NORTH PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING AGENDA

May 12, 2022 3:00 P.M.

- 1. Call Meeting to Order
- 2. Inform Public of Open Meetings Act
- 3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting
- 4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
- 5. Comments from the Public
- 6. Manager's Report
- 7. Discussion and Consideration of Board of Directors Grant of Authorities
- 8. Pumpkin Creek Presentation: Steve Smith
- 9. Greenhouse Update: Jennifer Berge Sauter
- 10. Adjourn

Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting

100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska

April 14, 2022

1. Call Meeting to Order

This meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Roger Eirich. Notice of the meeting was given to the public by publishing a legal notice on April 7, 2022, in the Scottsbluff Star Herald.

2. Inform Public of Open Meetings Act

Eirich informed the meeting attendees that this meeting would be conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Act, which is posted by the door for public inspection.

Attendance

Board of Directors Present: Gary Darnall, Ryan Reuter, Roger Eirich, Chuck Henkel, Pete Lapaseotes, Mark Westphal, Dave Deines

Board of Directors Absent: Kent Andreas, Dan Weinreis

Eirich called for a motion to excuse the absences.

A motion was made by Henkel, seconded by Westphal, to excuse the absences of Andreas and Weinreis. Motion passed.

Aye: Darnall, Reuter, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Deines

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Andreas, Weinreis

Others Present:

North Platte NRD Staff: Scott Schaneman, Danielle Schafer, Travis Preston, Craig Uhrig, Kyle

Ann Hopkins, Lydia Hendrickson, Amanda Shepperd

Simmons Olsen Law Firm: Megan Dockery

Adaptive Resources, Inc. (ARI): Thad Kuntz

Public: Mike Wamboldt

Documentation Provided

The following documents were made available at the meeting for the Board of Directors and public review:

1. Meeting Notice

2. Agenda

3. Minutes of the March 10, 2022, Board of Directors Meeting

4. Treasurer's Report

5. Manager's Report

6. Minutes of the March 29, 2022, Water Resources Committee Meeting

7. 2022 Lease Rates – Temporary Leases Only

8. Variance Applications for Robert Cameron & Jessica Carlson (VAR-2022-16 and

VAR-2022-17)

9. Minutes of the April 1, 2022, District Operations Committee Meeting

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meeting

The Board reviewed the minutes of the March 10, 2022, regular monthly meeting.

A motion was made by Reuter, seconded by Henkel, to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2022,

regular monthly meeting. Motion passed.

Aye: Darnall, Reuter, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Deines

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Andreas, Weinreis

4. Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable

Reuter reviewed the monthly expenses from the Treasurer's Report with the Board. Henkel

inquired about the office equipment upgrade. Scott Schaneman explained that the District would

be receiving a new printer and copier since the lease is up on the printer and the copier is due for

replacement. This upgrade also included a new phone system for the District which is part of the

plan to consolidate our system operations to the same company.

A motion was made by Darnall, seconded by Henkel, to accept the Treasurer's Report and pay the

bills as listed. Motion passed.

Aye: Darnall, Reuter, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Deines

Nav: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Andreas, Weinreis

5. Comments from the Public

None.

6. Manager's Report

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Scott Schaneman highlighted the following items from his Manager's Report for the Board:

The Water Department has finished their spring static water levels. District staff will be providing an update to the Board in the next couple of months with the data collected.

The Water Department has started to collect water quality data to provide information as part of the nitrate levels study that ends later this year. This information will be used in implementing the District's nitrogen management rules and the data collected will be presented to the Board at the end of the study.

District staff has started the annual budget process and Department Heads are finishing their budgets. A District budget should be presented to the Budget & Personnel Committee by the end of May.

The Tree Department has sold 30,261 trees so far and will be planting trees at 31 different sites in the District. They will also be doing eight different grass plantings, two of which are fire line reclamation projects. The dry weather and drought conditions have impacted tree sales this year.

This year's EPIC Program sign ups were much smaller than in years past, but the District has approved applications from ten producers for a total of 6,647 acre-inches over 705.7 acres. Total payments to be made to landowners in October is \$99,707.10, with \$59,824.26 being reimbursed through the Platte Basin Coalition.

A request has been made to the Platte Basin Coalition to fund the remainder of the District's permanent retirement contracts since some of these contracts were not reimbursed at the full 60% rate and some did not receive reimbursement for the life of the contract. The District is requesting a full reimbursement to cover through the final payment under these contracts. The request amounted to ~\$1.3 million.

NRCS has approved the PIFR Application the District submitted, and initial site visits have been scheduled to begin the Gering Valley Watershed rehabilitation project.

Scott Schaneman attended the Yonts Water Conference and was given the opportunity to introduce himself as the General Manager of the District during a dedicated time in the program which allowed new leaders to talk and provide information and background about themselves.

District staff has started to plan for the 2022 Water Expo, which will be held on July 16th this year to coincide with the NRD's 50th Anniversary Week.

7. NARD Legislative Bill Summary

Scott Schaneman reviewed the following Legislative Bills with the Board as they are of interest to this District:

LB 1074 – This is the infrastructure Bill proposed by Bosselman. This Bill was signed by the Governor last week and will provide a \$5 million maximum benefit per irrigation district to be used for repair or construction of any headgate, flume, diversion structure, check valve or any other physical structure used for irrigation projects. This funding will require a 10% match by the irrigation districts.

LB 1014 – This Bill will provide \$23.1 million of funding for the Gering-Ft. Laramie tunnel, which will help cover the cost of finishing the repair work following the tunnel collapse from a few years ago.

8. Report from Water Resources Committee Meeting

a. Adam Dietrich

Adam Dietrich and his father attended this meeting and explained their situation with acres they own that are not certified. The acres were not certified with the District in approximately 2009 because the previous landowner indicated that those acres were not served by the well. Dietrich would like to certify his acres for ground water irrigation to make the lands commingled, increasing the value of his property.

b. Carlson Variance Applications

The Committee reviewed the Variance Applications submitted by Robert Cameron & Jessica Carlson. Carlson received a variance from allocation in 2020 and has installed five new pivots on the lands he used to flood irrigate. Even after installing the pivots, there are still corners that cannot be irrigated with the pivot, so Carlson would like to receive a new variance on these acres to cover just the corners outside of his pivots. The Committee has made a recommendation to the Board that the Variance Applications be sent for hearing with the requirement that 9.75% of the historically irrigated acres be set aside for the duration of the current allocation period, at which time the variance would expire (2024), recognizing that a DAU or PAU could be created (per District Rules & Regulations) in the interest of combining all eligible certified ground water flood irrigated acres. The DAU or PAU would allow for set aside acres to be located at one location.

c. Telemetry

Scott explained that AMCi has reached out again and created a new proposal for upgrading our telemetry network. AMCi has reduced some of the cost of the upgrade, but the District would be looking to spend an additional \$250,000 for the upgrade. Steve Smith advised the Committee that AMCi provides no warranty for the District under their proposal and Megan Dockery recommended that if the units in the field are still operable, that the District continue to operate those units until the requirements under the DNR and NET agreements have been met. The District staff agreed, and Thad Kuntz explained the data collected is used in the Model, but not necessary.

d. Lease Rates

Scott explained that lease rates need to be reviewed and approved for 2022 because we have two leases that are a part of the Enterprise Project that will need to be renewed this year. The Committee recommends that the Board approve the 2022 lease rates at the same level as the lease rates from 2021.

e. Griffiths Reconfiguration

The District is having complications working with Bill Griffiths, a landowner in Banner County. Mr. Griffiths was previously contacted by the District's legal counsel regarding a disagreement over the 2019 EPIC Program and has since refused to speak with any District staff. Mr. Griffiths has reconfigured his lands after the installation of a pivot, which requires Mr. Griffiths to sign District paperwork updating the acres that he is irrigating. District staff and our legal counsel have attempted to reach out to Mr. Griffiths several times regarding the paperwork, but Mr. Griffiths refuses to cooperate with the District. The Committee requested that District staff and legal counsel continue to try and reach compliance with Mr. Griffiths and if he fails to comply, issue a cease and desist until compliance is met.

9. Discussion and Consideration of Lease Rates for 2022

The Board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2022 Lease Rates for Temporary Leases Only. A motion was made by Darnall, seconded by Reuter, to approve the 2022 Lease Rates at the same level as the rates for 2021. Motion passed.

Aye: Darnall, Reuter, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Deines

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Andreas, Weinreis

10. Discussion and Consideration of Setting Robert Cameron & Jessica Carlson Variances for Public Hearing

The Board reviewed and discussed the Variance Applications submitted by Robert Cameron & Jessica Carlson.

A motion was made by Reuter, seconded by Darnall, that these two Variance Applications be sent to hearing with a requirement of a 9.75% set aside of the historically irrigated acreage which were under an exemption in the previous allocation period, for the duration of the current allocation period, at which time the variance would expire (2024), recognizing that a DAU or PAU could be created (per the District's Rules & Regulations) in the interest of combining all eligible certified ground water flood irrigated acres. The purpose of a DAU or PAU is to allow all set-aside acres to be located at one location of an eligible ground water certification under exemption to the allocation. Motion passed

Aye: Darnall, Reuter, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Deines

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Andreas, Weinreis

11. Report from District Operations Committee Meeting

a. Erosion & Sediment Control Act Complaint #110, Terry Eittreim

The Committee was provided information from Craig Uhrig, District Water Department Head, and Georgette Jordening, NRCS District Conservationist, who scheduled an investigation of the subject property per the District's Rules & Regulations regarding these matters. The Committee reviewed the Complaint and investigative reports, options for developing a plan with the landowner and other options that may be available. Henkel confirmed that Eittreim seemed to want to come into compliance, but the landowner and tenant are having a disagreement about who has the responsibility for the tilling and blowing. Regardless, the District's Rules provide that the landowner has the responsibility. A compliance plan is necessary, but that will even prove difficult because we have had no rain or moisture. Henkel mentioned that there is some wheat coming up, but with recent winds, it may be covered again. Eirich asked Mike Wamboldt, the complainant, if he had anything else to add. Mr. Wamboldt advised he did not other than the fact that the erosion is continuing. The Committee recommended that the District move forward with further action in

accordance with Rule 12 of the Rules & Regulations for Implementing the Erosion & Sediment Control Act, based on the Committee's determination that there is a probable violation of those Rules & Regulations.

