

**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD  
Board Meeting Agenda  
November 19, 2015 – 2:00 p.m.**

**CALL TO ORDER**

This 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. 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.

**MEETING NOTICES**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

**PUBLIC FORUM**

**BUSINESS:**

1. Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) - Joe Krolikowski, Grand Island Field Office
2. Excused Absences
3. Water Quality Subcommittee- Report
  - a. Future updates to the Groundwater Quality Management Program
  - b. The new web-based crop reporting form
4. Programs Committee – Report & Action Required
  - a. Select cropland, grassland and CPNRD Conservation Award winners
  - b. Scholarship administrative program available through Grand Island Senior High
5. Election for Three-Member Nominating Committee for board secretary & treasurer

6. NARD Report & Action Required
  - a. Recent action by the NARD's board of directors – Jim Bendfeldt
  - b. NARD/USFS Interlocal Agreement which will extend the current agreement for NARD to obtain seedling trees & shrubs through the U.S. Forest Service through September 2018
7. Commission Report – Mick Reynolds
8. Cost Share Program Applications – Kelly Cole
9. Financial Report - will be added to Dropbox next week
10. Executive Session – Legal Actions
11. Upcoming Events
  - a. November 22-24, NWRA/NSIA Joint Convention, Kearney, NE
  - b. November 26-27, Thanksgiving Holiday Observed (Office Closed)
  - c. December 10, Public Information Meeting for proposed changes to Groundwater Quality Management Areas. CPNRD Board Room 10:00 a.m.
  - d. December 17, Conservation Awards 4:00 p.m., following Board Meeting at Reception Hall, 213 North Sycamore Street (southeast corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sycamore)
  - e. January 5-8, GMDA Annual Conference, Sacramento, CA
12. Next Board Meeting – December 17, 2015, 2:00 p.m.
13. Other Business

## CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

### Board Meeting Minutes

November 19, 2015

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Ed Kyes 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 were:

LcRoy Arends	Dwayne Margritz	Jay Richeson
Jim Bendfeldt	Charles Maser	Bob Schanou
Charles Bicak	Jerry Milner	Steve Sheen
Alicia Haussler	Barry Obermiller	Keith Stafford
Chris Henry	Ladd Reeves	Ed Stoltenberg
Brian Keiser	Marvion Reichert	Deborah VanMatre
Ed Kyes	Mick Reynolds	Jerry Wiese

Excused Absences – No absences.

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Mark Czaplewski – District Biologist, Dianne Miller – Administrative Director, Kelly Cole – Programs Coordinator, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Sandy Noecker – Data & Compliance Officer, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist; Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Angie Warner – GIS Program Coordinator.

Others present – Joe Krolikowski - Acting NRCS District Conservationist, Grand Island; Jim Stulken – Doniphan.

**MEETING NOTICES:** Chairman Kyes reported that the notices of the meeting had been sent to the news media as required by law.

**MEETING MINUTES:** Jim Bendfeldt made the 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 Jerry Wiese who abstained. Motion carried.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:**

Chairman Kyes asked if there were any announcements or suggestions for future meetings. There were none.

**PUBLIC FORUM:** Chairman Kyes asked if anyone wanted to address the board on any item not included on the agenda. No one requested time to speak.

**NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION (NRCS) REPORT:** Joe Krolikowski Acting NRCS District Conservationist, reported on the fiscal year 2016 Environmental

Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) initial allocations to each NRD (see enclosed).

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** There were no absences.

**WATER QUALITY SUBCOMMITTEE – REPORT:** Chairman Kyes reported on the subcommittee's meeting held earlier that day.

**New Web-based Crop Reporting Form --** Chairman Kyes reported that GIS Image Analyst Luke Zakrzewski presented information on the online nitrogen management form being developed for landowners to use for their annual report.

**PROGRAMS COMMITTEE – REPORT & ACTION REQUIRED:** Committee chairman Bob Schanou reported on their meeting held earlier that day.

**Select Cropland, Grassland & CPNRD Conservation Award Winners –** Bob said the committee is recommending the following individuals for this year's awards: Barton Beattie of Sumner for the Cropland Conservation Award, Lindley and Judy Thatcher of Kearney for the Grassland Conservation Award, and Tim Williams of Central City for the Conservation Community Leader Award.

