

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

November 20, 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	Mick Reynolds
Tom Downey	Jerry Milner	Jay Richeson
Ryan Kelgey	Keith Ostermeier	Ed Stoltenberg
Brian Keiser	Luke Ourada	Deb VanMatre
Amy Kyes	Doug Reeves	Kevin Werner
Dwayne Margritz	Marvion Reichert	Mike Wilkens

Excused Absences: Lon Bohn, Barry Obermiller and John Stoltenberg

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant, Collin Quandt – Agronomist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Specialist and Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist.

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – District Conservationist and Jake Klabenes, CPA & Audit Director at Core CPA's.

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: Keith Ostermeier made a motion to approve the October board meeting minutes. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Brian Keiser, Jerry Milner, Doug Reeves, Marvion Reichert and Mike Wilkens who abstained. 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, Barry

Obermiller and John Stoltenberg requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the absences as requested. Dwayne Margritz seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

2024/2025 AUDIT: Jake Klabenes, Core CPA's Audit Director, reviewed the audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025. 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 Marvion Reichert made the motion to accept the fiscal year 2024/2025 audit. Doug Reeves seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NRCS REPORTS: Joe Krolikowski, District Conservationist, reported that they are back in the office after the government shut down. Offices are working to get back on track.

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

Reynolds reported that the committee discussed options to sell the Schroeder Property that Central Platte NRD owns in Dawson County. After some discussion the committee authorized Lyndon Vogt to check out the fees associated with Land Auctions in the area. Vogt will report back to the committee next month.

Reynolds reported that a bid from McCullough Creative was received to design the new Education Center in the amount of \$750,000. The bid includes design, construction and installation. After some discussion the committee recommended approving the bid.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve the bid from McCullough Creative to design the new Education Center in the amount of \$750,000 which includes the design, construction and installation of the project. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Reynolds reported that the committee received one bid for appliances at the new office building from Ken's Appliance here in Grand Island. The bid was for 2 dishwashers, 3 microwaves, an electric range, 2 refrigerators and 1 beverage fridge in the amount of \$8,605.86. After some discussion the committee recommended approving the bid.

Mick Reynolds made a motion to approve the appliance bid in the amount of \$8,605.86 from Ken's Appliance of Grand Island for the New Office Building. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor.

Motion carried.

Brody Vorderstrasse, Communications Assistant, presented a video to the board on the progress of the building.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE: Kevin Werner, chairman, reported the committee met earlier today.

Werner reported that due to health reasons our previous Weed Barrier Contractor can no longer install fabric for the Central Platte NRD. After talking with other NRD's in our area, we've located another contractor that is willing to install fabric for Central Platte NRD. Ron Brockmann from Doniphan, NE will supply the weed barrier and pins and install fabric for the cost of \$1.20/lineal foot. Central Platte NRD currently charges customers \$1.50/lineal foot. After some discussion the committee recommends moving forward with the new contractor.

Doug Reeves made a motion to approve the Weed Barrier Contract with Ron Brockmann from Doniphan, NE to install fabric for Central Platte NRD starting the spring of 2026. Ryan Kegley seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Werner reported that a request from Backcountry Hunters and Anglers was received to open archery deer and spring turkey hunting at Central Platte NRD's B-1 Reservoir in Dawson County. After some discussion the committee recommends denying the request.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to deny the request from Backcountry Hunters and Anglers to open archery deer and spring turkey hunting at Central Platte NRD's B-1 Reservoir. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

FALL GROUNDWATER LEVELS: Luke Zakrzewski, GIS Image Analyst, presented the fall groundwater levels. Of the 414 wells measured between spring and fall 2025, 225 showed declines while 189 recorded increases. From fall 2024 to fall 2025, 93 wells showed declines while 314 recorded increases. Fall to fall comparisons provide a clearer indication of long-term trends, which shows overall district wide improvement.

MANAGER'S REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that a public meeting for the Spring/Buffalo WFPO was held November 13th in Lexington. No one from the public attended the meeting. Final design should be ready in 4-5 months. Once available it will be presented to the board for review.

Vogt reported that the NDWEE contacted CPNRD to see if we were interested in applying for a FEMA grant with a few other NRD's to place additional cameras along the Central Platte River which includes the Hwy 14 bridge south of Central City for Ice Jam purposes. We will bring an agreement to the board in the next few months.

Vogt reported that the January board meeting will begin at 1:00pm. Our legal counsel, Don Blackeau, will be here to present on board members' responsibilities.

Vogt reported that the NiRIA deadline to sign up has been extended to December 15, 2025.

Vogt reported that the 60% design for the Perkins County Canal is nearing completion. Once the permitting process is underway, construction plans for the canal will be made public.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Transfer & Applications - Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: 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.

Marvion Reichert made a 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: Chairman VanMatre said that because the board meeting was a week early and payments would not be made until next week the November financial report would be acted on in December.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT: Deb VanMatre, NARD Board Member, reported they met November 10th in Scottsbluff.

VanMatre reported that NARD approved funding requests for the NE FFA, NE Ag Youth Institute and NE Women in Ag.

NARD approved moving ahead with Phase II with Longitude 103.

Executive Travel will again cost-share \$50,000 for the NARD tree program.

VanMatre noted the upcoming conferences: Legislative Conference January 27-28 in Lincoln. The Washington DC Conference will be held March 28 – April 1 and the Basin Tour June 8-9 of the Perkins County Canal Area.

VanMatre also reported that NARD added a 457 Roth Option for employees effective January 1, 2026. The CPNRD board will need to adopt the resolution to add the 457 Roth option.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the 457 Roth Amendment Resolution, which will allow employees to contribute effective January 1, 2026. Tom Downey seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion

carried.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: Doug Reeves, Middle Platte Basin Representative, reported that Matt Matting, NDWEE Civil Engineer, provided a presentation at the NRC's recent meeting.

WATER TAST FORCE: Tom Downey, Nitrate Legacy & Drinking Water Representative reported that the committee will meet November 21, 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman VanMatre reviewed the upcoming events.

Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, December 18. Details to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: There was none.

ADJOURN: Chairman VanMatre adjourned the board meeting at 3:08 p.m.

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Cost Share
Thursday, November 20, 2025

WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM		\$	5,000.00
Richard Fredricks – Hall – 3 wells	\$	2,250.00	
Brock Anderson – Custer		500.00	
Mark Gloe – Hall		750.00	
Daniel Harders – Hall – 2 wells		1,500.00	
TOTAL		\$	5,000.00