

**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 27, 2022

**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.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members present were:

LeRoy Arends	Ed Kyes	Doug Reeves
Jim Bendfeld	Dwayne Margritz	Marvion Reichert
Lon Bohn	Charles Maser	Mick Reynolds
Tom Downey	Jerry Milner	Jay Richeson
Alicia Haussler	Barry Obermiller	Ed Stoltenberg
Ryan Kegley	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre

Excused Absences: Brian Keiser, Steve Sheen and Jerry Wiese

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

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist, Jacob Kendrick – NRCS Resource Conservationist – Central City Office, Randy Zach – NE Public Power District, Brandon Summers – Grand Island Independent, Scott Sorensen – Hall County Supervisor, and Matt McGuire - 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:** Jim Bendfeldt made the motion to approve the December board meeting minutes. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Tom Downey and Deb VanMatre 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.

Matt McGuire, 15346 W Barrows Rd, Kenesaw NE 68956. He was upset at the number of landowners taking out trees for habitat and wanted more done on the Wood River to prevent flooding. Had questions about the possibility of a flood control project at Gibbon on the Wood River.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Chairman Reynolds reported that Brian Keiser, Steve Sheen and Jerry Wiese requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Marvion Reichert 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:** Jacob Kendrick, NRCS Resources Conservationist, reported on Pheasants Forever Programs available and new staffing at the Central City office (see enclosed).

Joe Krolikowski, NRCS District Conservationist, reported on FY 2022 EQIP allocations (see enclosed).

**BOARD OFFICERS:** Chairman Reynolds reviewed the subcommittee's recommendation that was reported at last month's board meeting to elect Marvion Reichert as secretary and Keith Ostermeier for treasurer. Keith Ostermeier will serve a second two-year term.

Chairman Reynolds asked whether there were any nominations from the floor. There were none.

Barry Obermiller made a motion that nominations close. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Keith Ostermeier and Marvion Reichert who abstained. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Jim Bendfeldt to elect Marvion Reichert as Secretary and Keith Ostermeier as Treasurer. Barry Obermiller seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Marvion Reichert who abstained. Motion carried.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Barry Obermiller, chairman, reported that the Building Committee meet earlier today.

After a brief discussion, Barry Obermiller made a motion to authorize the building committee to proceed with design and bid requests for an Educational Center and Office

Building on the Prairie/Silver/Moores Project. Jim Bendfeldt seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**EASTERN PROJECTS COMMITTEE:** Ed Stoltenberg, chairman, reported that the Eastern Projects Committee meet earlier today and reviewed bid recommendations for the rehabilitation of dams in Buffalo & Polk Counties.

The committee received one bid recommendation for Box Elder (Buffalo County) rehabilitation from Kokes Construction for \$138,280.00, which was below the engineering costs estimate. No bids were received for Polk County. Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, said we will reach out to those contractors in Polk County as to why they didn't bid, make any changes needed, and send out for bids again.

A motion was made by Ed Stoltenberg to accept the bid from Kokes Construction in the amount of \$138,280.00 for the repair of Box Elder. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**WESTERN PROJECTS COMMITTEE:** Marvion Reichert, chairman, reported that the Western Projects Committee meet earlier today to discuss change orders for the Richard Plautz Crane Viewing Site Trail Improvements and was given an update on the Elm & Turkey Creek WFPO.

Change order #2 for the Richard Plautz Crane Viewing Site Trail Improvements with Morten Construction was a reduction of \$16,813.00 due to the reduction in riprap unit price due to material change and additional 7" concrete paving to extend the driveways. Bringing the total cost of the project to \$268,886.00.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to accept change order #2 with Morten Construction for the reduction of \$16,813.00, bringing the total of the contract to \$268,886.00. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Change order #3 for the Richard Plautz Crane Viewing Site Trail Improvements with Morten Construction was a reduction of \$4,800.00 due to the reduction in silt fence installation. Bringing the total cost of the project to \$264,086.00.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to accept change order #3 with Morten Construction for the reduction of \$4,800.00, bringing the total of the contract to \$264,086.00. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

A certificate of Substantial Completion has been signed for this project.

**MONITORING WELL CHANGE ORDER:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that 12 monitoring wells were drilled by Downey Drilling. A few of the wells ended up

needing to be deeper than the original contract quoted. The change order is for an additional \$7,821.38.