12. Adjourn

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

A motion was made by Reuter, seconded by Westphal to adjourn at 3:29 p.m. Motion passed.

Aye: Darnall, Reuter, Eirich, Henkel, Lapaseotes, Westphal, Deines

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Andreas, Weinreis

DATE	TRANSACTION TYPE	NUM	DUE DATE	PAST DUE	AMOUNT	OPEN BALANCE
Adaptive Resou	rces, Inc.					
(970) 370-2481						
04/26/2022	Bill	0432	05/26/2022	-16	10,226.67	10,226.67
-	ve Resources, Inc.				\$10,226.67	\$10,226.67
Aflac Insurance						
(800) 992-3522 04/27/2022	Bill	260041	05/15/2022	-5	1,024.28	1,024.28
Total for Aflac Ir		200041	03/13/2022	-5	\$1,024.28	\$1,024.28
Allen Gall	isurarioo				Ψ1,024.20	Ψ1,024.20
05/09/2022	Bill	3689-S	06/08/2022	-29	1,918.60	1,918.60
Total for Allen G		3009-3	00/00/2022	-29	\$1,918.60	\$1,918.60
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(866) 481-2556						
04/24/2022	Bill	APR2022	05/15/2022	-5	363.51	363.51
Total for Allo Co	mmunications				\$363.51	\$363.51
Benzel Pest Cor	ntrol, Inc.					
(308) 632-3437						
04/12/2022	Bill	157302	05/12/2022	-2	103.04	103.04
Total for Benzel	Pest Control, Inc.				\$103.04	\$103.04
Black Hills Ener	gy					
(800) 563-0012						
04/25/2022	Bill	APR2022	05/16/2022	-6	777.46	777.46
Total for Black H	Hills Energy				\$777.46	\$777.46
Bomgaars						
(712) 226-5000						
04/16/2022	Bill	53782066	04/16/2022	24	23.06	23.06
04/16/2022	Bill	53782185	04/16/2022	24	13.16	13.16
04/16/2022	Bill	53781663	04/16/2022	24	19.99	19.99
Total for Bomga	lars				\$56.21	\$56.21
Brian Chandler	Dill	0005 00	00/00/0000	00	0.405.00	0.405.00
05/10/2022 Total for Brian C	Bill	3685-SB	06/09/2022	-30	2,135.80	2,135.80
					\$2,135.80	\$2,135.80
(866) 339-9781	s Systems, Inc -Dallas					
05/02/2022	Bill	31560841	06/01/2022	-22	3,383.03	3,383.03
05/02/2022	Bill	31560840	06/01/2022	-22	234.37	234.37
	Business Systems, Inc -Dal		00/01/2022		\$3,617.40	\$3,617.40
Capital Business (307) 637-6767	s Systems, Inc.				¥-,	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
04/18/2022	Bill	1164395	05/18/2022	-8	1,072.34	1,072.34
	Business Systems, Inc.		55, 10, L5LL	<u> </u>	\$1,072.34	\$1,072.34
CCPN Lapaseot (308) 262-1402	tes, Ltd.				Ţ /, C · MIO ·	Ţ.,o. 210 T

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05/01/2022	Bill	MAY2022	05/31/2022	-21	25,324.00	25,324.00
Total for CCPN L	apaseotes, Ltd. Grants&	Funds State -WR	CF/PBC		\$25,324.00	\$25,324.00
Charles E Chene	y & Linda K Cheney					
05/01/2022	Bill	MAY2022	05/31/2022	-21	14,647.43	14,647.43
Total for Charles	E Cheney & Linda K Chen	еу			\$14,647.43	\$14,647.43
City of Gering La (308) 436-6816	ndfill					
04/20/2022	Bill	210921	05/20/2022	-10	95.36	95.36
Total for City of G	ering Landfill				\$95.36	\$95.36
Clifty View Nurse (208) 267-7129	ry, LLC					
04/19/2022	Bill	6679-2	05/19/2022	-9	34.75	34.75
Total for Clifty Vie	ew Nursery, LLC				\$34.75	\$34.75
Corman, Ross (308) 262-0890						
05/03/2022	Bill	3728-M	06/02/2022	-23	1,050.00	1,050.00
Total for Corman	, Ross				\$1,050.00	\$1,050.00
Culligan of Scotts (308) 632-4014	sbluff					
04/15/2022	Bill	800177956	05/15/2022	-5	46.00	46.00
04/29/2022	Bill	800179664	05/29/2022	-19	19.50	19.50
Total for Culligan	of Scottsbluff				\$65.50	\$65.50
De Etta Swanson (308) 778-6083	ı					
05/03/2022	Bill	3721-G	06/02/2022	-23	562.50	562.50
Total for De Etta	Swanson				\$562.50	\$562.50
Dwayne Nolte Re	evocable Trust					
05/09/2022	Bill	142-M	06/08/2022	-29	347.50	347.50
Total for Dwayne	Nolte Revocable Trust				\$347.50	\$347.50
Enviro Service, Ir (308) 632-3933	nc.					
04/15/2022	Bill	2200422	05/15/2022	-5	25.00	25.00
Total for Enviro S	Service, Inc.				\$25.00	\$25.00
Fat Boys Tire & A (307) 632-1671	Auto					
04/15/2022	Bill	7-4771	05/15/2022	-5	18.00	18.00
05/03/2022	Bill	7-4978	06/02/2022	-23	18.00	18.00
Total for Fat Boys	s Tire & Auto				\$36.00	\$36.00
Fay Scarrow						
05/01/2022	Bill	253723	05/31/2022	-21	800.00	800.00
Total for Fay Sca	rrow				\$800.00	\$800.00
FedEx						

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(800) 622-1147						
04/25/2022	Bill	9-623-37309	05/05/2022	5	7.90	7.90
04/28/2022	Bill	7-739-29675	05/08/2022	2	43.11	43.11
05/05/2022	Bill	7-746-15799	05/20/2022	-10	17.07	17.07
Total for FedEx					\$68.08	\$68.08
Fremont Motor 5 (308) 635-3701	Scottsbluff, LLC					
05/03/2022	Bill	105745	05/18/2022	-8	62.81	62.81
Total for Fremor	t Motor Scottsbluff, LLC				\$62.81	\$62.81
Fultz Pumps, Inc (712) 248-2300						
04/12/2022	Bill	17797	05/12/2022	-2	26.95	26.95
05/02/2022	Bill	17805	06/01/2022	-22	892.18	892.18
Total for Fultz Po	umps, Inc				\$919.13	\$919.13
Gering Ft-Laram	ie Irrigation District					
11/01/2021	Bill	NOV2021	12/01/2021	160	3,881.80	3,881.80
Total for Gering	Ft-Laramie Irrigation District				\$3,881.80	\$3,881.80
Ideabank Marke (402) 463-0588	ting					
04/30/2022	Bill	INV-13289	05/30/2022	-20	59.00	59.00
Total for Ideabar	nk Marketing				\$59.00	\$59.00
Idexx Distribution (800) 321-0207	n, Inc.					
04/12/2022	Bill	3104494883	05/12/2022	-2	188.39	188.39
04/13/2022	Bill	3104494884	05/13/2022	-3	39.78	39.78
Total for Idexx D	istribution, Inc.				\$228.17	\$228.17
Jana Shimic (307) 534-5645						
04/22/2022	Bill	3707-S	05/22/2022	-12	2,696.90	2,696.90
Total for Jana Sl	himic				\$2,696.90	\$2,696.90
Kevin Kniss						
05/03/2022	Bill	3717-SB	06/02/2022	-23	562.50	562.50
Total for Kevin K	íniss				\$562.50	\$562.50
Matthew Tighe (308) 750-1422						
05/01/2022	Bill	MAY2022	05/31/2022	-21	53,900.00	53,900.00
Total for Matthew	w Tighe Grants & Funds	State-WRCF/PBC			\$53,900.00	\$53,900.00
McCrometer, Inc (402) 694-4114).					
04/01/2022	Bill	561039	05/01/2022	9	10.00	10.00
04/25/2022	Bill	562451 R1	05/25/2022	-15	11.00	11.00

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(308) 630-0054						
04/04/2022	Bill	52455	05/04/2022	6	19.42	19.42
04/25/2022	Bill	53746	05/25/2022	-15	58.93	58.93
Total for Menards	3				\$78.35	\$78.35
Mid-American Be (402) 571-6224	enefits, Inc.					
05/02/2022	Bill	0000006483	05/02/2022	8	1,148.50	1,148.50
Total for Mid-Am	erican Benefits, Inc.				\$1,148.50	\$1,148.50
Midwest Laborato (402) 334-7770	ories					
05/03/2022	Bill	1085507	06/02/2022	-23	4,019.00	4,019.00
Total for Midwest	Laboratories				\$4,019.00	\$4,019.00
Mobius Commun (308) 487-5500	ications					
05/01/2022	Bill	MAY2022	05/31/2022	-21	30.00	30.00
Total for Mobius	Communications				\$30.00	\$30.00
NARD Risk Pool (402) 471-7671	Association					
04/25/2022	Bill	MAY2022	04/25/2022	15	33,629.40	33,629.40
Total for NARD F	Risk Pool Association				\$33,629.40	\$33,629.40
Nationwide Finar (402) 891-0808	ncial					
04/30/2022	Bill	APR2022	05/30/2022	-20	10,343.46	10,343.46
Total for Nationw	ide Financial				\$10,343.46	\$10,343.46
Nebraska Public	Health Environmental Lab					
04/12/2022	Bill	551092	05/12/2022	-2	57.00	57.00
Total for Nebrask	a Public Health Environme	ntal Lab			\$57.00	\$57.00
One Call Concep (410) 712-0082	ts, Inc.					
04/30/2022	Bill	2040491	05/30/2022	-20	2.97	2.97
Total for One Cal	ll Concepts, Inc.				\$2.97	\$2.97
Pheasants Forev (402) 416-2671	er					
04/27/2022	Bill	0150	04/27/2022	13	658.07	658.07
Total for Pheasar	nts Forever				\$658.07	\$658.07
ProGro LLC (307) 575-4255						
05/10/2022	Bill	3677-G	06/09/2022	-30	2,769.30	2,769.30
Total for ProGro	LLC				\$2,769.30	\$2,769.30
Randy Huck						
05/03/2022	Bill	3714-SB	06/02/2022	-23	562.50	562.50
Total for Randy H	łuck				\$562.50	\$562.50

