

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

October 10, 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, October 10, 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 October 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, Dave Deines, Roger Eirich, Chuck Henkel, Pete Lapaseotes, Ryan Reuter, and Dan Weinreis. Absent: Gary Darnall & Mark Westphal. Others present: John Berge, Barb Cross, Danielle Schafer, Travis Preston and Jody Fiscus NPNRD staff; Thad Kuntz, Adaptive Resources, Inc; Sarah Gray, Natural Resource Conservation Service.

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, September 12, 2019.
4. Treasurer's Report (Preliminary)

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, September 12, 2019.
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Manager's Report

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the September 12, 2019, regular Board meeting. Moved by Eirich, seconded by Reuter, to approve the minutes of the September 12, 2019 regular Board meeting. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Reuter, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Westphal

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Ryan Reuter reviewed the Treasurer's report with the Board. Moved by Henkel, seconded by Weinreis, to accept the Treasurer's report and pay the bills as listed. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Reuter, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Westphal

5. Comments from the Public

None

6. Manager's Report

Berge highlighted the following items in his report:

Administration:

Hail Damage – Nearly \$170,000.00 from the August hail storms to include the main building, the shelter and the greenhouse.

Budget tracking – Meeting monthly with department heads to ensure accuracy in reporting.

Projects and Programs:

Infrastructure Issues – Meeting routinely with Senator Stinner and Dennis Strauch to discuss long-term funding options for repairs to the surface water delivery system.

NRCS – Meeting with Craig Derickson and Sarah Gray next week to discuss the MOU and clerk positions.

Platte River Discussion – Berge will be meeting with principals from DNR, CNPPID and NPPD to discuss Platte River issues, particularly excess flows.

Outreach:

Water Tour will be held August 4 and 5. Chamber is working on securing the hotel and bus. NPNRD is working on content.

Nebraska Water Center is working to coincide their Fall Water Issues Conference with the Water Tour.

LR 211- Berge provided testimony to Senator Stinner's interim study. It seeks ways for the state and political subdivisions to gain access to FEMA climate mitigation dollars.

Conservation Legacy Conference – Berge spoke at the conference, sponsored by the
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, earlier today at the Gering Civic Center.

7. Report from Budget Committee

No Report.

8. Flow Meter Update

The Board reviewed a map that showed how flow meter reads are progressing. We have combined meter reads and maintenance on wells to a five-year rotation. Final telemetry install has begun. We will be shutting off automatic telemetry reads with AMCI for the fall. Next year we will read once a week, through the summer, to reduce expenses.

9. Consideration of Audit Report from Dana Cole and Company

No Report. Moved to the November Board meeting.

10. Adjourn

There being no further business, the Chairman called for a motion to adjourn.

Moved by Eirich, seconded by Henkel, to adjourn at 3:15 p.m., MDT. Motion passed.

Ayes: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Reuter, Weinreis

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall, Westphal