Dwayne Margritz made the motion to accept the Change order from Downey Drilling in the amount of \$7,821.38 for the 12 monitoring wells. Jim Bendfeldt seconded the motion. All board members voting, by roll call vote, were in favor, except Tom Downey who abstained. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manger, reported that the Perkins Canal had a hearing on the budget process. The Nebraska Department of Natural Resources shared some handouts and those are on Drop Box.

Central Platte NRD was approved for an RCPP grant with NRCS for \$1.7 million over the next 5 years. This will make our EQIP money go further. Signups are open now, but the program officially begins September or October of this year.

Darren Cudaback has been hired as the Precision Conservation Specialist and will begin work February 1, 2022.

**VIOLATION REPORT:** Luke Zakrzewski, GIS Image Analyst, reported that 55 landowners irrigated land that wasn't certified. This totaled 405 acres. Violations ranged from 0.96 acres to 39.9 acres, with the average just under 5 acres. Letters will go out to landowners early February.

**WATER BANKING AGREEMENT:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that starting in 2025 municipalities are required to offset their new uses. This agreement with Central Platte NRD would allow municipalities to bank water for future development in their own communities. Central Platte NRD would administer the water bank transactions.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve a water bank agreement for use of groundwater for future development. Lon Bohn seconded the motion. All board members, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Transfer & Applications** –Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, requested a transfer of \$21,000 from Grazing Deferment, \$10,000 from Soil Moisture Sensors, \$15,000 from Phragmites and \$10,000 from Flow Meter and put \$29,000 to Center Pivots and \$27,000 to Trees and reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation, Center Pivot, Burn Preparation, 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.

Jay Richeson 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, were in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** The December financial report was not available at last month's board meeting because the meeting was held a week early. Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reviewed the December and January financial reports.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the December and January financial reports as presented. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Jim Bendfeldt who abstained. Motion carried.

**NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT:** Jim Bendfeldt reported on the NARD Legislative Conference that was held January 25-26 in Lincoln. He noted that the NARD Legislative Conference in Washington DC has been cancelled due to COVID.

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION:** No report

**PRIMARY ELECTION:** Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that as of Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup> the following board members have refiled for the NRD Board: Brian Keiser, Tom Downey, Lon Bohn, Ryan Kegley, Deb VanMatre, Jerry Milner, Ed Stoltenberg, and Charles Maser. Incumbents have until February 15<sup>th</sup> to file and non-incumbents have until March 1<sup>st</sup> to file.

**COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN SELECTION:** Chairman Reynolds reminded board members that immediately following the board meeting we will select new chairman's for each committee.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Chairman Reynolds reviewed the upcoming events.  
**Next Board Meeting** – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, February 24. Details to follow.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 3:00 p.m.



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January 25, 2022

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January Report to CPNRD

Attached is a summary of the FY 2022 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) initial allocations to each Natural Resources District in Nebraska. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will begin preparing the applications for ranking that are received by the November application cutoff date. The ranking deadline for all the eligible applications is usually set for February sometime. Following the ranking of these applications, contract offers will be extended immediately to the highest ranked applications so that fund obligation can be completed as early as possible in FY 2022. The actual contracting period can extend until the end of the Government's Fiscal Year, which is September 31<sup>st</sup>. We always try to do our best complete this work as early as possible each year, but this depends on funds availability.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Joe Krolikowski*

Joe Krolikowski  
District Conservationist

Attachments: Attachment A





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## **January Report to CPNRD**

Central City Field Office Updates for 2022

### **Pheasants Forever**

New Chapter in Merrick County. 1<sup>st</sup> Annual meeting is February 5<sup>th</sup> at the Palmer old gym. Contact is Dylan Wieser at 308-339-9050.

The Grand Island Chapter has donated a grassland drill that can be rented out.

Full Season Cover Crop Postcards sent out

- Row Crop Acres
- Within 2 miles of CRP, Managed Wetland, Wildlife Management
- Plant by June 1<sup>st</sup>, Terminate after March 15<sup>th</sup>
- \$300/acre
- 75% Cost share
- Max 40 acres.

### **Summit Carbon Solutions**

In Merrick County, producers are being contacted to survey their land for the tentative pipeline. Expect more news and talk as the company moves forward.

### **Staffing**

Kyla Friedrichsen started working with us this month as the new District Secretary. She is a Merrick County local currently living near Palmer, NE. She was previously at Cornerstone Insurance and brings a catalog of skills, experience, and local knowledge to the team.

