

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD
Board Meeting Minutes
May 24, 2018

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:

Jim Bendfeldt	Barry Obermiller	Mick Reynolds
Alicia Haussler	Keith Ostermeier	Keith Stafford
Ed Kyes	Doug Reeves	Deborah VanMatre
Dwayne Margritz	Marvion Reichert	Jerry Wiese
Jerry Milner		

Excused absences: LeRoy Arends, Chris Henry, Brian Keiser, Charles Maser, Jay Richeson, Bob Schanou, Steve Sheen and Ed Stoltenberg.

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Dianne Miller – Administrative Director, Mark Czaplewski – District Biologist, Marcia Lee – Information Education Specialist, Kelly Cole – Programs Coordinator, Sandy Noecker – Data Compliance Officer, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Tricia Dudley – Resources Conservationist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician.

Others present: Randy Zach – NE Public Power District, Columbus.

MEETING NOTICES: Chairman 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: Marvion Reichert made the motion to approve the April board meeting minutes. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor, except Barry Obermiller 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.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman Bendfeldt reported that LeRoy Arends, Chris Henry, Brian Keiser, Charles Maser, Jay Richeson, Bob Schanou, Steve Sheen and Ed Stoltenberg had requested to be excused from the board meeting.

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

EASTERN PROJECTS – REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS: Jerry Wiese, committee chairman, reported on their meeting held earlier that day. He asked Assistant Manager Jesse Mintken to report on the first item.

Upper Prairie/Silver/Moores Creek Flood Control Project – Jesse said phase two of the detention cells at the Ordinance Plant is nearing completion. Hooker Brothers Construction has completed the dirt removal and mulching has to be completed for the seeding. Diamond Engineering of Grand Island is a subcontractor for Hooker Brothers and they are doing the drop structure. There has been enough rain that they have had to do some dewatering so that project has been delayed slightly. Jesse said the contractor bid opening for the levee portion of the project is planned for June 26th so the Eastern Projects Committee can review the bids and make a recommendation to the board at the June 28th meeting.

Shop Expansion – Jerry said the committee discussed the 28x48 foot, four door, four bay expansion of the south garage. Bids were taken and Cleary had the low bid of \$39,800.00. The original building was also a Cleary. The bid does not include dirt work, concrete approach, partitions and electrical but \$46,000.00 was included in this year's budget for the expansion.

Jerry Wiese made the motion to approve the Eastern Projects Committee's recommendation to build the \$46,000.00 south garage expansion that includes the contract with Cleary for \$39,800.00. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

BUDGET COMMITTEE REPORT: Jim Bendfeldt reported that the committee had met earlier that day to review the Fiscal Year 2018/2019 budget recommendations. He said a copy of the recommendations will be sent to the board prior to the June meeting.

He asked General Manager Lyndon Vogt to review three suggested changes from what the committees had discussed. One was under the I&E budget that would raise the "cosponsored events" from \$14,400.00 to \$20,000.00. The other two recommended changes were under the line item "Professional Services". One would be on the item "Alternative Analysis to the Schroeder property", which is the land that was recently purchased in Dawson County just south of Cozad. General Manager Vogt said we are looking at putting together a proposal for a consulting firm to do an analysis of project alternatives to get the most water back to the river. The other is "Dawson County

Recharge B-1” for \$149,000.00 to look at what happens to 4,000 acre feet of water we put into B-1 each year and do not presently take any credit for. That amount may change after the next Budget Committee meeting. He said both items were inadvertently left off of the original project recommendations.

Chairman Bendfeldt said the Budget Committee will do additional work at their June meeting and then will present the recommendations for expenditures to the board for consideration.

WATER QUANTITY COMMITTEE – REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS:

Chairman Bendfeldt said the committee met earlier that day.

Update on the Basin-wide Integrated Management Plan -- General Manager Vogt said the Stakeholders Group was established two years ago to work on the Basin-wide plan and the group has been meeting quarterly. Jim Bendfeldt serves representing Central Platte NRD. Jay Richeson also serves and represents the City of Gothenburg. There has also been a meeting with NE Public Power District, Central NE Public Power & Irrigation District, NE Dept. of Natural Resources and the basin NRDs to work out some of the details of the plan. He said if the Stakeholders Group cannot come to an agreement then it will be the responsibility of the basin NRDs and NE Dept. of Natural Resources to come to an agreement and finish the plan. General Manager Vogt said it is hoped to have the Stakeholders Group’s approval at their last scheduled meeting in September. The plan should be completed by the end of the year.