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Robert Virgl Jr (402) 443-9040						
05/01/2022	Bill	MAY2022	05/31/2022	-21	7,077.50	7,077.50
Total for Robert	Virgl Jr				\$7,077.50	\$7,077.50
Ruth Hamilton (308) 778-5603	-					
05/01/2022	Bill	MAY2022	05/31/2022	-21	9,945.00	9,945.00
Total for Ruth H	amilton				\$9,945.00	\$9,945.00
Scotts Bluff Cou (308) 436-5880	inty Consolidated 911Commi	unications				
01/01/2022	Bill	16530	12/31/2022	-235	85.00	85.00
Total for Scotts	Bluff County Consolidated 91	1Communications	1		\$85.00	\$85.00
Scotts Bluff Cou	inty Treasurer					
05/01/2022	Bill	MAY2022	05/31/2022	-21	41.50	41.50
Total for Scotts	Bluff County Treasurer				\$41.50	\$41.50
Simmons Olsen (308) 632-3811	Law Firm, PC, LLO					
04/30/2022	Bill	799955	05/30/2022	-20	2,432.50	2,432.50
Total for Simmo	ns Olsen Law Firm, PC, LLO				\$2,432.50	\$2,432.50
Sorenson, Hahr	n, Browning & Judy P.C.					
04/25/2022	Bill	APR2022	04/25/2022	15	270.00	270.00
Total for Sorens	on, Hahn, Browning & Judy I	P.C.			\$270.00	\$270.00
Staples Credit F (800) 669-5285	Plan					
04/15/2022	Bill	3054738451	05/15/2022	-5	46.86	46.86
04/15/2022	Bill	2137	05/15/2022	-5	46.39	46.39
Total for Staples	s Credit Plan				\$93.25	\$93.25
Star-Herald (833) 347-6300						
04/07/2022	Bill	0000300239	05/07/2022	3	11.92	11.92
04/07/2022	Bill	0000300234	05/07/2022	3	32.12	32.12
04/25/2022	Bill	0000303611	05/25/2022	-15	11.92	11.92
Total for Star-He	erald				\$55.96	\$55.96
Steven & Rober						
05/03/2022	Bill	3617-SB	06/02/2022	-23	562.50	562.50
Total for Steven	& Roberta Decker				\$562.50	\$562.50
Towner State N (701) 537-5636	ursery					
04/12/2022	Bill	012679	05/12/2022	-2	126.00	126.00
Total for Towne	r State Nursery				\$126.00	\$126.00
United States Tr						
05/02/2022	Bill	CP220	05/23/2022	-13	60.18	60.18

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Total for United	States Treasury				\$60.18	\$60.18
Van Diest Suppl	y, Co.					
(515) 832-2366						
04/15/2022	Bill	217800	05/15/2022	-5	470.00	470.00
Total for Van Die	est Supply, Co.				\$470.00	\$470.00
Viaero Wireless						
(877) 484-2376						
04/14/2022	Bill	APR2022	05/14/2022	-4	622.42	622.42
Total for Viaero	Wireless				\$622.42	\$622.42
VISA						
(308) 632-7004						
04/25/2022	Bill	APR2022	05/25/2022	-15	13,409.80	13,409.80
Total for VISA					\$13,409.80	\$13,409.80
Waste Connection	ons of NE Inc					
(308) 635-6673						
05/01/2022	Bill	480197T045	05/31/2022	-21	99.95	99.95
Total for Waste	Connections of NE Inc				\$99.95	\$99.95
WPCI						
(308) 632-7411						
03/31/2022	Bill	S151078	03/31/2022	40	81.50	81.50
Total for WPCI					\$81.50	\$81.50
TOTAL					\$215,414.35	\$215,414.35



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Balance Sheet As of May 9, 2022

	TOTAL	
	AS OF MAY 9, 2022	% OF COLUMN
ASSETS		 -
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts		
1000 Cash on Hand	75.00	0.00 %
1100 Riverstone Bank Checking Account #7054343	394,151.55	16.64 %
1101 PMA (was NPAIT) Checking Account #124438001	12,113.60	0.51 %
1102 Banner County Bank Checking Account #321869	110,400.09	4.66 %
1104 Platte Valley Bank Checking Account - Greenhouse #155010	29,063.45	1.23 %
1107 Riverstone Checking - WQF - #7241851	8,375.47	0.35 %
1203 Platte Valley Bank Money Market Account #9010262	55,412.06	2.34 %
1204 Riverstone Bank Savings #130492	45,652.66	1.93 %
1205 Riverstone Bank Savings #130493	158,312.54	6.68 %
1206 Meridian Trust Savings 0000125125-0001	90.00	0.00 %
1207 Riverstone Bank Money Market - #7252905	1,037,904.24	43.82 %
1300 Riverstone Bank CD #73092	51,652.66	2.18 %
1303 Riverstone Bank CD #70582	5,458.30	0.23 %
1310 Meridian Trust CD 0000125125-#1200	46,264.44	1.95 %
1700 Cash on Deposit with County Treas	43,854.98	1.85 %
Riverstone Bank 130493	158,312.54	6.68 %
Total Bank Accounts	\$2,157,093.58	91.07 %
Accounts Receivable		
1400 Accounts Receivable	39,497.78	1.67 %
1401 Accounts Receivable - Flow Meter Maintenance	101.20	0.00 %
1402 Accounts Receivable - Tree Sales, Planting, Seeding & Spraying	196.63	0.01 %
1403 Accounts Receivable - Chemigation	100.00	0.00 %
1404 Accounts Receivable - Harrisburg Water System	-1,023.66	-0.04 %
Total Accounts Receivable	\$38,871.95	1.64 %
Other Current Assets		
1500 Inventory - Flow Meter Parts	30,151.60	1.27 %
1501 Inventory - Trees	135,382.36	5.72 %
1502 Inventory - Chemigation Parts	5,517.00	0.23 %
1600 Undeposited Funds	1,640.87	0.07 %
Inventory Asset	0.00	0.00 %
Total Other Current Assets	\$172,691.83	7.29 %
Total Current Assets	\$2,368,657.36	100.00 %
TOTAL ASSETS	\$2,368,657.36	100.00 %



Balance Sheet As of May 9, 2022

	TOTAL	
	AS OF MAY 9, 2022	% OF COLUM
LIABILITIES AND EQUITY		
Liabilities		
Current Liabilities		
Accounts Payable		
2000 Accounts Payable (A/P)	201,194.14	8.49 %
Total Accounts Payable	\$201,194.14	8.49 %
Other Current Liabilities		
2101 FICA Payable (Social Security, Medicare), & Federal Income Tax	9,711.85	0.41 9
2104 Nebraska State Income Tax Payable	-6,309.46	-0.27 %
2200 Medical, Dental & Vision Payable	-30,330.26	-1.28 %
2210 Medical Flex Spending Payable - Employee	-1,267.50	-0.05 %
2220 Dependent Life Insurance Payable - Employee	-27.22	-0.00 %
2221 Employee Life & AD&D Insurance Payable - Employer	1,156.89	0.05
2222 Long-Term Disability Payable - Employer	-527.44	-0.02
2223 AFLAC Insurance Payable - Employee	-538.74	-0.02
2231 414(h) Retirement Payable	-10,876.69	-0.46
2232 457 Deferred Compensation Payable - Employee	-100.00	-0.00
2300 Nebraska Department of Revenue Payable	9,495.96	0.40
Colorado, Castle Pines Payable	81.95	0.00
Direct Deposit Payable	0.00	0.00
Out Of Scope Agency Payable	95.67	0.00
Payroll Liabilities		
Dependent Life Insurance	0.00	0.00 9
Total Payroll Liabilities	0.00	0.00
Wyoming Department of Revenue Payable	51.41	0.00
Total Other Current Liabilities	\$ -29,383.58	-1.24 9
Total Current Liabilities	\$171,810.56	7.25
Long-Term Liabilities		
2003 PBC Grant Funds Payable	1,301,288.26	54.94
2301 Harrisburg Water System Deposits	3,306.23	0.14
Total Long-Term Liabilities	\$1,304,594.49	55.08
Total Liabilities	\$1,476,405.05	62.33 9
Equity		
3000 Fund Balances - General	241,919.69	10.21
3001 Fund Balances - Property	725,610.47	30.63
3002 Fund Balances - Sinking Fund	259,266.21	10.95
Opening Balance Equity	54,540.25	2.30
Retained Earnings	145,161.79	6.13 9



Balance Sheet As of May 9, 2022

	TOTAL	
	AS OF MAY 9, 2022	% OF COLUMN
Net Income	-534,246.10	-22.55 %
Total Equity	\$892,252.31	37.67 %
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND EQUITY	\$2,368,657.36	100.00 %



