

## **CENTRAL PLATTE NRD**

### **Board Meeting Minutes**

June 30, 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	Jay Richeson
Lon Bohn	Charles Maser	Steve Sheen
Tom Downey	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Alicia Haussler	Marvion Reichert	Jerry Wiese
Ryan Kegley	Mick Reynolds	
Ed Kyes		

Excused Absences: Jim Bendfeldt, Brian Keiser, Jerry Milner, Barry Obermiller, Doug Reeves and Ed Stoltenberg

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator, 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 Ty Swanson – Intern

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District Conservationist and Jacob Kendrick – Central City Field Office 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:** Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the May board meeting minutes. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Steve Sheen 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 was none.

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Chairman Reynolds reported that Jim Bendfeldt, Brian Keiser, Jerry Milner, Barry Obermiller, Doug Reeves and Ed Stoltenberg requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

**NRCS REPORT:** Jacob Kendrick, Resources Conservationist, gave an update on the cost share programs available through the Central City NRCS office. He also provided information on the upcoming Cover Crop Field Day (see enclosed).

Joe Krolkowski, District Conservationist, gave an update on the compliance reviews (see attached).

**BUDGET COMMITTEE:** Chairman Reynolds said the Budget Committee met earlier that day to continue their review of the recommended expenditures for Fiscal Year 2022/2023.

**Action on Budget of Expenditures for Budget Hearing & Set Public Hearing –**

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the proposed budget of expenditures for the purpose of holding the public budget hearing. Jay Richeson seconded the motion.

Prior to voting on the motion Lyndon Vogt said the estimated property tax request will increase by approximately \$490,000.

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

**Set Public Budget Hearing –** Jay Richeson made the motion to set the Public Budget Hearing at 1:45 pm on July 28<sup>th</sup>. Deb VanMatre seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE:** Chairman Charles Maser said the Water Quality Committee met earlier today and reviewed the proposed changes to the Groundwater Management Plan. No action was taken.

**WATER UTILIZATION COMMITTEE:** Acting chairman Marvion Reichert said the Water Utilization Committee met earlier today.

The committee reviewed the proposed changes to the Groundwater Management Plan and no action was needed at this time.

The committee reviewed the interlocal agreement for NE Geo Cloud, which would extent the project through 2027 in the amount of \$12,000. The project stores airborne geomagnetic imagery.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the NE Geo Cloud Interlocal Agreement for 5 more years at \$2,400 each year, with a total of \$12,000. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

The committee discussed the Schroeder Property and the possibility of selling the water off the property to DNR. More information will be available at the July board meeting.

**2022 STATIC GROUNDWATER LEVELS:** Angela Warner, GIS Programs Coordinator, reported that overall, we have an accumulated gain of 0.80 feet since 1982. Warner reported that 11 of the 24 Groundwater Management Areas (GWMA) were below the 1982 level, with 13 of the GWMA above the 1982 levels. Warner reported that GWMA 2 will now be open to transfers and supplemental wells and GWMA's 19 & 23 have triggered below the 25% decline.

**NARD PLANS:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manger, reported that every 5 years we must sign a new resolution to continue to allow employees to participate in our retirement program.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to adopt the Amendment & Restatement of the NARD 414(h) Plan. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to adopt the Amendment & Restatement of the NARD 457 Plan. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**MANAGER'S REPORT:** Lyndon Vogt supplied a written report to the board and mentioned that currently with our Nitrogen GWMGT Plan we have 9 producers still out of compliance. Luke Zakrzewski, GIS Image Analyst, currently has 4 producers out of compliance, with all but 1 working on getting into compliance.

**TREE & WEED BARRIER REPORT:** Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported on the recent sales of trees and weed barrier (see attached).

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications** –Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Flow Meter (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.

Jay Richeson made the motion to approve the cost share applications as reported.

Marvion Reichert 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 June financial report.

Marvion Reichert made a motion to approve the June financial report as presented. Deb VanMatre 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, July 28. Details to follow.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** None

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 2:39 p.m.



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June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022

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## **June Report to CPNRD**

Central City Field Office Updates for 2022

### **Irrigation Water Management 449**

Cost share for soil moisture probes & Variable Rate Irrigation (VRI) is available. VRI paired with a soil moisture probe on pivots can improve your energy & water use. There has been a significant growth of farmers using real time aerial plant sensor data in conjunction with fertigation to reduce nutrient application, while still maintaining their yields.

### **Animal Mortality Facility 316**

Improve your composting management to reduce objectionable odors and reduce runoff & leaching. The process for this cost-share is longer than a traditional EQIP. This practice is mostly utilized by larger operations. Poultry operations seem to be using drum composters, this facility will reduce the time it takes to produce compost, which is typically one (1) month down to only seven (7) days. Another option would be to implement concrete bins. The cost share amount is dependent on the size of operation.

### **Cover Crop & Soil Health Field Day**

July 19<sup>th</sup> at the 4-H Building in York, NE.

RSVP by July 15<sup>th</sup> @ <https://nebraskapf.com/product/cover-crop-soil-health-field-day/>

Presentations by NRCS, Pheasants Forever, UNL Extension and The Nature Conservancy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J-K", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Jacob Kendrick  
Resource Conservationist  
USDA-NRCS





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June 27, 2022

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June Report to CPNRD

During the month of May, the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), as part of its responsibility in carrying out the conservation provisions of the National Food Security Act of 1985, as amended, conducted the annual status reviews in the Central Platte NRD and across the state for the 2022 crop year. In total, staff in our 4 offices completed 64 status reviews this year, this required the staff to evaluate each of those 64 tracts for potential wetland and/or highly erodible land issues, and in some cases, tracts contained both.

