

## CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

### Board Meeting Minutes

August 31, 2023

**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 by roll call were:

Todd Arends	Dwayne Margritz	Jay Richeson
Lon Bohn	Charles Maser	Steve Sheen
Tom Downey	Barry Obermiller	Ed Stoltenberg
Alicia Haussler	Keith Ostermeier	Deb VanMatre
Ryan Kegley	Doug Reeves	Jerry Wiese
Brian Keiser	Marvion Reichert	Mike Wilkens
Ed Kyes	Mick Reynolds	

Excused Absences: Jerry Milner

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Dean Krull – UNL/CPNRD Demo Project Coordinator, Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant, Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist, and Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS District 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 July board meeting minutes. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Alicia Haussler, Doug Reeves, Marvion Reichert and 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 was 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 Jerry Milner 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.

**NRCS REPORT:** Joe Krolikowski, NRCS District Conservationist, reported on the new secretary in the Grand Island office (see attached).

**BUDGET COMMITTEE-RESOLUTION TO SET LEVY:** Barry Obermiller made the motion to approve the “Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request – Fiscal Year 2023/2024” and to set the levy at 0.023380. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**GWMA 7a/b and 9a/b REASSESSMENT:** Luke Zakrzewski, GIS Image Analyst, reported on the boundaries set for sub-areas 7a/b and 9a/b for the Groundwater Management Plan due to differences in irrigation development that has occurred in the two areas and to address some decline concerns.

**BUILDING COMMITTEE:** Mick Reynolds, chairman, reported that the committee met earlier that day. Reynolds indicated that the test well has been drilled at the new potential educational/office building site and that the well should be drilled shortly. Reynolds also reported that the committee is looking at the first of the year for bid letting.

**MANAGER’S REPORT:** Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported that the Groundwater Management Rules & Regulations draft update are on Dropbox for the board to review. In October the Water Utilization and Water Quality committees will meet to review the rules and will plan to hold a public hearing by December.

Vogt made the board aware of a survey that the Nebraska Farm Bureau currently has on their website. The survey is about taking taxing authority away from Natural Resources Districts.

Vogt reported staff is continuing to work with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding B1 Reservoir and the benefits for Central Platte NRD.

**2022 ANNUAL WATER REPORT:** Jesse Mintken, Assistant Manager, presented the 2022 Annual Report of Water Use Activities in the Central Platte NRD. Central Platte NRD currently has 1,018,829 certified irrigated acres. Between January 1, 2022, and December 31, 2022, 114 water use transfers were approved which resulted in 1,349 acres of new irrigated lands. 1,100 certified acres were used to offset the new uses. A total of 106 well permits were issued in 2022 and 177 certified acres were retired in Dawson County. The estimated accretion to the Platte River from groundwater retirements is 116 acre-feet. As of December 31, 2022, the CPNRD Water Bank had a balance of 2,760 acre-feet of water rights available for offset in the over-appropriated

area.

**2023 LONG RANGE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN:** Marcia Lee, Information & Education Specialist, reported that the proposed 2023-2028 Long Range Implementation Plan is on Dropbox. The plan summarizes district activities including projects of financial, manpower and land right needs for the next five years. All changes are in red. We are required to update the plan annually under the Nebraska Natural Resources District Act. She asked that directors review it and if any changes or additions are needed to let her know. This will be considered at the September board meeting.

**NARD ANNUAL CONFERENCE:** Brian Keiser made a motion to elect Deb VanMatre as the voting delegate and Jay Richeson as the alternate for the business session of the NARD Annual Conference. Steve Sheen seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Jay Richeson and Deb VanMatre who abstained. Motion carried.

**COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications -** Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation, Burn Preparation, 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.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the cost share applications as reported. Deb VanMatre 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 August financial report.

Alicia Haussler made a motion to approve the August financial report as presented. Marvion Reichert 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, September 28. Details to follow.

**OTHER BUSINESS:** There was none.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Reynolds adjourned the board meeting at 2:33 p.m.



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August 28, 2023

Central Platte NRD  
215 North Kaufman Avenue  
Grand Island, NE 68803

August Report to CPNRD

I would like to take this opportunity to inform the Central Platte NRD Staff and Board of Directors of a district secretary change at the Grand Island Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) field office. We are pleased to introduce to you all Sydney Wagner, Sydney started her duties as the new district secretary in Grand Island on July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Sydney has previous experience as a NRD secretary within an NRCS office in western Nebraska. She is doing a great job learning and adjusting to our office and staff in Grand Island. Today we will have Sydney tell you all a little bit about herself and experiences as a District Secretary.

Before that, I would like to again thank the Central Platte NRD and its Board of Directors for their support of the District Secretary position in our NRCS offices. Both the Natural Resources District and Natural Resources Conservation Services conservation presence benefits from this position and this agreement. I would also like to Thank our other 3 District Secretary's as well, Shelly Lippincott in Kearney, Samantha Keith in Lexington, and Kyla Friedrichsen in Central City, they have all done an excellent job in their respective field offices through the years.