		TOTAL		
	APR 11 - MAY 9,	JUL 1, 2021 - MAY 9, 2022	% YTD	% OF
	2022	(YTD)	70	INCOME
Income				
4000 Revenues - Flow Meter Parts, Maintenance & Repair	779.22	27,032.95	2.88 %	0.31 %
4001 Revenues - Tree Sales, Planting, Spraying & Seeding	6,326.50	40,859.79	15.48 %	2.50 %
4002 Revenues - Chemigation Maintenance & Repair		1,526.12	,-	
4003 Revenues - Chemigation Permits	11,800.00	19,000.00	62.11 %	4.67 %
4004 Revenues - Harrisburg Water System	2,672.76	29,332.93	9.11 %	1.06 %
4005 Revenues - Greenhouse Sales		68.58		
4006 Revenues - Well Permits	50.00	1,350.00	3.70 %	0.02 %
4007 Revenues - Transfer Permits	10,000.00	10,000.00	100.00	3.96 %
			%	
4107 Grants & Funds - State - Water Quality Funds		42,116.18		
4113 Grants & Funds - Hazard Mitigation Plan	1,365.00	55,550.25	2.46 %	0.54 %
4114 Grants & Funds - WSF - Permanent Retirements - DNR Contract #4119	27,525.00	128,951.25	21.35 %	10.89 %
4118 Grants & Funds - State - WRCF/PBC - EPIC		53,747.88		
4200 Reimbursement Revenue - Corners for Wildlife		47,694.50		
4201 Reimbursement Revenue - Nebraska Forest Service		7,777.91		
4300 General Property Tax Revenue	192,310.54	1,826,348.73	10.53 %	76.09 %
4500 Miscellaneous Revenue		823.25		
4510 Property Rent Revenue		2,000.00		
4520 Sponsorships & Donations - Water Expo		1,550.00		
Discounts given	-83.82	-86.05	97.41	-0.03 %
			%	
Sales		0.99		
Total Income	\$252,745.20	\$2,295,645.26	11.01 %	100.00 %
Cost of Goods Sold				
5000 Cost of Goods Sold - Flow Meter Parts	701.50	19,835.25	3.54 %	0.28 %
5001 Cost of Goods Sold - Trees	5,387.65	31,867.70	16.91 %	2.13 %
5002 Cost of Goods Sold - Chemigation Parts		1,327.00		
5100 Inventory Adjustments - Flow Meter Parts		-411.11		
5102 Inventory Adjustments - Chemigation Parts		502.09		
Cost of Goods Sold		0.00		
Inventory Shrinkage		0.00		
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$6,089.15	\$53,120.93	11.46 %	2.41 %
GROSS PROFIT	\$246,656.05	\$2,242,524.33	11.00 %	97.59 %

Expenses



	TOTAL				
	APR 11 - MAY 9, 2022	JUL 1, 2021 - MAY 9, 2022 (YTD)	% YTD	% OF INCOME	
6001 Office Equipment - Purchase & Replacement	2,998.39	4,493.73	66.72 %	1.19 %	
6002 Office Equipment - Rental Expense	260.87	12,261.88	2.13 %	0.10 %	
6010 Office Supplies Expense	13,503.05	18,358.96	73.55 %	5.34 %	
6020 Office Food & Event Meals Expense	58.50	5,679.45	1.03 %	0.02 %	
6100 Indoor Building Maintenance & Repair		2,480.61			
6101 Outdoor Building Maintenance & Repair		16,154.19			
6220 Vehicle Expense - Maintenance & Repairs	98.81	2,993.39	3.30 %	0.04 %	



		TOTAL		
	APR 11 - MAY 9,	JUL 1, 2021 - MAY 9, 2022	% YTD	% OF
	2022	(YTD)		INCOME
6230 Vehicle Expense - Purchase & Replacement		39,249.00		
6320 Equipment Expense - Maintenance & Repair	56.21	2,487.82	2.26 %	0.02 %
6330 Equipment Expense - Purchase & Replacement		107.58		
6410 Shop Supplies & Tools Expense		989.08		
6500 Sponsorships & Donations		1,420.00		
6600 Liability Insurance Expense		65,742.80		
6610 Other Association Insurances		694.67		
6800 Postage Expense		3,852.01		
6900 Software Expense		9,980.72		
7000 Telephone Expense	3,160.61	59,708.41	5.29 %	1.25 %
7100 Utilities Expense	972.77	15,361.14	6.33 %	0.38 %
7200 Land Lease Expense - Greenhouse		100.00		
7300 Professional Services Fees - Attorney		31,408.99		
7301 Professional Services Fees - ARI Consulting	10,226.67	82,021.10	12.47 %	4.05 %
7302 Professional Services Fees - Audit & Accounting		10,750.00		
7305 Professional Services Fees - WPCI		441.00		
7306 Professional Services Fees - Capital Business	3,383.03	29,620.50	11.42 %	1.34 %
Systems				
7308 Professional Services Fees - Public Hearings	270.00	270.00	100.00 %	0.11 %
7309 Professional Services Fees - Other	903.04	12,503.36	7.22 %	0.36 %
7400 Legal Notices	11.92	1,784.95	0.67 %	0.00 %
7410 Advertising & Media Expense		4,244.04		
7420 Information & Education Expense		2,679.56		
7500 Bank Charges	379.54	1,455.05	26.08 %	0.15 %
7501 Finance Charges	7.90	2,740.70	0.29 %	0.00 %
7600 Dues & Memerships		27,878.27		
7700 Director Expense	209.55	3,267.39	6.41 %	0.08 %
7710 Director Per Diem	840.00	7,238.06		0.33 %
7800 Personnel Expense		9,856.05		
7810 Personnel Licenses		575.68		
7820 Personnel Training & Tuition		20,648.24		
8000 Salary Expense - Administrative	32,621.46	405,288.67	8.05 %	12.91 %
8001 Salary Expense - Clerical	6,558.12	65,678.01	9.99 %	2.59 %
8002 Salary Expense - Trees	10,427.92	93,780.36	11.12 %	4.13 %
8003 Salary Expense - Water	27,576.18	267,086.06	10.32 %	10.91 %
8005 Salary Expense - GIS	8,594.48	86,041.33	9.99 %	3.40 %
8007 Salary Expense - Information & Education	3,500.00	35,050.50	9.99 %	1.38 %
8100 Employee Benefits Expense - Medical, Dental, Vision	26,748.26	290,058.62	9.22 %	10.58 %
8103 Employee Benefits Expense - Life & AD&D	469.02	5,179.89	9.05 %	0.19 %
8104 Employee Benefits Expense - Line & AD&D 8104 Employee Benefits Expense - Long-Term Disability	468.14	4,892.17	9.03 % 9.57 %	0.19 %
510+ Employee Denema Expense - Long-Term Disability	400.14	4,032.17	3.31 /0	0.19 /0



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	TOTAL			
	APR 11 - MAY 9, 2022	JUL 1, 2021 - MAY 9, 2022 (YTD)	% YTD	% OF INCOME
Medicare)				
8300 Cost Share Expense - Chemigation		400.00		



		TOTAL		
	APR 11 - MAY 9, 2022	JUL 1, 2021 - MAY 9, 2022 (YTD)	% YTD	% OI
8302 Cost Share Expense - NRD		19,039.74		
8303 Cost Share Expense - NSWCP	2,696.90	12,253.14	22.01	1.07 %
			%	
8304 Cost Share Expense - Nine Mile		4,977.00		
8500 Project Operation & Maintenance - Gering Valley Flood Control		1,677.30		
8505 Project Operation & Maintenance - Harrisburg Water System	84.40	8,589.33	0.98	0.03 %
			%	
8506 Project Operation & Maintenance - Greenhouse		6,740.12		
8507 Project Operation & Maintenance - Telemetry		60.56		
8508 Project Operation & Maintenance - Trees	470.00	2,401.20	19.57	0.19 %
			%	
8600 Special Project Expense - Water Expo		6,850.04		
8602 Special Project Expense - UNL - Mesonet	11.00	5,767.87	0.19	0.00 9
			%	
8603 Special Project Expense - Corners for Wildlife	3,887.00	49,244.46	7.89	1.54
			%	
8608 Special Project Expense - EPIC		84,491.80		
8609 Special Project Expense - Keep Scottsbluff/Gering Beautiful		15,000.00		
8618 Special Project Expense - WSF Grant Match to South Platte #2		9,172.40		
8619 Special Projects Expense - WSF #3		23,333.34		
8620 Special Projects Expense - Outdoor Education		1,438.05		
8622 Special Project Expense - Other		1,717.00		
8623 Special Project Expense - Hazard Mitigation Plan		36,378.00		
8624 Special Project Expense - OA/FA Contingency Fund	3,675.00	14,037.50	26.18	1.45 9
	,	,	%	
8625 Special Projects Expense - Master Planning		2,048.06		
8626 Special Project Expense - Permanent Retirement - DNR	25,324.00	50,648.00	50.00	10.02 °
Contract #1156			%	
8627 Special Projects Expense - Temporary Lease Agreements -	8,437.50	108,991.50	7.74	3.34 9
DNR Contract #1157			%	
8628 Special Project Expense - Permanent Retirements - DNR		134,722.50		
Contract #4119				
8629 Special Project Expense - Permanent Retirement - DNR	53,900.00	268,642.50	20.06	21.33
Contract #925			%	
8630 Special Project Expense - Non-Reimbursable Lease Agreement	31,669.93	38,747.43	81.73	12.53
			%	
Transfer Expense		132,046.76		
otal Expenses	\$290,785.93	\$2,882,978.06	10.09	115.05
			%	
ET OPERATING INCOME	\$ -44,129.88	\$ -640,453.73	6.89	-17.46
			%	
Other Income				
4009 Late Fee Revenues	22.14	1,139.98	1.94	0.01 9