Update on the CPNRD/NE Department of Natural Resources Individual Integrated Management Plan – General Manager Vogt reported there are four meetings scheduled. All are in Kearney at the Holiday Inn on August 14, September 18, November 13 and January 15. He said it is not anticipated that there will be many changes to the current plan’s goals and objectives but the numbers have changed pretty substantially to get back to the 1997 level of water use. The main thing that will change will be the numbers we have to get to as far as putting water back to the river for our second 10-year increment that starts in 2020. A Stakeholders Group has been put together for the CPNRD Integrated Management Plan and letters will be going out soon.

Discussion on 180-day Moratorium on New Wells & New Irrigated Acres –

Chairman Bendfeldt said the Water Quantity Committee is recommending that we implement a 180-day moratorium on new wells and new irrigated acres. He said the principal reason for the recommendation is because of the new depletion numbers that need to be implemented into our transfer tool.

Chairman Bendfeldt read into the record the resolution on the 180-day stay as follows: Whereas the Central Platte Natural Resources District has been authorized to, and directed by, the Nebraska Legislature to manage and protect the ground water resources found within the District’s borders; Whereas the Central Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors finds that to manage and protect the ground water resources within its

borders, it is necessary to impose an immediate temporary stay on the construction of any new water well and on the increase in the numbers of acres historically irrigated.

Wherefore, it is hereby resolved that pursuant to the Nebraska Revised Statutes 46-707(2) an immediate temporary stay on the construction of any new water well and on the increase in the number of acres irrigated shall be imposed for a period of 180 days from the date of this Resolution. This stay shall apply to the entire District but shall not apply to replacement wells provided the number of irrigated acres will not increase.

Mick Reynolds made the motion to approve the resolution as read by Chairman Bendfeldt. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion.

In answer to a question General Manager Vogt said on Monday staff met to discuss the resolution and at that time there was only one well application that was in the system to be approved and the process for it was completed. It was clarified that if there is a current transfer application for transferring certified irrigated acres it will be completed.

The motion was then voted on. All directors present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

PROGRAMS COMMITTEE – REPORT & RECOMMENDATION: Outdoor Classroom Request from Shoemaker Elementary -- Committee chairman Keith Ostermeier reported that Marcia Lee, I&E Specialist, had emailed information to the committee on an outdoor classroom application from the Grand Island Shoemaker Elementary school. The application in the amount of \$391.82 is to develop a butterfly garden and native grass seed planting. All of the committee members had responded in favor of the application.

Keith Ostermeier made the motion to approve the outdoor classroom application from the Grand Island Shoemaker Elementary for \$391.82 as reported. Deborah VanMatre seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

CEASE & DESIST ORDERS FOR VIOLATIONS REPORT: GIS Image Analyst Luke Zakrezewski reported that, as directed at the April board meeting, he had sent two 10-day notices to two individuals who had not responded to his violation letters sent in February. One of them has now come into compliance. The other individual, William Strauss of Kearney, has not responded to any mailings and on May 18th a cease and desist order was issued. Mr. Strauss is ordered to cease and desist from irrigating any land he owns or controls within the Central Platte NRD at this time. He has until June 22nd to develop a plan for compliance. If he does not comply the District will take legal action to resolve the issue. Following a brief discussion Chairman Bendfeldt said he would try to contact Mr. Strauss.

NE ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICTS (NARD) REPORT: Jim Bendfeldt, CPNRD's NARD board member, said he did not have a NARD board report

but did report that he had recently attended the NARD Benefits Committee and Intergovernmental Risk Management Pool Association Loss Control Committee. He said General Manager Vogt also serves on the committees. The committees deal with the NARD administered NRD employee retirement and insurance benefits and said the Risk Pool committee is recommending a five percent health insurance premium effective July 1 and is recommending that the wellness benefit increase from \$500.00 to \$1,000.00.

NE NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION REPORT: Mick Reynolds, Middle Platte Basin Commission member, said the Commission had met on the 15th but said there was no pertinent information to report.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications – Programs Coordinator Kelly Cole reported that we have received applications for cost share for the Grazing Deferment and Well Decommissioning programs (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. Mick Reynolds 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 May financial report as presented. Alicia Haussler seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

OTHER BUSINESS: Executive Session – Chairman Bendfeldt recommended the board go into executive session to discuss legal matters. General Manager Lyndon Vogt asked that Jesse Mintken, Dianne Miller and Luke Zakrezewski remain.

Marvion Reichert made the motion that the board go into executive session at 2:28 p.m. to discuss legal matters. Keith Ostermeier seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

Mick Reynolds made the motion that the board come out of executive session at 2:44 p.m. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Scheduled for Thursday, June 28 at 2:00 p.m. Details to follow.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Upcoming events were briefly reviewed.

ADJOURN: Chairman Bendfeldt adjourned the board meeting at 2:47 p.m.

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Cost Share
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GRAZING DEFERMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	1,197.00
Steve J Kampfe – Dawson	\$	1,197.00
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	750.00
Matthew Peterson – Dawson	\$	750.00
Total	\$	1,947.00