

## **CENTRAL PLATTE NRD**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

October 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.

**ATTENDANCE:** Board members present were:

LeRoy Arends	Charles Maser	Jay Richeson
Tom Downey	Jerry Milner	Steve Sheen
Ryan Kegley	Barry Obermiller	Ed Stoltenberg
Brian Keiser	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Ed Kyes	Mick Reynolds	Jerry Wiese

Excused Absences: Jim Bendfeldt, Lon Bohn, Alicia Haussler, Dwayne Margritz, Doug Reeves and Marvion Reichert

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, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Programs Specialist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist, Bill Hiatt – Resources Conservationist and Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator.

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist and Jake Klabenes – Lutz-CPA Audit Director.

**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:** Jay Richeson made the motion to approve the September board meeting minutes. Deb VanMatre seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Ryan Kegley 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 Jim Bendfeldt, Lon Bohn, Alicia Haussler, Dwayne Margritz, Doug Reeves and Marvion Reichert requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Tom Downey 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.

**2021/2022 AUDIT:** Jake Klabenes, Lutz-CPA Audit Director, reviewed the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. He said the independent auditors' report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters was based on an audit of financial statements performed in accordance with government auditing standards and that no problems were encountered.

Following a brief discussion Charles Maser made the motion to accept the fiscal year 2021/2022 audit. Deb VanMatre 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 on the projects Buffalo County NRCS is currently working on and reviewed the Conservation Stewardship Program contract renewals throughout the Central Platte NRD (see enclosed).

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:** Deb VanMatre, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today.

VanMatre reported that the committee reviewed the criteria for the Urban Conservation Program. This program is available to units of government (cities, counties, villages or other governmental entities). No changes were suggested, so no action was taken.

**WATER UTILIZATION COMMITTEE:** Tom Downey, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier today and asked Lyndon Vogt to explain the contracts that were reviewed.

Vogt reported that there are two draft contracts on drop box under the Water Utilization folder. The first contract is between Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District and addresses excess flows.

The second agreement is between the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, Tri-Basin NRD and Central Platte NRD and this agreement determines how the credit would be divided for the excess flows.

No action is being taken today as there may be an update to the contracts. The contracts will be brought back to the committee at either the November or December board

meeting for approval.

**MANAGERS REPORT:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that a Perkins County Canal Facts sheet was added to drop box for your review.

The Central Nebraska Regenerative Ag Conference information has been put on drop box if any director is interested in attending.

An updated NDEE employee directory has been added to drop box for your convenience.

NWRA has announced Mr. Dale Nellor as their next Executive Vice President.

**ASSISTANT MANAGERS REPORT:** Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, reported that a list of current projects, what phase those projects are on and what firm we are working with is on drop box.

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Transfer & Applications -** Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, requested a transfer of \$1,000 from Flow Meter to Cover Crop and reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Center Pivot, Cover Crop 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:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, briefly reviewed the October financial reports.

Ed Kyes made a motion to approve the October financial report as presented. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT:** Chairman Reynolds reported that the 2022 Annual Conference Business Session Minutes are on drop box.

Reynolds also reported that Jim Bendfeldt was inducted into the Nebraska Natural Resources District Hall of Fame and Barry Obermiller was recognized for 25 years of service.

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION:** Mick Reynolds, Middle Platte Basin Representative reported that a total of \$10,865,033.00 in projects were approved. This included 3 large projects, 7 small projects and Omaha's CSO project.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Chairman Reynolds reviewed the upcoming events.  
**Next Board Meeting** – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, November 17. Details to follow.