		TOTAL		
	APR 11 - MAY 9,	JUL 1, 2021 - MAY 9,	%	% OF
	2022	2022 (YTD)	YTD	INCOME
			%	
4400 Interest Revenue - NRD	46.80	915.69	5.11	0.02 %
			%	
4401 Interest & Cash Back Revenue - Greenhouse	2.39	51.88	4.61	0.00 %
			%	
4700 Transfer Revenues	113,962.66	246,009.42	46.32	45.09 %
			%	
Total Other Income	\$114,033.99	\$248,116.97	45.96	45.12 %
			%	
Other Expenses				
6200 Vehicle Expense - Fuel		17,109.30		
6210 Vehicle Expense - License Fees	41.50	550.00	7.55	0.02 %
			%	
6300 Equipment Expense - Fuel		198.78		
6310 Equipment Expense - License Fees		59.80		
6420 Water Quality Funds Expenses	5,268.34	43,712.25	12.05	2.08 %
•			%	



		TOTAL		
	APR 11 - MAY 9,	JUL 1, 2021 - MAY 9, 2022	% YTD	% OF
	2022	(YTD)		INCOME
7900 Employee Recognition		14,488.02		
8101 Employee Benefits Expense - Medical Flex Spending	36.00	372.00	9.68 %	0.01 %
8105 Employee Benefits Expense - 414(h) Retirement	5,240.10	55,035.53	9.52 %	2.07 %
8106 Employee Benefits Expense - Wellness	100.00	880.00	11.36	0.04 %
Reimbursement			%	
8107 Employee Benefits Expense - Employee Assistance		2,700.00		
Program				
8108 Employee Benefits Expense - Clothing Allowance		4,986.87		
8900 Miscellaneous Expense		1,816.79		
Total Other Expenses	\$10,685.94	\$141,909.34	7.53 %	4.23 %
NET OTHER INCOME	\$103,348.05	\$106,207.63	97.31	40.89 %
			%	
NET INCOME	\$59,218.17	\$ -534,246.10	-11.08	23.43 %
			%	

		TOTAL	-	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Income				
4000 Revenues - Flow Meter Parts, Maintenance & Repair	27,032.95	25,000.00	2,032.95	108.13 %
4001 Revenues - Tree Sales, Planting, Spraying & Seeding	40,859.79	160,000.00	-119,140.21	25.54 %
4002 Revenues - Chemigation Maintenance & Repair	1,526.12	1,500.00	26.12	101.74 %
4003 Revenues - Chemigation Permits	19,000.00	25,000.00	-6,000.00	76.00 %
4004 Revenues - Harrisburg Water System	29,332.93	30,000.00	-667.07	97.78 %
4005 Revenues - Greenhouse Sales	68.58	1,500.00	-1,431.42	4.57 %
4006 Revenues - Well Permits	1,350.00	500.00	850.00	270.00 %
4007 Revenues - Transfer Permits	10,000.00		10,000.00	
4008 Revenues - Variances		500.00	-500.00	
4010 Revenues - Gering Valley Flood Control		9,500.00	-9,500.00	
4103 Grants & Funds - State - WRCF / PBC - Schaneman Recharge Project		32,962.69	-32,962.69	
4107 Grants & Funds - State - Water Quality Funds	42,116.18	48,000.00	-5,883.82	87.74 %
4109 Grants & Funds - State - Other		80,000.00	-80,000.00	
4110 Grants & Funds - State - NFS RCPP Grant		30,000.00	-30,000.00	
4111 Grants & Funds - Federal - NRCS - Emergency Watershed Program		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
4112 Grants & Funds - Federal - Other		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
4113 Grants & Funds - Hazard Mitigation Plan	55,550.25	75,000.00	-19,449.75	74.07 %
4114 Grants & Funds - WSF - Permanent Retirements - DNR Contract #4119	128,951.25	110,391.00	18,560.25	116.81 %
4116 Grants & Funds - State - WRCP/PBC - Temporary Lease Agreements - DNR Contract #1157		50,625.00	-50,625.00	
4117 Grants & Funds - State - WRCF/PBC - New Lease Agreements		35,910.00	-35,910.00	
4118 Grants & Funds - State - WRCF/PBC - EPIC	53,747.88	53,264.88	483.00	100.91 %
4119 Grants & Funds - State - WRCF/PBC - OA/FA		120,000.00	-120,000.00	
4120 Grants & Funds - LARM Safety Grant		500.00	-500.00	
4121 Grants & Funds - PBC Placeholder		209,907.17	-209,907.17	
4122 Grants & Funds - Water Shed Assessment		500,000.00	-500,000.00	
4200 Reimbursement Revenue - Corners for Wildlife	47,694.50	39,803.50	7,891.00	119.82 %
4201 Reimbursement Revenue - Nebraska Forest Service	7,777.91	18,750.00	-10,972.09	41.48 %
4300 General Property Tax Revenue	1,826,348.73	2,831,436.71	-	64.50 %
	,,	, ,	1,005,087.98	
4500 Miscellaneous Revenue	823.25	1,000.00	-176.75	82.33 %
4510 Property Rent Revenue	2,000.00	4,800.00	-2,800.00	41.67 %
4520 Sponsorships & Donations - Water Expo	1,550.00	5,000.00	-3,450.00	31.00 %
Discounts given	-86.05		-86.05	
Motor Vehicle Pro Rata & In Lieu of Taxes		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
Sales	0.99		0.99	

		TOTAL	<u> </u>	
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
Total Income	\$2,295,645.26	\$4,550,850.95	\$ - 2,255,205.69	50.44 %
Cost of Goods Sold				
5000 Cost of Goods Sold - Flow Meter Parts	19,835.25		19,835.25	
5001 Cost of Goods Sold - Trees	31,867.70		31,867.70	
5002 Cost of Goods Sold - Chemigation Parts	1,327.00		1,327.00	
5100 Inventory Adjustments - Flow Meter Parts	-411.11		-411.11	
5102 Inventory Adjustments - Chemigation Parts	502.09		502.09	
Cost of Goods Sold	0.00		0.00	
Inventory Shrinkage	0.00		0.00	
Total Cost of Goods Sold	\$53,120.93	\$0.00	\$53,120.93	0.00%
GROSS PROFIT	\$2,242,524.33	\$4,550,850.95	\$ - 2,308,326.62	49.28 %
Expenses			2,300,320.02	
6000 Office Equipment - Maintenance & Repair		3,000.00	-3,000.00	
6001 Office Equipment - Purchase & Replacement	4,493.73	12,000.00	-7,506.27	37.45 %
6002 Office Equipment - Rental Expense	12,261.88	12,000.00	261.88	102.18 %
6010 Office Supplies Expense	18,358.96	18,000.00	358.96	101.99 %
6020 Office Food & Event Meals Expense	5,679.45	3,000.00	2,679.45	189.32 %
6100 Indoor Building Maintenance & Repair	2,480.61	3,500.00	-1,019.39	70.87 %
6101 Outdoor Building Maintenance & Repair	16,154.19	15,000.00	1,154.19	107.69 %
6220 Vehicle Expense - Maintenance & Repairs	2,993.39	12,000.00	-9,006.61	24.94 %
6230 Vehicle Expense - Purchase & Replacement	39,249.00	20,000.00	19,249.00	196.25 %
6320 Equipment Expense - Maintenance & Repair	2,487.82	5,000.00	-2,512.18	49.76 %
6330 Equipment Expense - Purchase & Replacement	107.58	6,000.00	-5,892.42	1.79 %
6340 Equipment Rental Expense		500.00	-500.00	
6400 Safety Equipment Expense		500.00	-500.00	
6410 Shop Supplies & Tools Expense	989.08	1,700.00	-710.92	58.18 %
6500 Sponsorships & Donations	1,420.00	1,000.00	420.00	142.00 %
6600 Liability Insurance Expense	65,742.80	70,000.00	-4,257.20	93.92 %
6610 Other Association Insurances	694.67	1,200.00	-505.33	57.89 %
6702 Inventory & Freight Expense - Telemetry		500.00	-500.00	
6703 Plants & Seed Purchases		600.00	-600.00	
6800 Postage Expense	3,852.01	7,000.00	-3,147.99	55.03 %
6900 Software Expense	9,980.72	18,500.00	-8,519.28	53.95 %
7000 Telephone Expense	59,708.41	90,000.00	-30,291.59	66.34 %
7100 Utilities Expense	15,361.14	20,000.00	-4,638.86	76.81 %

