

March 3, 2022

The Board of Directors of the Pathfinder Irrigation District met in their office in Mitchell, NE on Thursday, March 3, 2022.

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

There being no further business to come before the Board, the present Board was dissolved and the organizational meeting was called to order at 9:10 a.m.

Mick Lookabill stated that he would like to be the new President.

A motion was made by Fenning second by Hoff to elect Mick Lookabill to serve as President for the ensuing year. A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill and Howell voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Jenkins second by Fenning to elect Jeff Jenkins as Vice-President for the ensuing year. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell and Jenkins voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

A motion was made by Fenning second by Hoff to appoint Margaret Harriger as Secretary-Treasurer, Assessor and Election Commissioner and also to select the Star-Herald as the official newspaper and Pinnacle Bank, Mitchell as the official depository for district funds. A roll call vote was taken with Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill, Howell and Jenkins voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

The reorganization meeting was adjourned at 9:15 a.m. and the regular meeting was called to order with reference being made to the "Open Meetings Act" as posted in the Boardroom.

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$145,031.48 were approved on a motion by Howell second by Fenning. A roll call vote was taken with Hoff, Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins and Fenning voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Hoff second by Fenning to approve the financial statement as presented: A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, Fenning and Hoff voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

Brock Merrill of the Bureau of Reclamation gave the current Water Supply Conditions as of March 1, 2022. He reported that the Pathfinder Ownership was 279,154 AF (25% of Capacity), Pathfinder Irrigation Account was 261,444.AF, Guernsey Ownership was 25,483 AF and the Inland Lakes were 15,835 AF.

Brock Merrill and Cathy Johnston of the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board to present the 2022 Reserved works budget. A motion was made by Lookabill second by Fenning to accept the budget as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, Fenning and Hoff voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

The North Platte Natural Resources District had sent a copy of the updated Hazard Mitigation Plan for the Boards approval and also the Adoption Resolution as follows:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 1

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed into law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

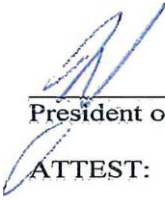
WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by the North Platte Natural Resources District, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the counties and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect Pathfinder Irrigation District and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and

WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of Pathfinder Irrigation District in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of Pathfinder Irrigation District does herewith adopt the most recent and FEMA approved version of the North Platte NRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety; and

PASSED AND APPROVED this 3rd day of March 2022.



President of Board

ATTEST:



Clerk

A motion was made by Lookabill second by Fenning to authorize the President to sign the Hazard Mitigation resolution as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Howell, Jenkins, Fenning, Hoff, and Lookabill voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

The Manager discussed the repair work that needs to be done on the Rawhide Canyon Syphon. We will start the repair work as soon as possible.

Dean Weborg has requested permission to cross under Lateral # 21 to deliver water to a new pivot system he is installing. A motion was made by Hoff second by Fenning to allow the crossing of the District's lateral after signing a crossing permit. Mr. Weborg will also be responsible for all costs to install a new delivery and must sign and agree to all of the District's Pivot Agreements. A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Fenning, Hoff, Lookabill and Howell voting yes. Absent: Reisig. Motion Carried.

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

March 3, 2022

➤ The District's response to the Final Environmental Compliance Audit.

We responded to the Bureau of Reclamation with a letter explaining how we would correct the issues that the audit had presented. Some of these findings have already been addressed. One of the recommendations was for the District to hire an engineer to develop an SPCC plan for its facilities in Morrill, Mitchell, and Minatare. After reviewing federal statutes, we feel that our facilities do not require an SPCC plan. We responded in our letter to why we think we are not

required to fill out an SPCC plan. I will keep the board updated on any new information regarding the Final Environmental Compliance Audit.

➤ **Duck Labs, LLC vs. Pathfinder Irrigation District**

The District received a summons to appear in the above case. This case is about a farm that Jason C. Wilkinson owned. Mr. Wilkinson owed back taxes and certified O&M in Sioux County. I have turned this over to the District's lawyer Steve Smith. It appears as though Duck Labs, LLC has paid the back taxes and is trying to get a deed to the property. The certified O&M has not been paid.

➤ **27 Lateral Main Gates.**

The District's employees continue to do maintenance work on laterals because of the lack of pipelines this year. One project being addressed is the main gates on 27 lateral on the third lateral division. These are large gates that have needed some maintenance for a few years. This will be a great item to get repaired.

➤ **Weitzel's Siphon and Hard Pan on the Main Canal.**

The second lateral division is replacing a siphon on the Main Canal that needs to be enlarged to increase capacity. The District's employees are replacing it this spring. The first lateral division continues to haul clay to reshape the main canal in areas that are too wide.

➤ **Eric Umbreit with Rubicon.**

This week I met with Eric Umbreit with Rubicon to discuss options for automation throughout the district. This is a first step to looking at different options to running the district's water with better efficiency. One of the items we looked at was automating the Low Line Canal checks. I will continue to update the board with information on how Rubicon can help us with grants and ideas to make this a future investment.

➤ **Shop Foreman.**

We have filled the position of Shop Foreman with Kenny Thomas. The transition has gone very well, and I am looking forward to having Kenny run our Mitchell shop.

The tentative date for the next regular Board Meeting has been set for Tuesday, April 5, 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 10:45 a.m.

Mick Lookabill

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.