Bob Schanou made the motion to approve the Programs Committee's recommendations for this year's awards. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**Scholarship Administrative Program Available Through Grand Island Public Schools –** Bob reported that the committee discussed this item but are not recommending any action be taken.

**ELECTION OF THREE-MEMBER BOARD OFFICER NOMINATING COMMITTEE:** Chairman Kyes reported that in January the board will need to elect a board treasurer and a board secretary. The District's Bylaws state that an officer can serve two consecutive two-year terms in that office. Alicia Haussler has served two terms as board treasurer and Barry Obermiller has served one term as board secretary. The Bylaws also require that the Board Officer Nominating Committee has to be elected.

Brian Keiser made the motion that Alicia Haussler, Bob Schanou and Charles Maser be elected to serve on the Board Officer Nominating Committee. Charlie Bicak seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Alicia Haussler, Charles Maser and Bob Schanou who abstained. Motion carried.

The Board Officer Nominating Committee will report on their recommendations at the December board meeting and the election of board treasurer and board secretary will be held at the January board meeting.

**NARD REPORT & ACTION REQUIRED: NARD Interlocal Agreement for Tree Program** – Jim Bendfeldt reported on the Interlocal Agreement for Obtaining Seedling Trees and Shrubs between Participating NRDs and the NE Association of Resources Districts. He said the agreement has been approved by the NARD board. It updates the expired agreement with some minor changes and extends it through 2018.

Bob Schanou made the motion to approve the Interlocal Agreement for Obtaining Seedling Trees and Shrubs between Participating NRDs and the NE Association of Resources Districts. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**NE Dept. of Natural Resources Commission Report** – Mick Reynolds said there were no new developments to report.

**COST SHARE PROGRAM: Applications** – Programs Coordinator Kelly Cole reported that we have received applications for the following cost share programs: NE Soil & Water Conservation Program, Center Pivot Incentive, Grassland Conservation, Flow Meters, Tree Planting, and Well Decommissioning (see enclosed). She said the applicants are in compliance with the District's rules and regulations, funds are available, and recommended they be approved.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the cost share applications as reported. Bob Schanou seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** It was reported that because the board meeting was one week early the November financial report will be put on drop box next week and will be acted on at the December board meeting. Because of an early December board meeting that financial report will be acted on at the January board meeting.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION CONCERNING ONGOING LITIGATION:** Chairman Kyes said he would entertain a motion for the board to go into Executive Session to discuss ongoing litigation.

Marvion Reichert made the motion to go into Executive Session at 2:17 p.m. for the purpose of discussing ongoing litigation. Charles Maser seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

General Manager Lyndon Vogt, Administrative Director Dianne Miller, and GIS Image Analyst Luke Zakrzewski were asked to remain for the Executive Session.

Bob Schanou made the motion for the board to come out of Executive Session at 2:28 p.m. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** As listed on the agenda.

**OTHER BUSINESS: Groundwater Exchange** – General Manager Lyndon Vogt reported that CPNRD, DNR and NERA are meeting almost weekly via telecommunications on the groundwater exchange. We hope to have a draft of the rules and regulations to the board by the December board meeting.

**Employee Recognitions** – Chairman Kyes reported that District Hydrologist Duane Woodward had been featured in a NASA video report for his work which allows anyone in the world to produce field-scale maps of water consumption and track water use on a smartphone. The report explains how the imagery comes from Landsat satellites, whose thermal band data allows water specialists to measure the amount of water evaporating from the soil and transpiring from a plant's leaves, a process called evapotranspiration (ET). It also discusses how water managers in 15 states and Nebraska's 23 Natural Resources Districts use the technology to monitor and track agricultural water consumption; and explains how farmers may be watching their field from their phones and scheduling irrigations two years from now. A link to the report is available on the CPNRD website.

Chairman Kyes also reported that UNL/CPNRD Demonstration Project Coordinator, Dean Krull, has been selected for the Water Guardian Award by the NE Agri-Business Association. He was one of six award winners selected from 600 nominations statewide. Dean was nominated for his role in initiating and implementing the CPNRD-UNL Nitrogen and Irrigation Management Demo Project, the Crop Irrigation and Demand Network, and Project SENSE.

