

**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
May 26, 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	Dwayne Margritz	Marvion Reichert
Jim Bendfeldt	Charles Maser	Mick Reynolds
Lon Bohn	Jerry Milner	Jay Richeson
Tom Downey	Barry Obermiller	Ed Stoltenberg
Alicia Haussler	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Ryan Kegley	Doug Reeves	Jerry Wiese
Ed Kyes		

Excused Absences: Brian Keiser

Unexcused Absences: Steve Sheen

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

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist, Olsson Inc. – Jim Schneider and Mallory Morton.

**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 April board meeting minutes. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Lon Bohn and Marvion Reichert 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 Road, Kenesaw NE 68956 commented how he was against the Central Platte NRD building a new office and felt the money should be used to cost share on more irrigation pivots for farmers.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Chairman Reynolds reported that Brian Keiser requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

**OLSSON ASSOCIATES – REWRITE OF CPNRD’S GROUNDWATER**

**MANAGEMENT PLAN UPDATE:** Jim Schneider of Olsson’s reviewed the updated Ground Water Management Plan with the board. The updated Ground Water Management Plan will be reviewed by the board of directors and staff. Once completed public hearings will be scheduled.

**NRCS REPORT:** Joe Krolkowski, District Conservationist, gave an update on EQIP and CSP funding as well as the Pathways Internship Program (see attached).

**EASTERN PROJECTS:** Charles Maser, chairman, reported that the Eastern Projects Committee met earlier today.

Maser reported that Stealth Broadband contacted Central Platte NRD regarding putting in a Fiber Optic line through a right of way that CPNRD currently holds south of Duncan along 287<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Central Platte NRD legal counsel would provide the permit for Stealth Broadband.

Charles Maser made a motion to approve a request for a permit to occupy the right of way for Stealth Broadband located south of Duncan on 287<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Maser reported that a bid has been received from Kokes Construction for the rehabilitation on Clear Creek and Jones Creek Dams in the amount of \$222,563.00 which is lower than the engineer estimate of \$230,000.00.

Charles Maser made a motion to approve the bid of \$222,563.00 from Kokes Construction for the Clear Creek and Jones Creek Dam Rehabilitation. Doug Reeves

seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**VARIANCE/APPEAL COMMITTEE:** Jim Bendfeldt reported that the Variance and Appeals Sub-Committee meet earlier today to review a request from Board of Education Lands & Funds to certify approximately fourteen acres of land as irrigated in the W1/2 SW1/4 Section 32-15N-03W in Polk County. Given that the Central Platte NRD stopped certifying irrigated acres in 2014, the sub-committee is recommending that the request be denied.

Jim Bendfeldt made a motion to deny the variance request for Board of Educational Lands & Funds to certify approximately fourteen acres of land as irrigated in the W1/2 SW1/4 Section 32-15N-3W in Polk County. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Mick Reynolds, chairman, reported that the budget committee met earlier today and reviewed the proposed 2022-2023 budget. An updated budget will be put on Drop Box for the board. The board will review and approve the budget in June for the budget hearing in July.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Mick Reynolds reported that the building committee met earlier today and reviewed some engineer designs. Estimated construction costs will be available by July or August.

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE:** Deb VanMatre, chairman, reported that the Programs Committee met earlier today and reviewed proposed changes to the Urban Conservation Program. No action is needed at this time.

**HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN:** Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, reviewed the proposed Hazard Mitigation Plan. This is a living document; therefore, changes can be updated at any time. Historically the plan could only be updated every 5 years.

FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the Central Platte NRD in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level.

Alicia Haussler made the motion to adopt Resolution Number 001-2022 for the Hazard Mitigation Plan. Deb VanMatre seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**BOX ELDER CREEK RESERVOIR 5A:** Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, reviewed Change Order #1 with Kokes Construction on the Box Elder Creek Reservoir 5A rehabilitation. The change order will lower and reconnect electric and water service, remove and replace bared wire fence, and drawdown modification. They will also remove the crushed rock from the bid as it's not needed for the access road. With all of

these changes, the cost of the agreement will go down \$1,725.00, which brings the contract total to \$136,555.00.

Tom Downey made a motion to approve change order #1 with Kokes Construction on Box Elder Creek Reservoir 5A rehabilitation, which reduces the overall cost of the contract by \$1,725.00. Jim Bendfeldt seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**SUBDISTRICT COMMITTEE:** Keith Ostermeier, chairman, reported that the subdistrict committee had met earlier this year and reviewed the size of our current board and what the NRD responsibilities were. After some discussion they felt that the size of our board and current responsibilities were where they needed to be.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Lyndon Vogt supplied a written report to the board and had nothing to add to it.

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications** –Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Well Decommissioning (see attached). 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 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. Motion carried.

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

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the May financial report as presented. Tom Downey seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT:** No Report

**NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION:** No Report.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Chairman Reynolds reviewed the upcoming events.  
**Next Board Meeting** – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, June 30. Details to follow.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 3:06 p.m.



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May 24, 2022

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Grand Island, NE 68803

May Report to CPNRD

Summary of activities and or current happenings at the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

- The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) staff in the Central Platte NRD (CPNRD) are nearing completion of the contract development and obligation process for the FY 2022 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) funds. In our local EQIP CPNRD fund pools approximately 100 applications were received before the November 19, 2021, deadline and met eligibility criteria for ranking. The NRCS has extended contract offers in accordance with available program funding and associated application ranking scores until all the funds are allocated. We have made a request for some additional second EQIP funds, if we receive the funds will begin contacting applicants to extend contract offers and then develop those contracts as well.
- Conservation Stewardship Program, (CStP), FY2022 classic applications that were received by the November 19, 2021, cutoff, have been through the ranking process. The applications that have been preapproved for funding at this point will be field verified by NRCS staff and we will be working with the producers to gather any other information needed. Once this review process is complete, the contracts will be developed. The obligation deadline for all FY2022 CStP classic applications is July 15, 2022. The competition for these funds continues to be very high. This year we had approximately 1,058 applications across the state, we were only able to preapprove approximately 125 of those applications, total dollars obligated for those 125 contracts will be around \$12,600,000.
- Pathways Internship Program update, for the summer of 2022 we are planning for approximately 8-10 interns across the State. Two of those interns will be placed in the Central Area. At this point we know that 1 of those students is coming to the Kearney Field Office on May 23rd, this individual will be interning as a Soil Conservationist. It will be her first summer in the Pathways program.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Joe Krolkowski*

Joe Krolkowski  
District Conservationist

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CENTRAL PLATTE NRD  
Cost Share  
Thursday, May 26, 2022

WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....	\$	<b>500.00</b>
Crazy Acres West LP - Dawson	\$	500.00
Total .....	\$	<b>500.00</b>