

June 6, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office in Mitchell, NE. on Monday, June 6, 2022.

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

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 revenue. 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 and Hoff voting yes. Absent: Lookabill. Motion Carried.

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$268,606.03 were approved on a motion by Hoff second by Reisig. A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Reisig, Fenning, Hoff, and Howell voting yes. Absent: Lookabill. Motion carried.

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

A motion was made by Reisig second by Fenning to authorize the President to sign the Century Link/LUMEN permit. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Howell, Jenkins and Reisig voting yes. Absent: Lookabill. Motion carried.

Lex Larson from the JG Elliott Insurance Co. met with the Board to discuss insurance clarifications.

We have been advised that the pickup bids that was awarded in February to the Chadron Motor Company cannot be honored as the manufacture will not be making the pickups at this time.

Matt Wells from the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board and discussed the current water conditions. As of June 2, 2022, there is 664,000 acres feet in ownership, Guernsey stands at 41,000 acre-feet and the Inland Lakes 8,840 acre-feet.

The Drew Schmaltz bridge on the Highline was discussed. The bridge was covered by our insurance company and the Manager will be ordering a bridge kit in the near future.

The Watershed Tour was finalized and the Board and guests will be leaving at 7:00 a.m. on Thursday, June 9th, 2022 and returning on June 10th, 2022.

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**

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➤ **Fire Claim Mitchell Division**

Eugene Hoff had Russ Reisig clean up the damaged burnt building due to the fire during the major winds we had. He is waiting on a bill from the electrical company for replacing the pole and electrical box.

Sarah Pester and Jeremy Kuklish called regarding damage from the same fire on the property they live on directly south of Eugene Hoff. I told them to get me an estimate of the damage, and we would go from there. I have not heard back from them.

➤ **Inland Lake Filling**

I will continue running water into the Inland Lakes for some time. After I get a June forecast from the Bureau of Reclamation, I can give an accurate date of how long I will run water to the lakes. Filling the lakes has been a challenge because of the demand for water during the early run.

I have contacted Matt Wells to assure the accounting for the transfer of Inland Lake Water is accurate, so we can continue to transfer during our early runs in the future.

➤ **Early Water Run**

The District's employees did a great job getting the laterals ready for the early run. We have great employees; this has been a year unlike any other year I can remember. Due to the weather, there have been many challenges in getting the laterals and canals ready. The District rented two extra excavators to help get the

canals and laterals ready. But for the most part, water was delivered to the users in a timely manner.

➤ **Fiber Optic in the Mitchell Office**

Spectrum Enterprise, which we currently have our Mitchell office internet and phone service through, contacted me about installing fiberoptic into our office. This installation will cost the District no extra dollars for the installation. Looking into the future, this will be a necessary thing to do with automation. They will start installing this fiber this summer.

➤ **Gate Automation**

Mountain Peaks has been here this month working on our automation and we are slowly gaining progress on getting the system running smoothly.

The tentative date for the next regular meeting has been set for Thursday, July 7, 2022, at the District Office located at 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 10:50 a.m.

Mick Lookabill, President

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.