

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

October 26, 2023

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.

ATTENDANCE: Board members present by roll call were:

Todd Arends	Charles Maser	Jay Richeson
Lon Bohn	Jerry Milner	Steve Sheen
Alicia Haussler	Barry Obermiller	Ed Stoltenberg
Ryan Kegley	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Brian Keiser	Doug Reeves	Jerry Wiese
Ed Kyes	Mick Reynolds	Mike Wilkens
Dwayne Margritz		

Excused Absences: Tom Downey and Marvion Reichert

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist, Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator and Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Specialist.

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist and Janelle Taubenheim – Buffalo County NRCS Resource Conservationist

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 September board meeting minutes. Barry Obermiller seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Lon Bohn, Ryan Kegley and Mike Wilkens who abstained. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

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

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

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman Reynolds reported that Tom Downey and Marvion Reichert requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

NRCS REPORT: Janelle Taubenheim, Buffalo County NRCS Resource Conservationist, gave an update on the Kearney Field Office contracts (see attached).

Joe Krolikowski, NRCS District Conservationist, reported on CSP contracts throughout the Central Platte NRD (see attached).

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: Doug Reeves, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today.

The committee discussed the possibility of changing the cost on prescribed burns that Central Platte NRD administers. Staff will gather more information and report back to the committee in November.

The committee was also updated on the upcoming tree and weed barrier price increases this year.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reminded the board that the public hearing on updates to the Rules and Regulations is scheduled for November 16th at 1:45 pm.

Vogt reported that the Nebraska Supreme Court stayed the course on its decision to not allow an NRD to have standing on a surface water diversion that is before the NeDNR. The Supreme Court decision is on Dropbox.

Vogt reported that Tricia Dudley has forwarded violation information to our legal counsel on three individuals: Joel Anderson (Polk County), Rich Blythe (Dawson County) and Anthony Kreikemeier (Polk County). These individuals violated the cease-and-desist order that was filed against them regarding our water quality program.

Vogt also reported that Central Platte NRD will begin to take credit card payments within the next month or two.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications - Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation, Burn Preparation, Center Pivot, Well Decommissioning and Cover Crop (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 applications as reported. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Ed Kyes who abstained. Motion carried.

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

Alicia Haussler made a motion to approve the October financial report as presented. Doug Reeves 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 will be November 6th in Grand Island.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: No Report.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman Reynolds reviewed the upcoming events.
Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, November 16. Details to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 2:20 p.m.

October 2023

Kearney Field Office Update



Management Practice Changes

- Prescribed Grazing Required to follow NRCS Stocking Rates 2 Years after structural practices implemented.
- Cropland Management Practices required 3 years. Resource Concern must be identified.





New and Old Application Numbers

Currently with Rollover application and new applications Kearney has:

26 - Grazing Applications

19 - Irrigation Applications

1 - Urban Agriculture

5 - Cover Crops

APPLICATION CUT OFF DATE EQIP & CSP NOVEMBER 17th





Project Updates



Wetland Restoration



Site #1 Completed



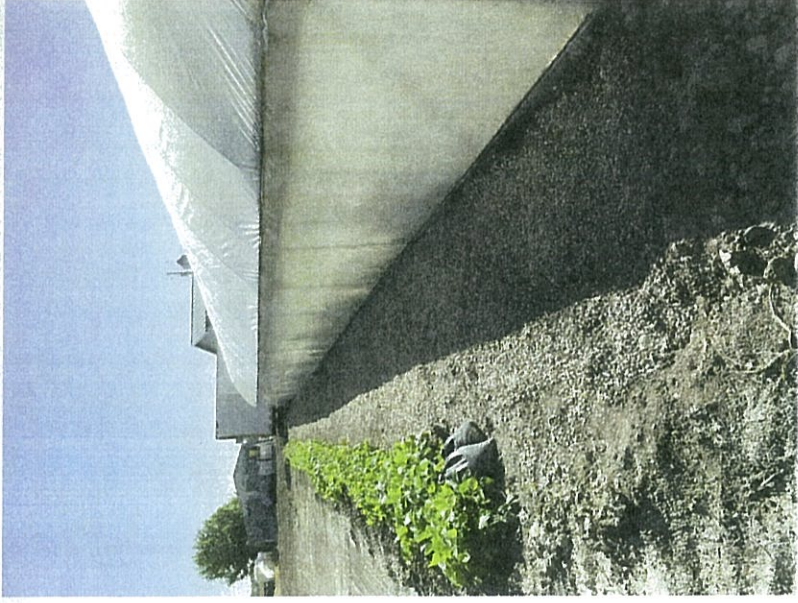
Site #2 Before



Site #2 In Progress



Urban Agriculture



CSP Cover Crops following Rye





Thank you





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October 24, 2023

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October Report to CPNRD

The NRCS is currently working on the Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP) contract renewals. These are existing contracts held by producers throughout the CPNRD and state that have the option to renew their contract for another 5 years, or let it expire and then possibly reapply at a later date. The Conservation Stewardship Program helps you build on your existing conservation efforts while strengthening your operation. Whether you are looking to improve grazing conditions, increase crop yields, or develop wildlife habitat, we can work together to custom design a CSP plan to help you meet those goals.

We are also working on processing the CSP payments for current contracts already on file. This takes place when the producers turn in their completed enhancement worksheets in the fall. The worksheets document the practices completed by the producer that fiscal year. NRCS staff will review this information, work with producer to make and needed adjustment or gather more information, and then process the annual payment in the calendar year of the producers choosing.

If you are interested in the CSP Program, and have never applied before, remember applications are accepted all throughout the year for this program. Each year specific deadlines are set for ranking and funding opportunities. The next application deadline for funding consideration is **November 17, 2023**. If you are interested, you should contact your local NRCS field office for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

/s/ Joe Krolikowski

Joe Krolikowski
District Conservationist

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Cost Share
Thursday, October 26, 2023

NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM...		\$	20,000.00
Marshall Land Co Inc. – Buffalo – Brush Management	\$	10,000.00	
Edward Kyes – Merrick – Underground Pipe to Pivot		5,000.00	
Daniel Baker – Merrick – Underground Pipe to Pivot		5,000.00	
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	15,000.00
Edward Kyes – Merrick	\$	7,500.00	
Daniel Baker – Merrick		7,500.00	
BURN PREPARATION COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	1,050.00
Garth Ostergard – Custer	\$	1,050.00	
COVER CROP COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	500.00
Peregrine Ranch Inc. – Nance	\$	500.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$	1,500.00
Larry Bird Concord Investments LLC – Hall	\$	750.00	
Bar M R Inc. – Dawson		750.00	
TOTAL		\$	38,050.00