

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
January 13, 2005

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors meeting was held at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, Second Floor, West Wing, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on January 13, 2005. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 3:14 p.m. CST (2:14 p.m. MST). A legal notice of the meeting was published in the NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH. A news release containing the agenda for the meeting and including the time and place was sent to the news media in the District.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Eric Hansen
Todd Kramer
James Meisner
Jim Rubenthaler
Dennis Schilz
Douglas Stack
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Baldrige
Robert Petersen
Robert Wiseman

OTHERS PRESENT

Glen Waltemath, McChesney Martin Sagehorn PC (Auditor)
Jim Goeke, University of Nebraska
Matt Lindberg, NPPD
Glen Taubenheim, Sargent Irrigation
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation
Frank Fleecs
Roric Paulman
Josh Bode
Rick Bode
Neil Betty
Don Colvin

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O. Miller, General Manager
Sudheer Chadavada, GIS Coordinator

DIRECTORS ELECTED TO BOARD

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Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the following were elected to the Board of Directors for a four-year term:

- Subdistrict 1 Vacant
- Subdistrict 2 Robert Petersen
- Subdistrict 3 Jerry Weaver
- Subdistrict 4 Robert Wiseman
- Subdistrict 5 Dennis Schilz

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that each of the individuals elected were incumbents and each has previously signed an Oath Of Office.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report of Directors Excused - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Baldrige, Mr. Petersen, and Mr. Wiseman were excused.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors Notebooks Containing Information Items Available for Handout - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that each Director has a notebook containing information items.

Other Items - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that a monthly summary report of NRCS conservation plans was available for information and that the report would be passed around the Board table for review by each member of the Board of Directors present. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that a notebook containing the Cooperative Agreements between the Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds and Lessees that were signed by the General Manager as the Twin Platte Natural Resources District representative for the District to assist in the development and the application of a complete resources conservation plan was available for information, and that the notebook would be passed around the Board table for review by each member of the Board of Directors present.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Rubenthaler opened the Public Forum.

There were no comments.

Mr. Rubenthaler closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

West Central Nebraska Water Users Coalition - Roric Paulman, President – West Central

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Nebraska Water Users Coalition, reported on activities of the coalition.

AUDIT

2004 Fiscal Year – Mr. Meismer reported that the audit for the District for the 2004 Fiscal Year was mailed to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Stack moved that the Audit for the 2004 Fiscal Year be received. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

Glen Waltemath prepared the audit for the District and he was present and available for questions.

Mr. Stack moved that the Audit for the 2004 Fiscal Year be allowed and to approve the Financial Statements for the 2004 Fiscal Year as acceptable and settled. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for December 14, 2004 Meeting - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the December 14, 2004 Board of Directors meeting were in the Directors' packet and he asked if there were corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Mr. Stack moved that the Minutes of the December 14, 2004 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - District Conservationist Report – Ms. Bates distributed a written report and she reviewed the report.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Interlocal Agreement to Administer USDA-NRCS Funds for Technical Service Providers – Mr. Miller reported that during the August 14, 2003 Board of Directors meeting, an agreement was approved to allow the Twin Platte Natural Resources District to receive federal funds to provide technical

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service providers in the Natural Resources Conservation Service field offices which would allow the Natural Resources Conservation Service personnel more time to assist with the District’s programs. Mr. Miller reported that the agreement between the District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides for the delivery of conservation technical assistance and conservation cost-share programs of the Natural Resources Conservation Service that are of mutual interest to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mr. Miller reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service provides 50% in cash and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District provides 50% through in-kind contribution of the District employee’s time currently spent implementing Farm Bill activities. Mr. Miller reported that similar agreements were established between most of the Natural Resources Districts in Nebraska and the Natural Resources Conservation Service. Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources District has recently agreed with the Natural Resources Conservation Service to administer these agreements for the Natural Resources Districts in Nebraska. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors packet for information was a Cooperative Agreement between the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (Agreement No. 68-6526-5-103) and a proposed Interlocal Agreement to Administer USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Funds for Technical Service Providers among participating Natural Resources Districts.

Mr. Meisner moved that the Board of Directors approve the Interlocal Agreement to Administer USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Funds for Technical Service Providers among participating Natural Resources Districts and to authorize the General Manager to sign the amendment for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

AYE: Hansen, Meisner, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – Middle Platte River Basin Caucus – No reports presented.

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – North Platte River Basin Caucus – No reports presented.

Other Agencies – No reports presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Land Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources Subcommittee

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Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee met January 6, 2005 and he presented a report.

Mr. Meismer reported that the minutes for the January 6, 2005 meeting of the Water Resources Subcommittee were in the Directors' packet for information.

Ground Water Management – Ground Water Management Plan – Revisions - Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee has prepared draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan that are in the Directors' packet and available for handout. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan and to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board discuss the recommendation during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting and then layover action to the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Meismer reviewed the draft revisions.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet and available for handout was a map of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District showing a draft of sub-areas that could be utilized in administration of a Ground Water Management Area as proposed in the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting the map of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District showing sub-areas to be utilized in the administration of a Ground Water Management Area as proposed in the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan, and to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board discuss the recommendation during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting and then layover action to the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Meismer reviewed the map.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet and available for handout was a draft schedule for implementation of a Ground Water Management Area as proposed in the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting the following schedule for implementation of a Ground Water Management Area as proposed in the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan:

January 2005	Draft revisions of Ground Water Management Plan presented to Board of Directors
February 2005	Ground Water Management Plan revisions approved by Board of Directors

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March/April 2005

State agencies review of Ground Water Management Plan revisions

Prepare draft of Rules and Regulations for District wide Ground Water Management Area and requirement for permits for new wells within the District wide Ground Water Management Area as provided for in Section 8.3 of the Ground Water Management Plan

