

The 6th of June, 2023

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office in Mitchell, NE, on Thursday, the 6th of June, 2023.

Those present were: Mick Lookabill, President; Brady Howell, Jeff Jenkins, Alan Fenning, and Randy Hoff, Directors; 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 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 Randy, seconded 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 \$400,761.22 were approved on a motion by Jenkins seconded 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 Jenkins seconded by Howell. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, and Jenkins voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

Matt Wells of the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board and reported that as of the 6th of June, 2023, Pathfinder ownership stood at 957,249 AF.

Hoff made A motion, seconded by Fenning, to allow the Manager to sign the permits regarding underground trenching under or through our canal system as they come in. A roll call vote was taken with Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, and Fenning voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

The water transfer to Lake Minatare was completed on the 5th of June, 2023. The water delivery to the users was shut off on the 31st of May, 2023 and is estimated to resume around the 20th of June.

The District was notified of a lawsuit filed between Keaton Reichert and the Pathfinder Irrigation District. Pathfinder has turned it over to our insurance company as instructed by our Attorney.

A motion was made by Jenkins, seconded by Randy, to allow the Manager to go ahead and submit the necessary paperwork to move forward on the (SWIIF (Surface Water Irrigation Infrastructure Fund) funding that is available for the repair work to be done on the Outlet Works at Lake Minatare and other projects under the District. A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, Fenning, and Hoff voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion carried.

Final arrangements were made for the Water Shed tour on June 8th and 9th, 2023.

The Manager's report was given as follows:

**PATHFINDER IRRIGATION DISTRICT
MANAGER'S REPORT
The 6th of June, 2023**

➤ **Deliveries Update**

All new deliveries approved throughout the winter have been installed and are ready to use.

➤ **Inland Lake Filling**

I started transferring water to the inland lakes on the 13th of April. I had to transfer over 45,000 acre-feet of water due to how low the lakes were left from the previous year. It has taken 54 days to transfer the water to the Inland Lakes. The ordered shutdown of the Interstate Canal was scheduled for the 5th of June.

➤ **Early Water Run**

The District's employees did a great job preparing the laterals for the early run. Due to the timely rains, our demand for water usage was down compared to previous years. It is still essential to have the early water run because it seals the ditches and prevents weed growth. In the big picture of an entire summer, the early water run saves water because it makes the regular water run more efficiently. Without the early run, the District would suffer significant water loss due to soakage and weeds backing up the water.

➤ **Fiber Optic in the Mitchell Office**

Spectrum Enterprise and I are still trying to work out the fiber optics in the Mitchell office. When they were installed, I was promised a faster speed than I received, so I never switched to the new fiber. They are now billing the District for the installation of the fiber because I have not switched over. I have finally

got someone to return my call after months of trying to work this out with Spectrum. I believe we are on track to getting this fixed.

➤ **Gate Automation**

Mountain Peaks has been working on our automation this month, and we seem to have things working now.

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

The tentative date for the next regular meeting has been set for the 6th of July, 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 to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 10:22 a.m.

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.

Mick Lookabill, President