Thank You all again for your support to our long-standing partnership.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Joe Krolikowski*

Joe Krolikowski  
District Conservationist

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD  
Cost Share  
Thursday, August 31, 2023

NEBRASKA SOIL & WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM...		<b>\$ 41,090.77</b>
Don Hansen – Hamilton – Brush Management	\$ 3,428.04	
Kenton & Brass Family Ptshp Ltd – Dawson – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
Boston Land & Cattle Inc. – Buffalo – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
Austin Jacobs – Buffalo – Pasture Planting	192.13	
Larry Neujahr – Polk – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
David Burritt – Polk – Planned Grazing	7,500.00	
Erin Kuck – Buffalo – Windbreak Renovation	81.00	
Steve Codner – Buffalo – Brush Management	7,389.60	
BURN PREPARATION COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		<b>\$ 23,750.00</b>
Jake A Peterson – Custer	\$ 2,250.00	
Morgan Ford – Dawson	10,000.00	
Darby Oertwig – Buffalo	10,000.00	
Marlene Fleischer – Custer	1,500.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		<b>\$ 750.00</b>
Todd Paczosa – Platte	\$ 750.00	
Total .....		<b>\$ 65,590.77</b>

**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD**  
**PUBLIC HEARING TO SET PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**  
**Fiscal Year 2023/2024**  
**August 31, 2023**

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**OPEN HEARING:** Chairman Mick Reynolds opened the public hearing at 1:45 pm. He stated that this public hearing is an open meeting of the Central Platte Natural Resources District. The NRD abides by the Open Meetings Act in conducting business. A copy of the Open Meetings Act is displayed on the South wall of this room, as required by State Law. He said the purpose of the hearing was to receive support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final Fiscal 2023/2024 budget tax request at a different amount than last year’s request.

Chairman Reynolds said notices of the hearing were published in the Grand Island Independent, Kearney Hub, Central City Republican Nonpareil, Lexington Clipper Herald and Gothenburg Leader. The hearing notice was entered into the record (See attached Grand Island Independent notice).

**REVIEW:** Manager, Lyndon Vogt reviewed the proposed “Resolution Setting the Property Tax Request”. If approved the Fiscal Year 2023/2024 property tax request would be \$4,826,226.75 and would require a levy of 0.023380 based on the District’s valuation of \$20,642,169,013.00. A copy of the proposed resolution had been provided to the directors prior to the public hearing.

**CALL FOR TESTIMONEY:** Chairman Reynolds then asked if anyone in attendance wanted to present testimony on the proposed property tax request or resolution. No testimony was presented.

**CLOSE:** Chairman Reynolds closed the hearing at 1:53pm.

See August 31, 2023, Board Meeting Minutes for action taken.

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State of Indiana )  
County of Lake ) SS.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL HEARING  
TO SET FINAL TAX REQUEST – FISCAL 2023/2024  
Central Platte Natural Resources District

CENTRAL PLATTE NATURAL / GI

215 N KAUFMAN AVE  
GRAND ISLAND, NE 68803

ORDER NUMBER 1177237

Public notice is hereby given, in compliance with the provisions of State Statutes 77-1601.02, that the governing body of the Central Platte Natural Resources District will meet on August 31, 2023, at 1:45 p.m. for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request. The hearing will be at the headquarters office at 215 Kaufman Avenue, Grand Island, Nebraska.

2022/2023 Taxable Valuation: \$18,752,221,861.00  
2023/2024 Taxable Valuation: \$20,642,169,013.00  
Valuation Percentage Increase from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024: 10.08%  
2022/2023 Tax Request: \$4,395,462.13  
Property Tax Rate: 0.023440  
2022/2023 Tax Request based on 2023/2024 Valuation: 0.021293  
Proposed 2023/2024 Tax Request: \$4,826,226.75  
Property Tax Rate: 0.023380  
Property Tax Rate Increase from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024: 9.8%  
Total Operating Budget Increase from 2022/2023 to 2023/2024: 22.87%  
Unused Budget Authority Created for Next Year: \$2,164,142.07  
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Kami Terrell, being first duly sworn on oath, says that he/she is a Clerk of The GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT, a newspaper printed and published in Grand Island, in Hall County, Nebraska, and of general circulation in Hall County, Nebraska, and as such has charge of the records and files of the GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT, and affiant knows of his/her own personal knowledge that said newspaper has a bonafide circulation of more than 500 copies of each issue, has been published at Grand Island, Nebraska, for more than 52 weeks successively prior to the first publication of the annexed printed notice, and is a legal newspaper under the statutes of the State of Nebraska; that the annexed printed notice was published on the dates listed below.

8/23/2023

Section: Class Legals  
Category: 0099 LEGALS  
PUBLISHED ON: 08/23/2023

TOTAL AD COST: 24.40  
FILED ON: 8/23/2023

Subscribed in my presence and sworn to before me this 24 day  
of August, 20 23

Christina Palma

Notary Public

