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**CENTRAL PLATTE NRD**  
Board Meeting Minutes  
November 30, 2017

**CALL TO ORDER:** Chairman Jim Bendfeldt 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:

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

Excused absences: Chris Henry

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Dianne Miller - Administrative Director, Mark Czaplewski – District Biologist, Brandi Flyr – District Hydrologist, Dan Clement – Water Resources Specialist, Marcia Lee – Information Education Specialist, Kelly Cole – Programs Coordinator, Sandy Noecker – Data Compliance Officer, Tricia Dudley – Resources Conservationist.

Others present: Joe Krolikowski – NRCS Liaison District Conservationist, Grand Island, Dean Krull – UNL, Grand Island, Allison Petr, Auditor with Lutz Accounting, Hastings.

**MEETING NOTICES:** Chairman Jim Bendfeldt 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 October board meeting minutes. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Brian Keiser, Dwayne Margritz, Doug Reeves, Bob Schanou, Keith Stafford and Jerry Wiese who abstained. Motion carried.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:** Chairman Bendfeldt asked if there were any announcements or suggestions for future meetings. There were none.

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

**FY 2016/2017 AUDIT REPORT:** Allison Petr with Lutz Accounting reported to the board and handed out the final audit report. A draft report had been forwarded to the directors prior to the board meeting. There were no changes from the draft to the final. She explained that in May McDermott and Miller had merged with Lutz Accounting with offices in Omaha, Lincoln, Grand Island and Hastings. Allison's report included information on fund balance changes, as well as comparison of budget compared to actual for last fiscal year. She said it was the auditor's opinion that the financial statements referred to in the audit present fairly, in all material respects, the respective financial position of the governmental activities and each major fund of the District as of June 30, 2017 and the respective changes in financial position for the year in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the U.S. Allison pointed out that the expenditures were approximately \$4 million under budget as well as revenue under budget by about half that. It was explained that the majority of the difference was that there were conservation easements (water rights) and a land purchase that was part of the Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek project that did not occur. This affected revenue because those expenditures would have been eligible for cost share from the State (Water Resources Cash Fund and Resources Development Fund) and project cosponsors.

Following a brief discussion Alicia Haussler made the motion to accept the Fiscal Year 2016/2017 audit. Bob Schanou seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**USDA NATURAL RESOURCES CONSERVATION SERVICE REPORT:** Joe Krolikowski, NRCS Liaison District Conservationist, gave an update on the Fiscal Year 2018 Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) initial allocations to each NRD (see enclosed).

**EXCUSED ABSENCES:** Chairman Bendfeldt reported that Chris Henry had requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

**ELECT THREE MEMBER BOARD OFFICER NOMINATING SUB-COMMITTEE:** Chairman Bendfeldt reported that in January an election for board secretary and board treasurer will be held. It was reported that the District Bylaws state that a Board Officer Nominating Committee will be elected in November and will report on their recommendations at the December meeting. Officer elections are held at the January board meeting. Also, board officers can only serve two consecutive two-year terms in the same office. The elections of board chairman and vice-chairman are staggered with the secretary and treasurer.

In answer to a question Administrative Director Dianne Miller reported that Chuck Maser is serving his first two-year term as treasurer. Barry Obermiller was elected as board secretary when Jim Bendfeldt was elected as board vice chairman and Barry has now completed his eligibility as board secretary.

Bob Schanou nominated Alicia Haussler to serve on the subcommittee. Following a brief discussion Bob Schanou and Jerry Wiese said they would also be willing to serve.

Jay Richeson made the motion that nominations cease and that Alicia Haussler, Bob Schanou and Jerry Wiese serve on the three-member board officer nominating subcommittee. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor except Alicia Haussler and Jerry Wiese who abstained. Motion carried.

**WATER RESOURCES COMMITTEE – REQUEST CEASE & DESIST FOR GROUNDWATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM VIOLATIONS:** Water Resources Committee chairman Jay Richeson reported on their meeting held earlier that day.

**Groundwater Quality Management Program Noncompliance** – Jay said Sandy Noecker, Data Compliance Officer, presented a report on 82 individuals who are not in compliance with the Groundwater Quality Management Program. It is recommended that cease and desist orders be issued to the 82 who are not in compliance.

Jay Richeson made the motion that the board approve the issuance of cease and desist orders to the 82 individuals who are not in compliance with the District's Groundwater Quality Management Program and that the notices be mailed the week of December 4, 2017. Bob Schanou seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Jay said the committee also discussed the fact that David Stade in the Phase 3 area is in noncompliance of the Groundwater Quality Management Program for 2016 and 2017. He was issued a cease and desist order for his 2016 noncompliance.

Jay Richeson said the Water Resources Committee is recommending, and he made the motion, that we try to contact David Stade to get him into compliance, but if that fails then this matter will be turned over to our attorney to proceed with legal action. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**ELECTION 2018 FILING REPORT:** Administrative Director Dianne Miller said that letters would be mailed in the next couple of days to those directors up for re-election in 2018. The deadline for filing with the Secretary of State for incumbents is February 15<sup>th</sup> and non-incumbents is March 1<sup>st</sup>.

**NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS:** Central Platte NRD's NARD Board representative and NARD Board Chairman Jim Bendfeldt briefly reported on their November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> meeting in Beatrice. He also reported on the NARD Foundation and the multiple requests that are submitted for funding assistance.

**NEBRASKA NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REPORT:** Mick Reynolds, Middle Platte Basin Commission member, said the Commission met that Tuesday and decided on allocation of funds to six large projects. He said large projects are those that are \$250,000.00 and over. They also decided on six of the small projects, which are under \$250,000.00.

Mick said Central Platte NRD was the recipient of two of the small project allocation awards which were Modeling Nitrate Transport in the Vadose Zone and the Drouth Management Plan and Local Drouth Monitor.

He said they had \$13.2 million available for the large projects and allocated \$8,748,000.00. For the small projects they had \$1.3 million and allocated \$860,000.00 of that. Mick explained how projects are scored.

Mick reported on the highest scored large project which was the Lower Republican NRD Platte River Diversion which proposes to utilize the E65 canal on CNPP&ID's system to put excess flows from the Platte into Turkey Creek and divert it down to the Republican River. Considerable discussion followed on the proposed controversial project.

**COST SHARE PROGRAM: Applications** – Programs Coordinator Kelly Cole reported on the applications for the Well Decommissioning and Tree Planting cost share programs. 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. Jay Richeson seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**FINANCIAL REPORT:** Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the November financial report as presented. Deborah VanMatre seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

**OTHER BUSINESS: Next Board Meeting** -- Scheduled for December 21<sup>st</sup> at 2:00 p.m. Scheduled one week early due to Christmas. Details to follow.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:** Upcoming events were briefly reviewed.

**ADJOURN:** Chairman Bendfeldt adjourned the board meeting at 2:55 p.m.

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November 29, 2017

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November Report to CPNRD

Attached is a summary FY 2018 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 November 17, 2017. The ranking deadline for all eligible applications that were received by the November 17<sup>th</sup> cutoff is now set for February 2, 2018. Following the ranking of these applications, contract offers will be extended immediately to the highest ranked applications so that fund obligation can be completed as early as possible in 2018.

Respectfully Submitted,

*/s/ Joe Krolikowski*

Joe Krolikowski  
District Conservationist

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FY 2018 Environmental Quality Incentives Program NRD Allocations  
11/30/2017

NRD	2017 General FA	Estimated 2018 General FA	Ogallala FA	Local Matching Funds	2018 (Includes NWQI, Ogallala & Local Matching Funds)
CP	\$ 349,763	\$ 522,225	\$ 700,000	\$ 300,000	\$ 1,522,225
LB	\$ 256,737	\$ 391,236	\$ 550,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 1,191,236
LBB	\$ 247,495	\$ 313,185			\$ 313,185
LC	\$ 468,063	\$ 592,297			\$ 800,297
LE	\$ 700,822	\$ 886,836			\$ 1,094,836
LL	\$ 1,299,742	\$1,644,722			\$ 1,644,722
LN	\$ 200,000	\$ 85,840			\$ 201,767
LPN	\$ 675,103	\$ 854,291			\$ 1,478,291
LPS	\$ 203,353	\$ 257,328			\$ 257,328
LR	\$ 396,045	\$ 501,164			\$ 501,164
MN	\$ 392,019	\$ 496,070			\$ 496,070
MR	\$ 276,259	\$ 349,584	\$ 600,000	\$ 207,786	\$ 1,157,370
N	\$ 364,131	\$ 460,779			\$ 460,779
NP	\$ 660,747	\$ 836,123			\$ 836,123
PMR	\$ 315,118	\$ 398,757			\$ 398,757
SP	\$ 303,536	\$ 384,101			\$ 384,101
TB	\$ 299,557	\$ 379,067			\$ 379,067
TP	\$ 711,786	\$ 900,710			\$ 900,710
UBB	\$ 328,154	\$ 468,338	\$ 550,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 1,218,338
UE	\$ 804,073	\$1,017,492			\$ 1,225,492
UL	\$ 398,044	\$ 503,693			\$ 503,693
UNW	\$ 642,775	\$ 813,382			\$ 813,382
UR	\$ 439,966	\$ 556,743			\$ 556,743
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 10,733,290</b>	<b>\$ 13,613,964</b>	<b>\$ 2,400,000</b>	<b>\$957,786</b>	<b>\$ 18,335,677</b>

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD  
Cost Share  
November 30, 2017

WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		\$	<b>5,250.00</b>
Albert Erickson – Buffalo	\$	750.00	
P&J Snider Ltd. – Dawson		750.00	
Mercer Farms Inc – Buffalo – 2 wells		1,500.00	
Ronald Stauffer – Buffalo		750.00	
Andy Faeh – Merrick – 2 wells		1,500.00	
TREE PLANTING COST SHARE PROGRAM .....		\$	<b>2,196.00</b>
Matt Bowman – Buffalo		1,184.00	
Lee Rutkowski – Dawson		1,012.00	
Total .....		\$	<b>7,446.00</b>