRAND ISLAND, NE 68803

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Brooklyn Trampe

NOTICE OF BUDGET
HEARING & BUDGET
SUMMARY
Central Platte Natural
Resources District

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statute Sections 13-501 to 13-513, that the governing body will meet on the 22nd day of July 2021 at 1:45 p.m. at 215 Kaufman Avenue, Grand Island, NE for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget. The budget detail is available at the office during regular business hours.

Fund	2019/2020 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	2020/2021 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	2021/2022 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers
General Fund Sinking Fund	4,915,575.64	479.58	7,125,543.72
2019/2020 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	4,915,575.64	479.58	7,125,543.72
2020/2021 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	4,915,575.64	479.58	7,125,543.72
2021/2022 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	4,915,575.64	479.58	7,125,543.72
Necessary Cash Reserve	500,000.00	-0-	500,000.00
Total Resources Available	19,251,574.63	1,349,185.60	22,735,197.32
Total 2020/2021 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	3,983,622.69	-0-	3,983,622.69
Unused Budget Authority Created for Next Year (Estimate)	2,700,000.00	-0-	2,700,000.00
Breakdown of Property Tax:			
Personal & Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$3,983,622.69	-0-	\$3,983,622.69
Personal & Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	-0-	-0-	-0-
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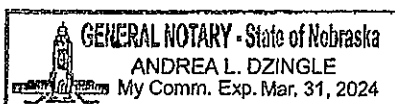
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Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 15 day
of July, 2021

My commission expires March 31, 2024

Andrea F. Dingle
Notary Public



CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

BUDGET SUMMARY COMPARISON

Fiscal Year 2020/2021 to Fiscal Year 2021/2022

	Adopted FY 2020/2021	Proposed FY 2021/2022
GENERAL & SINKING FUNDS		
Cash, Investments & Co. Treas.	12,570,286.04	12,771,569.30
Revenue	8,124,355.58	7,829,190.93
Total Balances on Hand & Revenue	20,694,641.62	20,600,760.23
 General Fund Requirements	 23,338,571.89	 23,195,755.51
County Treas. Commission	40,168.51	39,441.81
 Sinking Fund Requirements	 1,372,920.56	 1,349,185.60
County Treas. Commission	-0-	-0-
Total Requirements - Both Funds (-)	24,751,660.96	24,584,382.92
 Property Tax Required:		
General Fund	4,057,019.34	3,983,622.69
 Sinking Fund	 -0-	 -0-
Total - Both Funds	4,057,019.34	3,983,622.69

The proposed Property Tax for both funds for FY 2021/2022 would be less \$73,396.65 from last year.

FY 2020/2021 Actual Levy	General Fund	0.022982
	Sinking Fund	0.000000
	Total Both Funds	0.022982
 Estimated FY 2021/2022 Levy	General Fund	0.022566
	Sinking Fund	0.000000
	Total Both Funds	0.022566

We are estimating that the valuation increase will be minimal. Estimated Levy is based on last year's valuation of \$17,653,315,322.00.