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
7200 Land Lease Expense - Greenhouse	100.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
7300 Professional Services Fees - Attorney	31,408.99	75,000.00	-43,591.01	41.88 %
7301 Professional Services Fees - ARI Consulting	82,021.10	185,000.00	-102,978.90	44.34 %
7302 Professional Services Fees - Audit & Accounting	10,750.00	12,000.00	-1,250.00	89.58 %
7303 Professional Services Fees - Nebraska Title Company		2,500.00	-2,500.00	
7304 Professional Services Fees - GIS Consulting		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
7305 Professional Services Fees - WPCI	441.00	700.00	-259.00	63.00 %
7306 Professional Services Fees - Capital Business Systems	29,620.50	45,000.00	-15,379.50	65.82 %
7307 Professional Services Fees - Flatwater		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
7308 Professional Services Fees - Public Hearings	270.00	2,000.00	-1,730.00	13.50 %
7309 Professional Services Fees - Other	12,503.36	21,000.00	-8,496.64	59.54 %
7400 Legal Notices	1,784.95	2,000.00	-215.05	89.25 %
7410 Advertising & Media Expense	4,244.04	2,000.00	2,244.04	212.20 %
7420 Information & Education Expense	2,679.56	4,000.00	-1,320.44	66.99 %
7500 Bank Charges	1,455.05	2,000.00	-544.95	72.75 %
7501 Finance Charges	2,740.70	1,000.00	1,740.70	274.0°
7520 County Treasurer Tax Collection Fees		28,267.34	-28,267.34	•
7530 Bad Debt Expense		1,100.00	-1,100.00	
7600 Dues & Memerships	27,878.27	30,000.00	-2,121.73	92.93 %
7700 Director Expense	3,267.39	10,000.00	-6,732.61	32.67 %
7710 Director Per Diem	7,238.06	10,000.00	-2,761.94	72.38 %
7730 Election Fees (Every 2 Years)		7,000.00	-7,000.00	
7800 Personnel Expense	9,856.05	40,000.00	-30,143.95	24.64 %
7810 Personnel Licenses	575.68	3,600.00	-3,024.32	15.99 %
7820 Personnel Training & Tuition	20,648.24	22,000.00	-1,351.76	93.86 %
8000 Salary Expense - Administrative	405,288.67	529,955.98	-124,667.31	76.48 %
8001 Salary Expense - Clerical	65,678.01	79,397.22	-13,719.21	82.72 %
8002 Salary Expense - Trees	93,780.36	121,780.13	-27,999.77	77.01 %
8003 Salary Expense - Water	267,086.06	333,933.80	-66,847.74	79.98 %
8005 Salary Expense - GIS	86,041.33	103,823.93	-17,782.60	82.87 %
8007 Salary Expense - Information & Education	35,050.50	42,100.00	-7,049.50	83.26 %
8100 Employee Benefits Expense - Medical, Dental, Vision	290,058.62	320,000.00	-29,941.38	90.64 %
8103 Employee Benefits Expense - Life & AD&D	5,179.89	7,000.00	-1,820.11	74.00 %
8104 Employee Benefits Expense - Long-Term Disability	4,892.17	7,000.00	-2,107.83	69.89 %
8200 Payroll Taxes Expense - FICA (Social Security & Medicare)	79,008.47	100,000.00	-20,991.53	79.01 %
8300 Cost Share Expense - Chemigation	400.00	4,000.00	-3,600.00	10.00 %
8302 Cost Share Expense - NRD	19,039.74	25,000.00	-5,960.26	76.16 %
8303 Cost Share Expense - NSWCP	12,253.14	80,000.00	-67,746.86	15.32 %
8304 Cost Share Expense - Nine Mile	4,977.00	4,977.00	0.00	100.0

		TOTAL		
	ACTUAL	BUDGET	OVER BUDGET	% OF BUDGET
				%
8305 Cost Share Expense - Other		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
8400 Project Construction - NRD		10,000.00	-10,000.00	
8500 Project Operation & Maintenance - Gering Valley Flood Control	1,677.30	26,000.00	-24,322.70	6.45 %
8501 Project Operation & Maintenance - Yensen Drain	,	20,000.00	-20,000.00	
8502 Project Operation & Maintenance - Minatare Canal Company Project		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
8503 Project Operation & Maintenance - Schaneman Recharge Project		1,000.00	-1,000.00	
8504 Project Operation & Maintenance - Drainage Systems & Dams		5,000.00	-5,000.00	
8505 Project Operation & Maintenance - Harrisburg Water System	8,589.33	15,000.00	-6,410.67	57.26 %
8506 Project Operation & Maintenance - Greenhouse	6,740.12	3,000.00	3,740.12	224.67
•	,	,	,	%
8507 Project Operation & Maintenance - Telemetry	60.56	4,000.00	-3,939.44	1.51 %
8508 Project Operation & Maintenance - Trees	2,401.20	6,000.00	-3,598.80	40.02 %
8509 Project Operation & Maintenance - Database		13,000.00	-13,000.00	
8600 Special Project Expense - Water Expo	6,850.04	7,500.00	-649.96	91.33 %
8602 Special Project Expense - UNL - Mesonet	5,767.87	5,200.00	567.87	110.92
				%
8603 Special Project Expense - Corners for Wildlife	49,244.46	30,723.00	18,521.46	160.29 %
8607 Special Project Expense - Excess Flows		50,000.00	-50,000.00	/6
8608 Special Project Expense - EPIC	84,491.80	100,000.00	-15,508.20	84.49 %
8609 Special Project Expense - Keep Scottsbluff/Gering Beautiful	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	100.00
	,	,		%
8611 Special Project Expense - Database		20,000.00	-20,000.00	
8614 Special Project Expense - Robust Review		15,000.00	-15,000.00	
8616 Special Project Expense - NRCS - Emergency Watershed Program		50,000.00	-50,000.00	
8618 Special Project Expense - WSF Grant Match to South Platte #2	9,172.40	9,172.75	-0.35	100.00
8619 Special Projects Expense - WSF #3	23,333.34	40,000.00	-16,666.66	% 58.33 %
8620 Special Projects Expense - Outdoor Education	1,438.05	4,500.00	-3,061.95	
8622 Special Project Expense - Other	1,717.00	2,500.00	-783.00	68.68 %
8623 Special Project Expense - Hazard Mitigation Plan	36,378.00	75,000.00	-38,622.00	48.50 %
8624 Special Project Expense - OA/FA Contingency Fund	14,037.50	200,000.00	-185,962.50	7.02 %
8625 Special Projects Expense - Master Planning	2,048.06	13,000.00	-10,951.94	15.75 %
8626 Special Project Expense - Permanent Retirement - DNR Contract #1156	50,648.00	50,648.00	0.00	100.00
	,	,		%
8627 Special Projects Expense - Temporary Lease Agreements - DNR Contract #1157	108,991.50	74,467.50	34,524.00	146.36 %
8628 Special Project Expense - Permanent Retirements - DNR Contract #4119	134,722.50	183,985.00	-49,262.50	73.22 %
8629 Special Project Expense - Permanent Retirement - DNR Contract #925	268,642.50	268,622.50	20.00	100.01
323	200,042.00	200,022.00	20.00	%
8630 Special Project Expense - Non-Reimbursable Lease Agreement	38,747.43	38,747.43	0.00	100.00

\$ -534,246.10	\$ -530,845.91		100.64
\$106,207.63		\$313,907.63 \$ -3,400.19	-51.14 %
\$141,909.34	\$260,800.00	\$ - 118,890.66	54.41 %
			%
1,816.79	1,000.00	816.79	181.68
4,986.87	5,000.00	-13.13	% 99.74 %
2,700.00	2,700.00	0.00	100.00
880.00	2,000.00	-1,120.00	44.00 %
55,035.53	75,000.00	-19,964.47	73.38 %
372.00	500.00	-128.00	74.40 %
	3,000.00	-3,000.00	
14,488.02	15,000.00	-511.98	96.59 %
43,712.25	121,000.00	-77,287.75	36.13 %
59.80	100.00	-40.20	59.80 %
198.78	4,000.00	-3,801.22	4.97 %
550.00	3,000.00	-2,450.00	18.33 %
17,109.30	28,500.00	-11,390.70	60.03 %
			%
\$248,116.97	\$53,100.00	\$195,016.97	467.26 %
246,009.42		246,009.42	
	27,000.00	-27,000.00	
51.88	100.00	-48.12	51.88 %
915.69	25,000.00	-24,084.31	3.66 %
1,139.98	1,000.00	139.98	114.00 %
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\$2,882,978.06	\$4,873,996.86	\$ -	59.15 %
132,046.76		132,046.76	
	349,845.28	-349,845.28	
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Manager's Report 5/12/2022

As most of you are aware Travis Preston has accepted the new role as Assistant Manager. Travis began his new position on April 26th. As a result of Travis accepting the Assistant Managers position, it left a vacancy in his old position which was GIS Coordinator. Lydia Hendrickson will now be the new GIS Coordinator and has started her new duties on the 26th of April as well. Amanda Shepperd our Community Educator has accepted the position Lydia left and will begin her duties as the Community Educator/Data Analyst at the beginning of the new fiscal year. The last change in Departments and Staff is the combining of the Information and Education (I&E) Department with the Database Department. Kyle Ann Hopkins will now be the coordinator for both Departments. Kyle Ann will begin her new position at the beginning of the new fiscal year as well.

We along with South Platte NRD and Upper Niobrara White NRD are hosting the NARD Basin tour which is scheduled for June 6th and 7th. The NPNRD will have the opportunity to showcase several of the projects we have built or sponsored. We will be showing the group the Enterprise Recharge Project, The Minatare River Return Project, The Greenhouse, as well as the Nine Mile Rehabilitation Project. We will also take some time and visit Chimney Rock, Lake Minatare, and Farmers Irrigation Diversion to discuss surface water operations in the District. A copy of the Itinerary is attached to my report.

This office will be discontinuing the last of the Covid policies that were put in place to protect the staff and the public from Covid 19. These protocols will no longer be effective or required beginning July 1-2022.

At the April Platte Basin Coalition (PBC) meeting, I was able to get approval on two reimbursement requests that this NRD submitted. We have received approval on the EPIC reimbursement request which is in the amount of \$59,824.26. Those funds will be accessed from the PBC later this coming Fall. The second request that was made and accepted was to fully reimburse the NPNRD at the standard rate of 60% from the PBC for those early retirement contracts that were not reimbursed at the full rate. This reimbursement is in the amount of \$1,370,038.50. These funds will be held in a sequestered bank account and will be made available to the District as those retirement payments are distributed.

Craig Uhrig and I attended the NDEE Partnership meeting that was held in conjunction with other NRD managers and staff as well as the staff from NARD and NDEE. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss and try to remedy the communication breakdown that has occurred between the entities. The NRD's have felt they have no support from the NDEE as we continue to battle ground water and surface water pollution. NDEE was there to try to clear the air and listen to the concerns relayed by the NRD's. There are still authorities that I as well as other Managers believe directly fall into the authority of the NDEE that they will not accept responsibility for. NARD/NDEE Liaison Jennifer Swanson is working with both the NRD's and NDEE to try to alleviate some of the concerns. We should know more regarding her efforts soon.