It has been 37 years now, that the National Food Security Act of 1985 was passed into law. As a reminder, the purpose of this Act is intended to discourage the conversion of wetlands and to reduce soil erosion on Highly Erodible Land (HEL). This was done by linking the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) benefits to conservation compliance. This means if an owner/producer was deemed out of compliance, they would not be eligible to receive any USDA benefits, on any fields they own or operate.

Examples of the USDA benefits producers could receive, or lose, are the direct payments made by the Farm Service Agency (FSA), Farm Bill conservation program participation and possible payments for conservation practices through NRCS, and nowadays probably the biggest benefit is Federal Crop Insurance subsidies through the Risk Management Agency (RMA). Every spring, random names and tracts are drawn out of the database in Kansas City that contain highly erodible land and or wetlands, and those are to be reviewed for conservation compliance described above. The NRCS staff across the United States are tasked with completing these field reviews each year, and then if need, we work with producers to update their conservation plans to maintain compliance and USDA benefits.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Joe Krolikowski*

Joe Krolikowski  
District Conservationist

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**TREES****MILES OF WEED BARRIER**

1973	106,355	
1974	93,660	
1975	79,690	
1976	66,250	
1977	86,548	
1978	104,675	
1979	122,925	
1980	148,700	
1981	170,075	
1982	135,150	
1983	111,050	
1984	85,200	
1985	89,300	
1986	65,850	
1987	73,150	
1988	91,550	
1989	83,700	
1990	125,000	
1991	104,900	19.89
1992	117,100	24.66
1993	94,250	25.36
1994	101,100	23.54
1995	78,300	20.63
1996	102,000	8.97
1997	72,450	14.64
1998	75,300	16.98
1999	58,825	17.30
2000	60,050	23.53
2001	58,600	18.70
2002	86,675	37.05
2003	77,975	36.80
2004	70,775	30.97
2005	80,775	37.97
2006	61,125	27.23
2007	44,950	13.35
2008	57,225	26.24
2009	68,703	19.71
2010	57,175	16.41
2011	54,275	28.25
2012	48,025	14.91
2013	37,716	18.86
2014	54,175	17.38
2015	46,575	14.07
2016	45,796	11.77
2017	35,350	9.94
2018	41,225	8.42
2019	29,775	7.84
2020	20,475	2.03
2021	30,825	6.46

<b>2022</b>	<b>40,866</b>	<b>13.14</b>
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>3,852,159</b>	<b>613.00</b>
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# CENTRAL PLATTE NRD WEED BARRIER PROGRAM

Year	Total by Feet	Total in miles	By District	By Landowner
1991	105,000	19.89	77,158	27,842
1992	130,200	24.66	99,600	30,600
1993	133,875	25.36	125,400	8,475
1994	124,300	23.54	90,740	33,560
1995	108,950	20.63	92,477	16,473
1996	47,366	8.97	42,527	4,839
1997	77,321	14.64	70,310	7,011
1998	89,681	16.99	83,254	6,427
1999	91,321	17.30	84,076	7,245
2000	124,227	23.53	100,010	24,217
2001	98,755	18.70	85,520	13,235
2002	195,598	37.05	175,923	19,675
2003	194,300	36.80	178,455	15,845
2004	163,542	30.97	143,692	19,850
2005	200,463	37.97	188,577	11,886
2006	143,790	27.23	104,950	38,840
2007	70,484	13.35	58,928	11,556
2008	138,560	26.24	111,500	27,060
2009	104,050	19.71	97,585	6,465
2010	86,660	16.41	75,251	11,409
2011	149,141	28.25	106,254	42,887
2012	78,718	14.91	63,170	15,548
2013	99,590	18.86	40,690	58,900
2014	91,781	17.38	80,937	10,844
2015	74,297	14.07	53,832	24,118
2016	62,164	11.77	42,541	19,623
2017	52,497	9.94	26,624	25,873
2018	44,481	8.42	38,143	6,338
2019	41,407	7.84	37,992	3,415
2020	10,722	2.03	9,048	1,674
<b>2021</b>	<b>34,113</b>	<b>6.46</b>	<b>25,213</b>	<b>8,900</b>
<b>2022</b>	<b>69,369</b>	<b>13.14</b>	<b>67,495</b>	<b>1,874</b>
TOTALS	3,236,723	613.02	2,677,872	562,504

**67,495 FT Installed at 23 sites**

## Central Platte NRD Tree Program

### Handplant

26,864

Dawson: 3,243      Hall: 15,184  
 Buffalo: 6,233      Merrick: 1,700  
 Polk: 375      Frontier: 75  
 Nance: 50      Custer: 4

### District Plant (29 planting jobs)

14,002

Buffalo: 3,592      Hall: 2,891  
 Dawson: 2,732      Hamilton: 250  
 Custer: 1,087      Howard: 275  
 Frontier: 775      Nance: 2,400

*Sold 13 small acreage packages (5 species with 10 of each included in packages)*



CENTRAL PLATTE NRD  
Cost Share  
Thursday, June 30, 2022

FLOW METER COST SHARE PROGRAM .....	\$	800.00
Susan Adams - Buffalo	\$	800.00
Total .....	\$	800.00