Chairman Kyes also reported that Range Management Specialist David Carr had recently been featured in the Grand Island Independent as an "Extraordinary Person" for his work with the prescribed burn and range management program.

**Next Meeting** – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup>, one week early due to Thanksgiving. Details to follow.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Kyes adjourned the board meeting at 2:40 p.m.

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November 24, 2015

Central Platte NRD  
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November Report to CPNRD

Attached is a summary FY 2016 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) initial allocations to each Natural Resources District in Nebraska. The USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) will begin ranking the applications received prior to October 16, 2015. It is anticipated that ranking will be completed prior to the end of the calendar year. Following ranking, contract offers will be extended immediately to the highest ranked applications so that fund obligation can be completed early in 2016.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Joe Krolikowski*

Joe Krolikowski  
Acting District Conservationist

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FY 2016 Environmental Quality Incentives Program NRD Allocations  
11/16/2015

NRD	2015 General FA	Estimated 2016 General FA	Ogallala FA	Local Matching Funds	2016 (Includes NWQI, Ogallala & Local Matching Funds)
CP	\$ 677,285	\$ 349,763	\$ 700,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,349,763
LB	\$ 527,853	\$ 256,737	\$ 550,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,056,737
LBB	\$ 257,983	\$ 247,495			\$ 247,495
LC	\$ 488,017	\$ 468,063			\$ 611,919
LE	\$ 731,197	\$ 700,822			\$ 844,678
LL	\$ 1,356,090	\$ 1,299,742			\$ 1,299,742
LN	\$ 200,000	\$ 67,835			\$ 200,000
LPN	\$ 703,983	\$ 675,103			\$ 1,106,670
LPS	\$ 292,202	\$ 203,353			\$ 203,353
LR	\$ 413,165	\$ 396,045			\$ 396,045
MN	\$ 409,281	\$ 392,019			\$ 392,019
MR	\$ 459,632	\$ 276,259	\$ 600,000	\$ 164,203	\$ 1,040,461
N	\$ 379,869	\$ 364,131			\$ 364,131
NP	\$ 689,522	\$ 660,747			\$ 660,747
PMR	\$ 428,597	\$ 315,118			\$ 315,118
SP	\$ 316,757	\$ 303,536			\$ 303,536
TB	\$ 312,174	\$ 299,557			\$ 299,557
TP	\$ 743,362	\$ 711,786			\$ 711,786
UBB	\$ 549,645	\$ 328,154	\$ 550,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,078,154
UE	\$ 838,724	\$ 804,073			\$ 947,929
UL	\$ 415,605	\$ 398,044			\$ 398,044
UNW	\$ 670,949	\$ 642,775			\$ 642,775
UR	\$ 459,204	\$ 439,966			\$ 439,966
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 12,321,096</b>	<b>\$ 10,601,125</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,000</b>	<b>\$914,203</b>	<b>\$ 14,910,626</b>



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Cost Share  
November 19, 2015

NEBRASKA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM...		<b>\$ 9,985.88</b>
Larry Anderson – Polk – Brush Management	\$ 3,099.24	
Rollie Myers – Dawson – Renozzle/Flow Meter	3,808.64	
Barton Beattie – Dawson – Planned Grazing	3,078.00	
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		<b>\$ 17,886.00</b>
Dan Oppliger – Merrick	\$ 7,500.00	
David Baker – Merrick	5,770.00	
RU4NU Farming LLC – Merrick	4,616.00	
GRASSLAND CONSERVATION COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		<b>\$ 8,837.50</b>
Larry Anderson – Polk	\$ 3,587.50	
Ronald Kutschkau – Polk	5,250.00	
FLOW METER COST SHARE PROGRAM.....		<b>\$ 1,600.00</b>
Tricia Sitorius – Dawson	\$ 800.00	
Jeremy Sitorius – Dawson	800.00	
TREE PLANTING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		<b>\$ 3,908.00</b>
Steve Loudon – Dawson	\$ 908.00	
AGRI STEER Inc – Dawson	3,000.00	
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		<b>\$ 2,250.00</b>
Richard Ogden – Hall	\$ 750.00	
Cecile Madeline Richardson – Buffalo – 2 wells	1,500.00	
Total .....		<b>\$ 44,467.38</b>