I believe before John left; he discussed the need to look for a new insurance carrier due to LARM no longer insuring NRD's that have water impoundment structures and downstream liability. Danielle, Travis, and I have been working with Matt Greenway from First National Insurance Company (FNIC) out of Lincoln. This company was recommended to me from other NRD's as well as some of the surface water districts. With LARM no longer insuring dams, FNIC has picked up the business of the thirteen

NRD's that were insured with LARM. I should have a quote back from this company by late June sometime. Our insurance with LARM will expire on September 30th.

The Staff continues to work on the new fiscal year budget. All the budgets have been submitted by the Department heads and we are now incorporating and reviewing those budgets. My intention is to have a budget for the Budget and Personnel Committee to look at by the end of the month.

The Water Department has had a transfer application submitted by Mike Blomenkamp from Broadwater. The ten-thousand-dollar application fee has been paid and the transfer is now being reviewed by Thad. Once the modeling review has been completed, a meeting of the Water Resources Committee will need to be held to move forward with the process. I will be in touch with the Committee once the modeling review has been finished.

I had a discussion with Jesse Bradley from DNR, last Wednesday regarding the transfer permit for the Enterprise Recharge Project. Jesse assured me that we would see that draft transfer order this week. As of today (Monday) I have not seen that draft order. I mentioned to Jesse the wish to be operating the project this year and wanted to have the permit in hand by the NARD Basin Tour. He agreed that this is important to him as well and will be pushing to get the draft order to us for review as soon as possible.

To assist with our monthly collections as well as trying to alleviate any confusion, this District will be sending a monthly statement to those that have received goods or services. That monthly statement will be an aging statement and will include with it a copy of the invoice. We hope this will help our customers as well as assist in the collections of past due balances.

The Staff continues to make progress in collecting unpaid balances owed to the district. As of Monday, the ninth-

90 days+	\$3,449.83	
61-90 days	\$522.47	
31-60 days	\$10,664.86	(\$10,315.70 is due from the Forest Service for a salary reimbursement)
1-30 days	\$17.743.31	
Total	\$32,380.47	

Wednesday May 4th I attended an Upper Platte Principles meeting in Grand Island. Great progress was made as we work towards a fully appropriated status in the Basin. As the group continues to discuss what fully appropriated means to each stakeholder, it is the desire of the NPNRD as well as the SPNRD that there would be no further obligations placed on them. For right now the group does agree that the NRD's above Lake McConaughy have fulfilled their obligation to the river and should be only required to maintain their current level without new future obligations. I will continue to update the Board as the basin stakeholders continue to meet.

2022 NRD Basin Tour Itinerary June 6, 2022: Day One

1) 12:00 -12:10 Board Bus at Fairfield by Marriott-LUNCH ON BUS

15 min Travel (hwy 26)

2) 12:30 - 1:00 Enterprise Canal Diversion Project - Unload *off* Road near pit - 20 min Presentation & 10 min Walk Around/Board

15 min Travel (hwy 26)

3) 1:15 - 1:40: Tri-State Surface Water Diversion - 15 min Presentation 10 min Walk Around/Board

1 hr 30 min Travel (Henry -hwy 92) NPNRD & SPNRD discuss projects on Bus

4) 3:10 - 3:40: Oliver Reservoir - Main entrance; unload by boat ramp & restrooms - 15 min presentation 15 min Walk Around/Board. Provide Snacks.

1 hr Travel (hwy 30) SPNRD Project Discussion on Bus

5) 4:40 - 5:10: Sidney Bioretention - Unload by Yellow Apartments 5 min walk - 15 min presentation 10 min walk/reload

2 min Travel

6) 5:15 - 5:45: Stop at SPNRD Office - Snack/Restrooms

1 hr Travel (hwy 385/26) - NeDNR (Riley/Bradley) Discuss SP Compact & Canal

7) 6:45 - 7:10: Chimney Rock Photo Stop

10 Min Travel (hwy 92)

8) 7:20 - 9:00: Dinner Pink Palace McGrew20 Min Travel

9) 9:20: Arrive Hotel

June 7, 2022: 7:30 AM - 3:30 PM

Day Two

1) 7:30: Bus Depart Hotel

10 min Travel

2) 7:40 - 8:20: NRD Office & Green House Tour - 20 Min Group Presentation - 20 min walkthrough

5 min Travel

8:30 - 8:50: Minatare Project - 15 min Presentation - 5 min Walk Around/Board
 20 min Travel

 9:10 - 9:50 Lake Minatare Lighthouse - 20 min Presentation - 20 min Walk Around/Restrooms - Morning Snacks

15 Min Travel

10:05 - 10:35: Nine Mile Hatchery Presentation - Details TBD
 Min Travel

6) 11:25 - 12:45: West Side Event Center Lunch & Presentations

45 Min Travel - UNWNRD Project Discussion on Bus

7) 1:30 - 2:15: Logging Operation - Walk In 20 Min Presentation

1 hr 30 min Travel - UNWNRD & NPNRD Project Discussion on Bus

9) 3:45 Back to hotel

North Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors

Grant of Authorities

The North Platte Natural Resources District ("District") Board of Directors hereby approves and grants the authorities listed hereinbelow to the respective District position title. These authorities are attached to the position title and not the specific individual who holds that position. If an employee transitions into or is hired into one of the position titles hereinbelow, that employee shall automatically have the authorities granted to that position title. If an employee who holds one of the position titles hereinbelow transfers into a different position title within the District or leaves their employment with the District, they no longer have the authorities granted to the position title for which they previously held.

General Manager

Financial Authorities

- Sign checks, make deposits, inquire as to balances and transactions, make transfers, or open any new accounts at any financial institutions utilized by the District for funds held by the District, the Greener Gardens Greenhouse, a Project of the North Platte NRD, or the Harrisburg Water System.
- Authorized user at all financial institutions utilized by the District to access financial information electronically.
- Signator for access to the District's safety deposit box.

Representative Authorities

- Sign correspondence and memorandums on behalf of the Board of Directors.
- Sign lease agreements or other contracts with landowners on behalf of the Board of Directors and the District.
- Sign purchase agreements or contracts on behalf of the Board of Directors and the District.
- Apply for and sign for grants or other funding sources on behalf of the Board of Directors and the District.
- Approve cost-share applications, well decommissioning applications, well permits or other applications and permits that do not require Board action or public hearing.
- Act as the representative of the Board of Directors on Committees relative to District's interests, obligations and requirements.

Assistant Manager

Financial Authorities

 Sign checks, make deposits, inquire as to balances and transactions, make transfers, or open any new accounts at any financial institutions utilized by the District for funds held by the District, the Greener Gardens Greenhouse, a Project of the North Platte NRD, or the Harrisburg Water System.

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Succession Authorities

• Sign correspondence, memorandums, or other documents on behalf of the General Manager, in the General Manager's absence, or at their direction.

Representative Authorities

- Alternate to the Nebraska Association of Resources District (NARD) Manager's Committee.
- Alternate to the Platte Basin Coalition (PBC) and the Platte Overappropriated Committee (POAC).
- Alternate to the Western Water Use Management Model (WWUMM) Interlocal Cooperative Agreement (ILCA) Board of Directors.
- Alternate to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) State Technical Committee.
- Alternate to the Nebraska Conservation Roundtable.
- Alternate to the Nebraska Water Center Advisory Board.
- Alternate to the Ogallala Water Coordinated Agriculture Project.
- Alternate to the Gering Valley Flood Control (GVFC) Project Permanent Maintenance Committee (PMC).
- Alternate to the Scottsbluff-Gering United Chamber of Commerce Agribusiness Committee and Water Tour Committee.

Office Manager

Financial Authorities

- Authority to sign checks, make deposits, inquire as to balances and transactions, make transfers, or open any new accounts at any financial institutions utilized by the District for funds held by the District, the Greener Gardens Greenhouse, a Project of the North Platte NRD, or the Harrisburg Water System.
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This Grant of Authorities was approved by the North Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors on May 12, 2022 and may be revoked or revised by the Board of Directors at their discretion.

PUMPKIN CREEK LITIGATION

- Landowner petition to NPNRD 1979
- A few informal settlements of domestic/stock well interference claims

Lawsuits

- Spear T v. Knaub, et al., 269 Neb. 177 (2005) January, 2005
 - O Morrill County District Court dismissed with prejudice for failure to state a claim, no jurisdiction and lack of parties. Supreme Court reversed and allowed Spear T to amend its Complaint.
 - O Nebraska Supreme Court rules that a surface water appropriator has a claim against groundwater users for interference with surface water users' appropriation.
 - Adopted Restatement Second Rule:

The Restatement (Second) of Torts §§ 858 and 850A (1979) are adopted to govern conflicts between users of hydrologically connected surface water and ground water.

- ... A proprietor of land or his or her grantee who withdraws ground water from the land and uses it for a beneficial purpose is not subject to liability for interference with the use of water of another, unless the withdrawal of the ground water has a direct and substantial effect upon a watercourse or lake and unreasonably causes harm to a person entitled to the use of its water.
- ... Whether a ground water user has unreasonably caused harm to a surface water user is decided on a case-by-case basis. In making a reasonableness determination, Restatement (Second) of Torts § 850A (1979) provides a valuable guide, but the test is flexible, and a trial court should consider any factors it deems relevant.
- CNPPID v. Registered Irrigation Wellowners *In re: Cental Nebraska Public Power and Irr. Dist.* 270 Neb. 108 (2005) July, 2005
 - O Supreme Court held that NDNR has no authority to regulate well owners or administer ground water rights for the benefit of Central as a surface water appropriator.
- Spear T v. NDNR, 270 Neb. 130 (2005) July, 2005
 - NDNR has no duty to protect surface water appropriators from ground water users and loss of stream flow does not amount to a constitutional taking.

