

September 7, 2023

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

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

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

Payroll and bills in the amount of \$249,214.24 were approved on a motion by Jenkins second by Howell. A roll call vote was taken with Jenkins, Fenning, Lookabill and Howell voting yes. Absent: Hoff and Reisig. Motion carried.

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

Matt Wells of the Bureau of Reclamation met with the Board on routine business. As of September 5, 2023 Pathfinder Ownership stood at 636,846 acre- feet.

Water operations for the season were discussed. It was determined that the Manager will start the shut down of the Main Canal on September 15th. Users will be able to irrigate until the water level in the laterals drops too low to deliver water to them.

The Manager presented to the Board members the first round of the 2024 budget to get their input on the figures as presented.

Payments on the Road Grader and Backhoe were discussed.

Matt Greenway met with the Board to present the FNIC insurance renewal. A motion was made by Jenkins second by Fenning to accept the insurance renewal as presented. A roll call vote was taken with Lookabill, Howell, Jenkins, and Fenning voting yes. Absent: Hoff and Reisig. Motion Carried.

We will once again be having the End-of-Season dinner. Arrangements will be made to hold the dinner at the Gering Civic Center.

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
September 7, 2023**

➤ **WaterSmart Grant Project.**

This off-season, my focus will be to apply for WaterSmart Grants for some projects that I feel will rate highly on the grant rating system.

➤ **Lateral 54 Seepage.**

The work the district employees have done on 54 lateral's seep issue has appeared to pay off. We have had very little seep in the area that we fought for the last few years. The lining of the hardpan has been beneficial.

➤ **Lateral 21 Clay Lining.**

The lining of clay the district put in 21 lateral has helped get the water through this year. We also dug a lot of excess dirt out of the lateral. Between the two, there has been a significant improvement in water carrying.

The tentative date for the next Board Meeting has been set for October 5, 2023, at the Mitchell office located at 140623 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 11:20 a.m.

Margaret Harriger, Sec.-Treas.

Mick Lookabill, President