

April 5, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office in Mitchell, NE on Tuesday, April 5, 2022.

Those present were: Mick Lookabill, President, Harry Howell, Jeff Jenkins, Monty Reisig, Alan Fenning and Randy Hoff, Directors and Rick Miller, Manager, and Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.

The meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with reference being made to the "Open Meetings Act" as posted in the Boardroom.

The reading of the minutes was dispensed with as the minutes had been given to the Directors for prior review. A motion was made by Hoff second by Reisig to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Howell, Jenkins, Reisig, Fenning, Hoff and Lookabill voting yes. Motion Carried.

The payroll and bills in the amount of \$178,452.12 were approved on a motion by Reisig second by Fenning. A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Reisig, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill and Howell voting yes. Motion Carried.

The Financial statement was approved on a motion by Howell second by Reisig. A roll call vote was taken with Reisig, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins voting yes. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Fenning second by Reisig to authorize the President to sign the DTW Land Company LLC license and agreement. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins and Reisig voting yes. Motion Carried.

Matt Wells of the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board on routine business. He reported that there was 313,625 acre-feet in the Irrigation Account. Guernsey Ownership was 41,224 acre-feet and the Inland lakes stands at 18,771 acre-feet.

As it stands at this time, we have approximately 45 days of irrigation in the bank for the 2022 season. This figure will change as the season progresses.

The Great Plains Communications Permit was tabled until the next regular meeting.

The moving of the Highline by Bernie Wynn is going well and will be completed in time for the 2022 irrigation season.

Adam Dietrich Pivot Crossing of old Lateral 26 was approved on a motion by Hoff second by Fenning. A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, Reisig, Fenning and Hoff voting yes. Motion Carried.

Current water supply conditions were discussed. A decision will be made later in the month as to whether we will have an early run and if so when it will start. The Manager will send out a text to the water users when a decision has been made.

District seasonal staffing for 2022 was discussed. We still have openings for Ditchriders' on the Mitchell, Morrill and Minatare Divisions and a full time person on the Minatare Division.

The District Audit has been completed for the 2020-2021 fiscal year by the Contryman Associates. Everything was in order according to the United States of America auditing standards.

The Manager's Report was given as follows:

**PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MANAGER'S REPORT
April 5, 2022**

➤ **Spring Work**

The staff continues to focus on preparing the laterals and canals for the 2022 water season.

➤ **Jerry Bernhardt Delivery from Low Line Canal via Pump Station.**

Last year, we were planning the installation of the pump for Jerry Bernhardt's delivery. At that time, Sean Brown with Deines Irrigation, ordered the pump. Because of no sign of Mr. Bernhardt using the pump last year, we did not push Mr. Brown into installing the pump. Mr. Bernhardt has rented the property out this year and wants the pump installed. So, I have gotten ahold of Mr. Brown with Deines, and he has the pump, so he will get it installed before irrigation season.

➤ **Employee Vacancies**

I have filled the positions of excavator operator and the operator position out of Mitchell Division. We also had a truck driver position available in the Morrill Division that was filled. We still need four ditchriders throughout the district and one truck driver out of the Minatare division. I have put advertisements on Facebook, the Voice paper, Craigslist, and KNEB.

➤ **Yonts Water Conference**

Information and registration for the 2022 Yonts Water Conference to be held on April 12 at the Gering Civic Center can be found at [Yonts Water Conference | Nebraska Extension \(unl.edu\)](#)

Pre-registration is required for a meal count.

Minor adjustments to the agenda may be made later.

➤ **Drain Inspection**

The drain inspection is at 9 am on April 11, 2022. We will meet at the Farmers Irrigation District's office.

➤ **Moving of the Highline Canal**

The moving of the Highline Canal by Bernie Wynne's property seems to be going well. As of 3/30/2022, the process was getting close to complete.

No one appeared during the time set aside for public comment.

The tentative date for the next regular board meeting has been set for Tuesday, May 3, 2022, at the district office located in 140624 10th Street, Mitchell, NE. and will convene at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business to come before the Board the meeting was adjourned at 11:05 a.m.

Mick Lookabill, President

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.