

CENTRAL PLATTE NRD

Board Meeting Minutes

February 20, 2025

CALL TO ORDER: Chairman Deb VanMatre called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. She 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. 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	Jerry Milner	Jay Richeson
Lon Bohn	Barry Obermiller	Steve Sheen
Tom Downey	Keith Ostermeier	Ed Stoltenberg
Ed Kyes	Doug Reeves	Deb VanMatre
Dwayne Margritz	Marvion Reichert	Kevin Werner
Charles Maser	Mick Reynolds	Mike Wilkens

Excused Absences: Ryan Kegley, Brian Keiser and John Stoltenberg

Staff present: Lyndon Vogt – General Manager, Kelly Cole – Administrative Assistant, Marcia Lee – Information/Education Specialist, Jesse Mintken – Assistant Manager, Luke Zakrzewski – GIS Image Analyst, Tricia Dudley – Water Quality Specialist, Courtney Widup – Water Resources Technician, Angie Warner – GIS Programs Coordinator, Brandi Flyr – Hydrologist, Tom Backer – Projects Assistant, Devin Hingst – Resources Conservationist, Bill Hiatt - Resources Conservationist and Brody Vorderstrasse – Communications Assistant.

MEETING NOTICES: Chairman VanMatre 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 January board meeting minutes. Dwayne Margritz seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & OTHER BUSINESS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS:

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

PUBLIC FORUM: Chairman VanMatre asked if anyone wanted to address the board on any item not included on the agenda. There was none.

EXCUSED ABSENCES: Chairman VanMatre reported that Ryan Kegley, Brian Keiser and John Stoltenberg requested to be excused from the board meeting.

Mick Reynolds 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.

VARIANCE/APPEALS COMMITTEE: Barry Obermiller said the Variance and Appeals Committee meet earlier today for a variance request from Schroll Farms Inc. of Riverdale, NE.

Schroll Farms Inc. is requesting a transfer of certified irrigated acres from Lower Loup NRD into Central Platte NRD. The committee is recommending that the request may be approved when CPNRD sub-area 9B comes out of the 25% decline and if LLNRD gives subsequent approval.

Barry Obermiller made the motion to approve Schroll Farms Inc. of Riverdale, NE variance request of transferring certified irrigated acres from LLNRD into CPNRD when CPNRD sub-area 9B comes out of the 25% decline and if LLNRD gives subsequent approval. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

EASTERN PROJECTS COMMITTEE: Lyndon Vogt gave an update with the Platte Valley Industrial Park Project regarding appraisal updates and land rights. No action was taken.

BUILDING COMMITTEE: An updated video of the progress of the new building/education center was presented.

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE: Jason Moudy, Water Programs Specialist with Lower Loup NRD presented to the committee on fertilizer application impacts on soil nitrate levels and water quality. LLNRD is applying for a grant to continue the study and partner with CPNRD and UBBNRD.

SOUTH PLATTE COMPACT: Lyndon Vogt reviewed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding the Perkins County Canal.

Tom Downey made a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources regarding the Perkins County Canal. Marvion Reichert seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

MANAGERS REPORT: Lyndon Vogt, General Manager, reported on LB317, which would merge NDEE & DNR. The Governor wants all entities dealing with water together. The NRD's testified in opposition to the bill.

STAFF REPORTS: Tom Backer, Projects Assistant; Bill Hiatt, Resources

Conservationist and Devin Hingst, Resources Conservationist, presented to the board on what their job duties are.

COST SHARE PROGRAMS: Applications - Kelly Cole, Administrative Assistant, reported that we have received cost share applications for the following programs: Sensor Based Management of Fertigation, Center Pivot, Grazing Deferment 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 a motion to approve the cost share applications as reported. Tom Downey seconded the motion. All board members present, voting by roll call vote, were in favor. Motion carried.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Chairman VanMatre said that because the board meeting was a week early and payments would not be made until next week the February financial report would be acted on in March.

NRCS REPORT: Joe Krolikowski, NRCS District Conservationist, and Carrie Thompson, Lexington NRCS Office Resources Conservationist reports are available on Dropbox as they were unable to attend.

NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION OF RESOURCES DISTRICT: Deb VanMatre, NARD Board Member, reported on the recent Legislative Conference held in Lincoln, Nebraska. She indicated there were a few new members on the NARD Board. Noted that NRD dues should stay under a 2% increase and reminded the board of the upcoming Washington DC Conference and June Basin tour which be in the Valentine area.

NATURAL RESOURCES COMMISSION: Doug Reeves, Middle Platte Basin Representative, reported that he attended his first meeting yesterday. Next meeting will be April 9th. The commission is trying to schedule a tour of the Perkins Canal.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Chairman VanMatre reviewed the upcoming events.

Next Board Meeting – Scheduled for the afternoon of Thursday, March 27. Details to follow.

OTHER BUSINESS: Chairman VanMatre presented our outgoing director, Ed Kyes, a certificate for his 25 years of dedication to the CPNRD. Ed Kyes resigned from the CPNRD board effective February 20, 2025.

Chairman VanMatre, Doug Reeves, Keith Ostermeier and Barry Obermiller will serve on a Board Nominating Committee to fill Subdistrict 9 vacancy.

ADJOURN: Chairman VanMatre adjourned the board meeting at 2:45 p.m.

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Cost Share
Thursday, February 20, 2025

SENSOR BASED MANAGEMENT OF FERTIGATION COST SHARE	\$	3,366.00
Ron Woitaszewski – Hall	\$	3,366.00
CENTER PIVOT INCENTIVE COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	13,270.00
DG AG, Inc. – Hall	\$	7,500.00
Allan Miller – Hall		5,770.00
GRAZING DEFERMENT COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	9,894.60
Double R Bar Ranch Inc. – Custer	\$	9,894.60
WELL DECOMMISSIONING COST SHARE PROGRAM	\$	750.00
Pigsonthewing LLC – Dawson	\$	750.00
TOTAL	\$	27,280.60