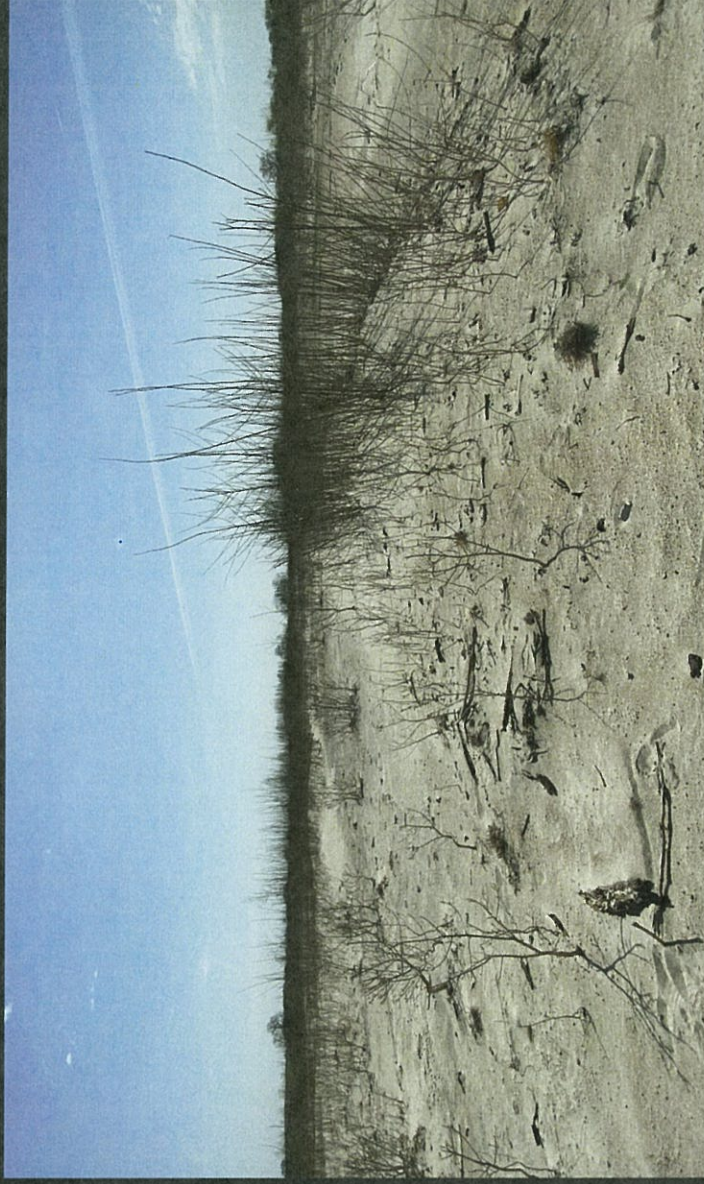
**OTHER BUSINESS:** Chairman Reynolds asked the board if they were interested in a Board Retreat again this year. After a short discussion, it was agreed to put together a board retreat around the first part of February 2023.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 2:40 p.m.



October 2022 Update





- 2019 flooding and sand deposit
- Partners Involved
- Cultural Resource Finding







**CULTURAL RESOURCE REVIEW – SHIPO PROCESS  
SOIL SCIENTIST – WETLAND INVENTORY  
NEXT STEPS - ENGINEER DESIGN, PARTNER INPUT, EQIP APPLICATION**





- Popular Practice through EQIP and RCPP

- Producer must make management adjustments to be eligible.





- 1 Written Burn Plan
- 5 Cover Crops (2 CPNRD 3 LLNRD)
- 16 Grazing Projects (10 CPNRD 6 LLNRD)
- 4 High Tunnel Systems (CPNRD)
- 8 Pivots (CPNRD)
- 15 SDI (13CPNRD 2 LLNRD)
- 1 Wetland Restoration
- 1 Windbreak (LLNRD)



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October 24, 2022

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Grand Island, NE 68803

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 what was complete 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 18, 2022**. If you are interested, you should contact your local NRCS field office for more information.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Joe Krolikowski*

Joe Krolikowski  
District Conservationist

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Transfer: \$1,000 from Flow Meter to Cover Crop

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD  
Cost Share  
Thursday, September 22, 2022

CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$	<b>11,250.50</b>
Todd's CPC Inc. – Hall	\$	3,750.50	
Philip Weinrich – Hall		7,500.00	
COVER CROP COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$	<b>1,000.00</b>
TSN Farms – Merrick	\$	500.00	
DJ Wrage Farms – Buffalo		500.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		\$	<b>2,000.00</b>
Carl Vern Samuels – Polk	\$	500.00	
Mark Hollister – Hall		750.00	
David Kenyon – Hall		750.00	
Total .....		\$	<b>14,250.50</b>