Our conservationist Jaden Russel is currently at Military Training until May 1<sup>st</sup>.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J-K'.

Jacob Kendrick  
Resource Conservationist  
USDA-NRCS



FY 2022 Environmental Quality Incentives Program NRD Allocations  
1/27/2022

NRD	2021 Initial General FA	Estimated FY2022 Initial General FA	NWQI/Joint Chiefs/Water Smart FA	Manual Adjustment	Total Initial FA for FY2022 (Includes NWQI, Joint Chiefs, Water Smart & Manual Adjustment Funds)
CP	\$ 609,070	\$ 605,295			\$ 605,295
LB	\$ 475,001	\$ 504,095	\$ 368,314		\$ 872,409
LBB	\$ 231,995	\$ 246,034	\$ 616,159		\$ 862,193
LC	\$ 438,750	\$ 463,812	\$ 250,625		\$ 714,437
LE	\$ 656,932	\$ 688,948	\$ 250,625		\$ 939,574
LL	\$ 1,218,343	\$1,135,645			\$ 1,135,645
LN	\$ 200,000	\$ 84,986		\$ 115,014	\$ 200,000
LPN	\$ 632,824	\$ 685,983			\$ 685,983
LPS	\$ 200,000	\$ 188,221		\$ 11,779	\$ 200,000
LR	\$ 371,242	\$ 379,160			\$ 379,160
MN	\$ 367,468	\$ 345,257	\$ 166,667		\$ 511,924
MR	\$ 412,877	\$ 400,464	\$ 524,000		\$ 924,464
N	\$ 341,326	\$ 344,648			\$ 344,648
NP	\$ 619,366	\$ 550,537			\$ 550,537
PMR	\$ 295,383	\$ 289,937			\$ 289,937
SP	\$ 284,526	\$ 263,466			\$ 263,466
TB	\$ 280,797	\$ 280,331			\$ 280,331
TP	\$ 667,209	\$ 593,400			\$ 593,400
UBB	\$ 495,078	\$ 505,670			\$ 505,670
UE	\$ 753,716	\$ 663,716	\$ 250,625		\$ 914,342
UL	\$ 373,115	\$ 303,277	\$ 166,667		\$ 469,944
UNW	\$ 602,520	\$ 534,566	\$ 166,667		\$ 701,232
UR	\$ 412,412	\$ 383,480	\$ 250,000		\$ 633,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,939,949</b>	<b>\$ 11,440,928</b>	<b>\$ 3,010,349</b>	<b>\$ 126,793</b>	<b>\$ 13,578,070</b>



CENTRAL PLATTE NRD  
 Cost Share  
 Thursday, January 27, 2022

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM...	\$		<b>5,000.00</b>
Marcella Ann Stelk – Hall – Pipeline to Pivot	\$	5,000.00	
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM.....	\$		<b>29,655.80</b>
Don Ritta – Hamilton	\$	7,212.50	
Dash Farms Inc. – Merrick		7,500.00	
Alvin Kowaski III – Merrick		7,443.30	
Ken Patrick – Merrick		7,500.00	
BURN PREPARATION COST SHARE PROGRAM .....	\$		<b>9,015.00</b>
James Micek – Merrick	\$	2,040.00	
Darrel Eugene Johnson – Custer		6,975.00	
TREE PLANTING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....	\$		<b>35,506.16</b>
Adam Sorensen – Buffalo	\$	1,324.19	
Jake Peterson – Custer		833.00	
Todd Williams – Buffalo		1,563.60	
Andy Kelly - Hall of Fame		1,510.60	
P & D Hecox Inc. – Dawson		2,970.24	
Justin & Janelle Taubenheim – Buffalo		1,378.37	
John Puls – Frontier		3,000.00	
Todd Russell – Buffalo		2,999.85	
James Weber – Buffalo		3,000.00	
Marci Gilbertson – Buffalo		2,079.25	
Greg McFarland – Dawson		1,573.46	
Jered Jones – Hall		2,774.10	
Michael Scott Jones - Hall		1,203.86	
Dick Rezac – Hall		2,020.48	
Brian Keller – Buffalo		2,604.14	
Chandler Klute – Buffalo		1,671.02	
Gordon Glade - Hall		3,000.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....	\$		<b>500.00</b>
William Starkjohn – Custer	\$	500.00	
Total .....	\$		<b>79,676.96</b>