GENERAL FUND OPERATING COSTS:	Adopted FY 2020/2021	Proposed FY 2021/2022
Auto & Truck Expense	34,000.00	34,000.00
Directors' Expense	58,000.00	58,000.00
Directors' Per Diem	20,000.00	20,000.00
Dues & Memberships	48,376.00	49,948.00
Employees' Benefits	524,621.41	642,739.32
Expenses - Personnel	71,000.00	71,000.00
Agency Studies/Projects	415,508.74	419,454.00
Audit Fees	20,000.00	20,000.00
Information/Education	146,600.00	145,870.00
Insurance & Bonds	75,300.00	81,500.00
Legal Notices	10,000.00	10,000.00
Miscellaneous Expense	1,500.00	1,500.00
Office Supplies & Expense	58,500.00	61,500.00
Payroll Taxes	122,050.00	125,710.00
Postage	15,000.00	15,000.00
Special Projects	2,123,861.31	2,740,795.05
Professional Services	3,363,289.42	3,047,456.77
Project Construction	657,951.20	325,418.97
Project Land Rights	30,464.00	30,464.00
Project Legal Costs	11,600.00	11,600.00
Project Oper.& Maint.	7,901,641.00	7,438,900.00
Purchase Materials for Resale	76,000.00	76,000.00
Telephone/Utilities/Janitorial	36,200.00	39,500.00
Salaries	1,946,411.27	2,056,477.40
Lobbying Expense	12,000.00	12,000.00
Buildings' Maintenance	25,000.00	25,000.00
Taxes (From Resale Materials)	7,000.00	7,000.00
Property Tax (Dawson Co Farm Land)	8,900.00	8,900.00
Wildlife Habitat	5,600.00	6,000.00
Conservation Cost-share	559,683.14	568,207.60
Intergov. Cost-share	15,000.00	15,000.00
Assessment Projects	6,000.00	6,000.00
Project Operating Supplies	24,000.00	24,000.00
Capital Outlay		
Buildings	265,000.00	315,000.00
Machinery & Equipment	167,000.00	186,000.00
Trucks	55,000.00	80,000.00
Office Equipment	46,700.00	46,000.00
Water Rights/Land	3,873,814.40	3,873,814.40
Loan Repayment	-0-	-0-
Interest Expense	-0-	-0-
Subtotal-Operating Expense	22,838,571.89	22,695,755.51
Necessary Cash Reserve	500,000.00	500,000.00
Total Requirements	23,338,571.89	23,195,755.51

	Adopted FY 2020/2021	Proposed FY 2021/2022
(General Fund Continued)		
Assets:		
Cash & Investments	11,185,091.00	11,352,383.70
Treasurers' Balances	70,000.00	70,000.00
Available Assets	11,255,091.00	11,422,383.70
Revenue:		
Federal Funds	3,232,625.00	2,495,172.67
State Funds	1,564,089.30	1,360,170.77
Customer Charges	288,349.69	155,407.00
Investment Income	150,000.00	16,000.00
Cosponsors' Reimbursement	2,799,366.07	3,770,240.49
Assessment Income	6,000.00	6,000.00
Miscellaneous Income	10,000.00	10,000.00
Pro-Rate Motor Vehicle	16,200.00	16,200.00
Total Revenue	8,066,630.06	7,829,190.93
Balances on Hand & Revenue	19,321,721.06	19,251,574.63
General Fund Requirements	(-)23,338,571.89	23,195,755.51
Property Tax	4,016,850.83	3,944,180.88
County Treasurers' Commission (1%)	40,168.51	39,441.81
Total Property Tax Required	4,057,019.34	3,983,622.69

If adopted the proposed General Operating Fund Property Tax Requirement would be less \$73,396.65 from last year.

SINKING FUND:	Adopted FY 2020/2021	Proposed FY 2021/2022
Current Expenditures		
Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek- (Engineering & Construction)	-0-	-0-
Dawson Canals-O/M Contingency	400,000.00	400,000.00
Wood River Maint. Escrow	273,734.96	250,000.00
Loan Repayment-Canals	-0-	-0-
Capital Outlay - Current:		
Parking Lot Replacement	25,000.00	25,000.00
Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek - Land Purchase (CAAP)	274,185.60	274,185.60
Deferred Expenditures		
Canals Contingency-Oper/Maint.	400,000.00	400,000.00
Total Requirements	1,372,920.56	1,349,185.60
Cash & Investments	1,369,724.83	1,349,185.60
County Treas. Balances	-0-	-0-
Total Investments & Co.Treas.Bal.	1,369,724.83	1,349,185.60
Revenue		
Interest on Investments	3,195.73	-0-
Pro-rate Motor Vehicle	-0-	-0-
Total Revenue	3,195.73	-0-
Total Assets & Revenue	1,372,920.56	1,349,185.60
Sinking Fund Requirements	(-)1,372,920.56	1,349,185.60
Property Tax	-0-	-0-
County Treasurers' Commission (1%)	-0-	-0-
Total Property Tax Requirement	-0-	-0-

The proposed Sinking Fund Property Tax Requirement is 0.