- Spear T v. Knaub, 271 Neb. 578 (2006) May, 2006
 - Central's attempts to intervene denied. Central failed to show direct legal interest it would lose or gain by Court's decision. Indirect, remote, conjectural not enough.
 - O Spear T's claims settled undisclosed terms
- CNPPID v. NPNRD, et al., 280 Neb. 533 (2010)
 - Central attacked NPNRD's 12" allocation set for ground water users in the Pumpkin Creek Basin claiming reduced river inflows to Lake McConaughy would lead to "the destruction of Lake McConaughy".
 - O District Court and Supreme Court both held Central lacked standing and dismissed the claim.
 - Central's suits against 4 Basin NRDs' Basin Management plan and NPNRD IMP dismissed by 4 District Courts. Central dropped appeal(s).

TODAY

- NPNRD Integrated Management with landowner cooperation, conservation and cropping patterns, have resulted in improved flows to Pumpkin Creek.
- O Responsible management based on science, not litigation, is the best solution.

Surface Water Rights

- O Dozens including tributaries Greenwood Creek, Lawrence Fork and other tributaries
- O Excuses for non-use 46-229.04

46-229.04. Appropriations; hearing; decision; nonuse; considerations; consolidation of proceedings; when.

- (1) At a hearing held pursuant to section 46-229.03, the verified field investigation report of an employee of the department, or such other report or information that is relied upon by the department to reach the preliminary determination of nonuse, shall be prima facie evidence for the forfeiture and annulment of such water appropriation. If no person appears at the hearing, such water appropriation or unused part thereof shall be declared forfeited and annulled. If an interested person appears and contests the same, the department shall hear evidence, and if it appears that such water has not been put to a beneficial use or has ceased to be used for such purpose for more than five consecutive years, the same shall be declared canceled and annulled unless the department finds that (a) there has been sufficient cause for such nonuse as provided for in subsection (2), (3), or (4) of this section or (b) subsection (5) or (6) of this section applies.
- (2) Sufficient cause for nonuse shall be deemed to exist for up to thirty consecutive years if:
- (a) Such nonuse was caused by the unavailability of water for that use. For a river basin, subbasin, or reach that has been designated as overappropriated pursuant to section 46-713 or determined by the department to be fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714, the period of time within which sufficient cause for nonuse because of the unavailability of water may be deemed to exist may be extended beyond thirty years by the department upon petition therefor by the owner of the appropriation if the department determines that an integrated management plan being implemented in the river basin, subbasin, or reach involved is likely to result in restoration of a usable water supply for the appropriation; or
- (b) The land subject to the appropriation is under an acreage reserve program or production quota or is otherwise withdrawn from use as required for participation in any federal, state, or natural resources district program, or such land was previously under such a program but currently is not under such a program and there have been not more than five consecutive years of nonuse on such land subsequent to when that land was last under such program.
- (3) Sufficient cause for nonuse shall be deemed to exist indefinitely if such nonuse was the result of one or more of the following:
- (a) For any tract of land under separate ownership, the available supply was used but on only part of the land under the appropriation because of an inadequate water supply;

- (b) The appropriation is a storage appropriation and there was an inadequate water supply to provide the water for the storage appropriation or less than the full amount of the storage appropriation was needed to keep the reservoir full; or
- (c) The appropriation is a storage-use appropriation and there was an inadequate water supply to provide the water for the appropriation or use of the storage water was unnecessary because of climatic conditions.
- (4) Sufficient cause for nonuse shall be deemed to exist for up to fifteen consecutive years if such nonuse was a result of one or more of the following:
- (a) Federal, state, or local laws, rules, or regulations temporarily prevented or restricted such use;
 - (b) Use of the water was unnecessary because of climatic conditions;
- (c) Circumstances were such that a prudent person, following the principles of good husbandry, would not have been expected to use the water;
- (d) The works, diversions, or other facilities essential to use the water were destroyed by a cause not within the control of the owner of the appropriation and good faith efforts to repair or replace the works, diversions, or facilities have been and are being made;
- (e) The owner of the appropriation was in active involuntary service in the armed forces of the United States or was in active voluntary service during a time of crisis; or
 - (f) Legal proceedings prevented or restricted use of the water.

The department may specify by rule and regulation other circumstances that shall be deemed to constitute sufficient cause for nonuse for up to fifteen years.

(5) When an appropriation is held in the name of an irrigation district, a reclamation district, a public power and irrigation district, a mutual irrigation company or canal company, or the United States Bureau of Reclamation and the director determines that water under that appropriation has not been used on a specific parcel of land for more than five years and that no sufficient cause for such nonuse exists, the right to use water under that appropriation on that parcel shall be terminated and notice of the termination shall be posted on the department's website and shall be given in the manner provided in subsection (2), (3), or (4) of section 46-229.03. The district or company holding such right shall have five years after the determination, or five years after an order of cancellation issued by the department following the filing of a voluntary relinquishment of the water appropriation that has been signed by the landowner and the appropriator of record, to assign the right to use that portion of the appropriation to other land within the

district or the area served by the company, to file an application for a transfer in accordance with section 46-290, or to transfer the right in accordance with sections 46-2,127 to 46-2,129. The department shall issue its order of cancellation within sixty days after receipt of the voluntary relinquishment unless the relinquishment is conditioned by the landowner upon an action of a governmental agency. If the relinquishment contains such a provision, the department shall issue its order of cancellation within sixty days after receipt of notification that such action has been completed. The department shall be notified of any such assignment within thirty days after such assignment. If the district or company does not assign the right to use that portion of the appropriation to other land, does not file an application for a transfer within the five-year period, or does not notify the department within thirty days after any such assignment, that portion of the appropriation shall be canceled without further proceedings by the department and the district or company involved shall be so notified by the department. During the time within which assignment of a portion of an appropriation is pending, the allowable diversion rate for the appropriation involved shall be reduced, as necessary, to avoid inconsistency with the rate allowed by section 46-231 or with any greater rate previously approved for such appropriation by the director in accordance with section 46-229.06.

- (6) When it is determined by the director that an appropriation, for which the location of use has been temporarily transferred in accordance with sections 46-290 to 46-294, has not been used at the new location for more than five years and that no sufficient cause for such nonuse exists, the right to use that appropriation at the temporary location of use shall be terminated. Notice of that termination shall be posted on the department's website and shall be given in the manner provided in subsection (2), (3), or (4) of section 46-229.03. The right to reinitiate use of that appropriation at the location of use prior to the temporary transfer shall continue to exist for five years after the director's determination, but if such use is not reinitiated at that location within such five-year period, the appropriation shall be subject to cancellation in accordance with sections 46-229 to 46-229.04.
- (7) If at the time of a hearing conducted in accordance with subsection (1) of this section there is an application for incidental or intentional underground water storage pending before the department and filed by the owner of the appropriation, the proceedings shall be consolidated.

Source: Laws 1919, c. 190, tit. VII, art. V, div. 2, § 9, p. 837; C.S.1922, § 8428; C.S.1929, § 81-6309; R.S.1943, § 46-229; Laws 1947, c. 172, § 1(5), p. 521; Laws 1973, LB 186, § 6; Laws 1983, LB 380, § 3; Laws 1987, LB 140, § 4; Laws 1987, LB 356, § 1; Laws 1995, LB 350, § 3; Laws 2000, LB 900, § 100; Laws 2004, LB 962, § 9; Laws 2006, LB 1226, § 9; Laws 2007, LB701, § 15; Laws 2019, LB48, § 1.

Annotations

In a determination of whether an appropriation should be canceled for nonuse, once it is established that the appropriation has not been used for more than 5 consecutive years, it is the burden of the interested party to present evidence that there was sufficient cause for nonuse. In re Appropriation A-7603, 291 Neb. 678, 868 N.W.2d 314 (2015).

Under former law, at a hearing pursuant to subsection (1) of this section, the presentation of prima facie evidence for the forfeiture and annulment of a water appropriation in the form of the verified field investigation report of an employee of the Department of Natural Resources shifts the burden to an interested party to present evidence that the water appropriation has been put to a beneficial use during the prior 3 consecutive years. In re Water Appropriation A-4924, 267 Neb. 430, 674 N.W.2d 788 (2004).

Under former law, evidence of beneficial use of a water appropriation more than 3 years prior to the hearing on the adjudication of the water right does not sustain the burden of an interested party after presentation of prima facie evidence for the forfeiture and annulment of the water appropriation. In re Water Appropriation A-4924, 267 Neb. 430, 674 N.W.2d 788 (2004).

Under former law, once it has been established that a water appropriation has not been used for more than 3 consecutive years, it is the burden of the interested party to present evidence that there was sufficient cause for nonuse. In re Water Appropriation A-4924, 267 Neb. 430, 674 N.W.2d 788 (2004).

Under former law, use of a water appropriation only when another water source is inadequate and 3 years prior to the hearing on the adjudication of the water appropriation does not establish sufficient cause for nonuse pursuant to subsection (3)(c) of this section. In re Water Appropriation A-4924, 267 Neb. 430, 674 N.W.2d 788 (2004).

The statutory procedure set forth is not the only procedure for canceling water rights. When an application is made to transfer water rights which no longer exist because of nonuse, the director may cancel the rights in the transfer proceeding if the evidence shows that the rights have expired through nonuse. In re Applications T-61 and T-62, 232 Neb. 316, 440 N.W.2d 466 (1989).

This section does not violate constitutional notions of due process. In re Water Appropriation Nos. 442A, 461, 462, and 485, 210 Neb. 161, 313 N.W.2d 271 (1981).

Reports of department engineers are prima facie evidence on issue of abandonment. State v. Birdwood Irr. Dist., 154 Neb. 52, 46 N.W.2d 884 (1951).

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