

**NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES  
DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING**

**July 11, 2019**

The regular meeting of the North Platte Natural Resources District (NRD) Board of Directors was called to order at 3:00 p.m. MDT, July 11, 2019, by Kent Andreas at the North Platte NRD conference room, 100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Notice of the meeting was given to the public by publishing a legal notice in the July 3, 2019, Scottsbluff *Star-Herald*. Andreas informed meeting attendees that this meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, a copy of which is posted in the meeting room for public inspection.

Board members present Kent Andreas, Roger Eirich, Dave Deines, Pete Lapaseotes, Ryan Reuter, Gary Darnall and Mark Westphal. Absent: Chuck Henkel and Dan Weinreis. Others present: NPNRD Staff Members: John Berge, Barb Cross, Scott Schaneman, Kyle Ann Hopkins, Dave Christian, Sarah Munezero, and Amanda Sheppard; Megan Dockery, Simmons Olson Law Firm; Sarah Gray, Natural Resources Conservation Service; Thad Kuntz, Adaptive Resources, Inc; and Dave Fisher.

The following items of informational material were made available to the Directors electronically prior to the Board Meeting:

1. Meeting Notice
2. Agenda
3. Minutes, North Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors Meeting, June 13, 2019.
4. Treasurer's Report (Preliminary)
5. Manager's Report
6. Flowmeter Maintenance Policy

The following items were provided to the Directors at the Board Meeting:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes, North Platte Natural Resources District, Board of Directors Meeting, June 13, 2019.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Manager's Report
5. Flowmeter Maintenance Policy

### **3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting**

The Board reviewed the minutes of the June 13, 2019, regular Board meeting. Moved by Roger Eirich, seconded by Ryan Reuter, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2019 regular Board meeting. Motion passed.

Ayes: Eirich, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Reuter, Andreas

Nay: None

Abstain: Darnall, Deines

Absent: Henkel, Weinreis

### **4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable**

Ryan Reuter reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. He went over the new accounting system as the NRD is moving to using Quick Books after July 1<sup>st</sup>. Moved by Eirich, seconded by Westphal, to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as listed. Motion passed.

Ayes: Darnall, Deines, Eirich, Lapaseotes, Reuter, Andreas, Westphal

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Henkel, Weinreis

## **5. Comments from the Public**

Dave Fisher addressed the board and apologized for some of the comments he made last month. He again requested the Board ask the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to declare the District Fully Appropriated by signing a petition to submit to DNR. Fisher again expressed his concern that the District is doing too much to fulfill its obligation under the Integrated Management Plan (IMP). He favors allocation and efficiency and is opposed to taxes used to take water out of production.

Dave Wolf wanted to publicly thank the board and staff for his time at the NRD as I & E Coordinator. He loved working here and said this was the best staff in the state. His time here helped to prepare him for his new position as Executive Director at Legacy of the Plains Museum in Gering.

## **6. Manager's Report**

John Berge provided the Manager's Report. He emphasized two items in the report. First that the IMP/BWP hearings are scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> at our office. The hearings are scheduled at 10:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. respectively and will be preceded by an informational session at 9:30 a.m. Also, the Rules Hearing will follow at 11:00 a.m. that same day. Secondly, the second annual Water Expo will be held at the NRD on August 24<sup>th</sup>. Members were asked if they would be willing to grill the hamburgers and hot dogs for the noon meal.

## **7. Update on the Greener Gardens Greenhouse: A Project of the North Platte NRD**

Barb Cross, Assistant Manager, updated the board on how the greenhouse is progressing with a power point presentation. The greenhouse has an excellent learning facility with classes taught by Jenifer Berge-Sauter going on once a month for a variety of topics such as planting tomatoes and using worms in compost beds. 1195 lbs. of food have been donated to the

Veterans home and CAPWN since June 29, 2018. The outdoor garden is planted and doing very well.

## **8. Consideration of the Flowmeter Maintenance Policy**

NPNRD is a certified McCrometer repair center. McCrometer used to sell parts individually but now has changed its policy and we can only buy parts in bundles (i.e. register kit, bearing kit, etc.). Costs for repairs will be going up slightly to recoup costs to the NRD both for parts and for labor and expenses for going to the field. The prior policy was approved 2 years ago. Moved by Darnall, seconded by Eirich to accept the new flowmeter policy.

Ayes: Darnall, Deines, Eirich, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Reuter, Andreas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Henkel, Weinreis

## **9. Adjourn**

Moved by Reuter, seconded by Eirich, to adjourn at 3:32 p.m., MDT. Motion passed.

Ayes: Darnall, Deines, Eirich, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Reuter, Andreas

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Henkel, Weinreis