

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

October 23, 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	Charles Maser	Ed Stoltenberg
Tom Downey	Barry Obermiller	Deb VanMatre
Ryan Kelgey	Luke Ourada	Kevin Werner
Amy Kyes	Mick Reynolds	
Dwayne Margritz	Jay Richeson	

Excused Absences: Lon Bohn, Brian Keiser, Jerry Milner, Keith Ostermeier, Doug Reeves, Marvion Reichert and Mike Wilkens

Unexcused Absences: John Stoltenberg

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Specialist, Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant, Collin Quandt – Agronomist, Kyla Friedrichsen – Merrick County Office Assistant and Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist.

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 a motion to approve the September board meeting minutes. Tom Downey seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. 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 Lon Bohn, Brian Keiser, Jerry Milner, Keith Ostermeier, Doug Reeves, Marvion Reichert and Mike Wilkens requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Tom Downey made the motion to approve the absences as requested. Ryan Kegley seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NEW BOARD MEMBER: Chairman VanMatre introduced our new board member, Luke Ourada, and welcomed him to the board.

OVERTON FFA CHAPTER PRESENTATION – ZOOM: Students Page Walahoski, Toby Orvis and Mason Dutro gave a presentation to the board of directors on natural resources.

NRCS REPORTS: No Report

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

JEO received 7 bids for a new Vehicle Storage Building. Rogge General Contractor came in with the low bid at \$1,269,000. After some discussion the committee recommended going with Rogge General Contracting with the low bid.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve the bid with Rogge General Contractor for the new Vehicle Storage Building in the amount of \$1,269,000. Barry Obermiller seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Reynolds reported on Change Order #5 with Rogge General Contractor. The change order changes are as follows: Delete galvanizing from exterior railing and install Marine Grade PPG finish system, Structural Steel Changes and an AV (audio visual) credit. The change order would require an additional \$6,666.00.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve Change Order #5 in the amount of \$6,666.00 with Rogge General Contractor. Charles Maser seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, presented a video to the board on the progress of the building.

VADOSE ZONE STUDY: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported on an interlocal agreement with Lower Loup and Upper Big Blue NRDs. The study aims to improve the understanding of how fertilizer application practices affect nitrate movement and leaching through the vadose zone. Under the agreement, the Lower Loup NRD will serve as the lead sponsor, providing 50% of the cost, not to exceed \$210,400. CPNRD and UBBNRD will each reimburse LLNRD for 25% of the costs, not to exceed \$105,200 each over a 3-year period.

Tom Downey made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement with Lower Loup NRD and Upper Big Blue NRD for the Vadose Zone Study, not to exceed \$105,200 over the next 3 years. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that further discussion next month will take place on how CPNRD would like to proceed in selling the Schroeder Property Central Platte NRD owns in Dawson County. Thirty Mile Irrigation District will remove the pivot bridges and store for us.

Vogt reported that CPNRD will continue to work with McCullough Creative's to establish display designs for our education center.

Vogt reported that the Nebraska filing to the Supreme Court concerning the Perkins County Canal response from Colorado is on Dropbox. Most likely any action by the Supreme Court will take 6-9 months.

Vogt reported that NDWEE is requesting supplemental information from the plan sponsors concerning the Platte/Republican Diversion. Sometime after the first of the year the State should decide what they plan to do.

Vogt reported that the Nature Conservancy has extended their agreement with CPNRD until February 2027. This program reimburses a portion of Courtney Widup's salary and benefits for her work with Nebraska Carbon Soil Project.

Vogt reported that a public meeting will be held November 13th at the Lexington Extension Office for the Spring/Buffalo WFPO update as required by NRCS.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Transfer & Applications - Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, requested a transfer of \$2,000 from Grazing Deferment to increase Prescribed Burn by \$2,000, and reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Prescribed Burn 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. Mick Reynolds seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

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

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve the October financial report as presented. Ryan Kegley 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 they met September 30th in conjunction with the Annual Conference. VanMatre reported that No Resolutions were introduced.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: No Report

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman VanMatre reviewed the upcoming events.

Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, November 20. Details to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: Chairman VanMatre adjourned the board meeting at 2:42 p.m.

Transfer \$2,000 from Grazing Deferment to Prescribed Burn Cost Share

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Cost Share
Thursday, September 25, 2025

PREScribed BURN COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		\$	2,040.00
Griffith Farms - Hamilton	\$	2,040.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	750.00
R&M Acres - Buffalo	\$	750.00	
TOTAL		\$	2,790.00