

February 7, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office in Mitchell, NE on Tuesday, February 7, 2023.

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

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

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 Jenkins to approve the minutes as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Howell, Jenkins, Fenning, Hoff, and Lookabill voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$193,394.29 were approved on a motion by Jenkins second by Hoff. A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill and Howell voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

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

A motion was made by Hoff second by Lookabill to allow the President to sign the Agreements for Bill Debus, Inc., and Robin Nerud. A roll call vote was taken with Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins and Fenning voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Jenkins second by Randy to accept Masid Chevrolet price on a 2021 Silverado 1500 Chevrolet pickup. A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, Fenning and Hoff voting yes. Absent Reisig. Motion Carried. A motion was made by Hoff second by Lookabill to contribute \$2,000.00 to the Family Farm Alliance. A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, Fenning and Hoff voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

Matt Wells of the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board on routine business. He reported that the ownership in the irrigation account stood at 238,179 acre feet and that Guernsey was at 18,253 acre feet as of February 2, 2023.

The Upper North Platte Snow pack as of February 6, 2023 was at 131% of normal.

No one appeared during the time set aside for Public Comment.

The Manager's report was given as follows:

**PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MANAGER'S REPORT
February 6, 2023**

○ **Fall and Winter Work Projects.**

The district's employees continue hauling hardpan on the main canal and on lateral 21. The weather has made hauling difficult at times.

○ **Reception for State Senators/Four States Water Conference**

I had the opportunity to go to the Reception for State Senators on January 25 and the Four States Water conference on January 11-12. I was able to meet with Senator Steve Erdman and express the importance of the infrastructure money that has been appointed for surface irrigation. I expressed that the State of Nebraska needs to continue to make money like this available so the irrigation districts can continue to fix these old systems. Our local Senator, Brian Hardin, was not at the reception.

The main topic at the Four States Conference remains to be the aging infrastructure. Family Farm Alliance spoke at the conference and expressed many concerns about food supply and providing that food supply to the world with all the global things happening around the world.

○ **Diamond Plastics**

Raoul Johnson from RJR Equipment Sales represents the sale of pipe for Diamond PIP Pipe. Raoul got ahold of me and gave me some pricing on the pipe. I was able to order a truckload load of pipe for our general maintenance and build inventory back up a bit. The pricing was within our budgeted amount. Raoul said the pipe I ordered was on the ground and could ship out in a timely manner.

○ **Mitchell Shop**

Kenny continues to do well in the shop on repairs. He got all the new rock guards and rollers needed on the 850K of the Morrill Division. Kenny continues to do a lot of in-house repairs,

which has helped offset the high cost of maintenance and materials for the equipment. The excavator operators are helping him until they can go back out and slope canal banks.

The tentative date for the next regular meeting has been set for Thursday, March 9th, 2023 at the District office located at 140624 10th Street, Mitchell, NE and will convene at 9:00 a.m.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Mick Lookabill, President

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.