

**North Platte Natural Resources District
Water Resources Committee
100547 Airport Road, Scottsbluff, Nebraska
May 29, 2025**

1. Call Meeting to Order

This meeting was called to order by Kent Andreas at 3:00p.m. Notice of the Meeting was given to the public by publishing a legal notice on May 22, 2025, in the Scottsbluff Star Herald.

2. Inform Public of Open Meetings Act

Kent Andreas 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

Committee Members Present:

North Platte NRD Staff: Scott Schaneman, Kyle Ann Hopkins, Craig Uhrig, Travis Preston, Todd Filipi, Keelie Williamson, Jody Fiscus, Paul Safford, Danielle Madden, Lydia Hendrickson, Ken Ridgeway

Adaptive Resources, Inc. (ARI): Thad Kuntz

Simmons Olsen: Meghan Dockery

Members of the Public: Darrell Blackstone

Documentation Provided

The following documents were made available at the meeting for the Committee Members and public review:

1. Agenda
2. Minutes of January 6, 2025, Water Resources Committee Meeting
3. Proposed Soil Sample Cost Share Application
4. Proposed Irrigation Water Sample Cost Share Application
5. Proposed Protocol for Handling Irrigation Water Sample Cost Share
6. Blackstone Farms Transfer Permit
7. Blackstone Farms Variance Application Form
8. Minatare Mutual Canal Company Projects

3. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings

The committee reviewed the minutes of January 6, 2025, Water Resources Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Eirich, seconded by Deines, to approve the minutes of the January 6, 2025, Water Resources Committee meeting. Motion passed.

Aye: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Lapaseotes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall

4. Discussion and Consideration of Soil Sample Cost Share Program

Scott Schaneman explained the soil sampling cost share program to the Committee. Currently looking at allocating \$200,000 toward soil sampling cost share to try and cover 8,000 samples.

A motion was made by Eirich, seconded by Deines, to send the cost share program to the full board as presented. Motion passed.

Aye: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Lapaseotes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall

5. Discussion and Consideration of Water Sample Cost Share Program

Scott Schaneman explained the soil sampling cost share program to the Committee. Craig Uhrig explained the NRD cost for submitting soil samples at about \$17. If a landowner submits them independently it would cost them around \$22.

A motion was made by Eirich, seconded by Deines, to send the cost share program to the full board as presented. Motion passed.

Aye: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Lapaseotes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall

6. Update Regarding the Transfer and Variance Request by Blackstone Farms

Craig Uhrig explained the Transfer application and Variance applications to the committee. Moving forward would allow for analysis to begin. UNWNRD had never done a transfer and is choosing to charge a \$1 fee to sell the decertified acres to NPNRD for the offset.

7. Discussion Regarding Existing Minatare Mutual Canal Company Projects

Scott Schaneman explained the contracts the NRD has with Beth Everett/Nathan Clark and Meyer/Stauch. These temporary retirements provided credit to the district. After pursuing other forms of credit there may be other more cost-effective ways for the NRD to receive credit. The transfer permit through DNR for the Minatare project has never come to fruition. Scott asked the committee if they would like to let these contracts expire.

8. Producer Connect Presentation – Thad Kuntz

Thad provided the committee with a tour of the current state of Producer Connect.

9. Adjourn

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

A motion was made by Eirich, seconded by Deines, to adjourn at 2:53p.m. Motion Passed.

Aye: Andreas, Deines, Eirich, Lapaseotes

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Darnall