- Permits for new wells with the capacity to pump 50 gallons per minute or greater
- Maximum allowed irrigated acres for all new wells determined based on that the total irrigated acres shall not exceed 25% of the land area within a one mile radius of a new well (500 acres of the 2000 acres within the one mile radius)

May/June/July 2005

Board Action to Approve for Public Hearing / Public Hearing / Board Action (Required within 90 days following public hearing) for draft of Rules and Regulations for District wide Ground Water Management Area and requirement for permits for new wells within the District wide Ground Water Management Area as provided for in Section 8.3 of the Ground Water Management Plan

First opportunity to initiate District wide requirement:

- Permits for new wells with the capacity to pump 50 gallons per minute or greater
- Maximum allowed irrigated acres for all new wells determined based on that the total irrigated acres shall not exceed 25% of the land area within a one mile radius of a new well (500 acres of the 2000 acres within the one mile radius)

November 2005

Board required annual review of Ground Water Management Plan triggering mechanisms

December 2005/January 2006

First opportunity to consider Phase I triggering mechanisms of the Ground Water Management Plan

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- Moratorium
- Minimum well spacing for new wells
- Smaller maximum allowed irrigated acres within a one mile radius of a new well and/or an increase of the one mile radius

Public Hearing for modifications of controls within a Ground Water Management Area

Board action in regard to modifications of controls within a Ground Water Management Area
(Required within 90 days following public hearing)

November 2006

Board required annual review of Ground Water Management Plan triggering mechanisms

December 2006/January 2007

Opportunity to consider Phase I triggering mechanisms of the Ground Water Management Plan

- Moratorium
- Minimum well spacing for new wells
- Smaller maximum allowed irrigated acres within a one mile radius of a new well and/or an increase of the one mile radius

Public Hearing for modifications of controls within a Ground Water Management Area

Board action in regard to modifications of controls within a Ground Water Management Area
(Required within 90 days following public hearing)

November 2007

Board required annual review of Ground Water Management Plan triggering mechanisms

December 2007/January 2008

POTENTIAL IMPLEMENTATION OF INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT PLAN (which could replace the Ground Water Management Plan)

Opportunity to consider Phase I triggering mechanisms of the Ground Water Management Plan

- Moratorium
- Minimum well spacing for new wells

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- Smaller maximum allowed irrigated acres within a one mile radius of a new well and/or an increase of the one mile radius

First opportunity to consider Phase II triggering mechanisms of the Ground Water Management Plan if Phase I triggering mechanisms were initiated in 2006

- Moratorium
- Minimum well spacing for new wells
- Smaller maximum allowed irrigated acres within a one mile radius of a new well and/or an increase of the one mile radius
- Allocations
- Irrigation scheduling
- Rotation system
- Reducing irrigated acres

Public Hearing for modifications of controls within a Ground Water Management Area

Board action in regard to modifications of controls within a Ground Water Management Area
(Required within 90 days following public hearing)

and to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board discuss the recommendation during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting and then layover action to the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Meismer reviewed the schedule. Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Statute Section 46-712(4) provides that modifications of controls within a Ground Water Management Area may be initiated as often as deemed necessary.

Mr. Meismer reported that the District would accept written comments from the public until 5:00 pm CST on February 2, 2005 and oral comments from the public during the Public Forum of the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting in regard to the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan.

INTEGRATED MANAGEMENT OF GROUND WATER & SURFACE WATER

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Temporary Well Drilling Suspension - Operation Guidelines - New Wells & New Irrigated Acres - Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet and available for handout was a draft for Operation Guidelines for New Wells & New Irrigated Acres, for the area of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District within which there is a well drilling suspension and stays on new

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irrigated acres. Mr. Meisner reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee prepared the guidelines with advice from Jim Cook, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Meisner reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting the Operation Guidelines for New Wells & New Irrigated Acres for the area of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District within which there is a well drilling suspension and stays on new irrigated acres, and to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board discuss the recommendation during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting and then layover action to the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Meisner reported that the District would accept written comments from the public until 5:00 pm CST on February 2, 2005 and oral comments from the public during the Public Forum of the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting in regard to the draft Operation Guidelines for New Wells & New Irrigated Acres for the area of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District within which there is a well drilling suspension and stays on new irrigated acres.

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Temporary Well Drilling Suspension - Exceptions and Variances - None were presented.

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Integrated Management Plan (IMP) - Advisors / Stakeholders Participation – Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee discussed various categories to consider for representation as a stakeholder during the development of the IMP and individuals that the subcommittee had previously requested to be contacted to determine if they would participate.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the following categories and representatives for the development of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan:

STAKEHOLDERS

Municipalities

Jim Hawks - City Administrator, North Platte

Economic Development

Brad Maul- Executive Director, North Platte Economic Development Corporation

Kenneth Schilz - President, Keith County Economic Development Corporation

Chamber of Commerce

_____ - _____, Ogallala Chamber

Counties

Doug Teaford - Commissioner, Keith County

University of Nebraska

Jim Goeke - Hydrologist, Conservation & Survey Division

Irrigation Districts

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- Phil Armstrong - Board Member, Western Irrigation District
- Don Colvin - Representative for Keith-Lincoln, Paxton-Hershey, Platte Valley, Suburban, or Cody-Dillon Irrigation District
- Public Power and Irrigation Districts
 - Frank Kwapnioski - Nebraska Public Power District
 - Jerry Steinke - Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District
- Ground Water Users
 - Roric Paulman - President, West Central Nebraska Water Users Coalition
_____ - Eastern Lincoln County
 - Mike Svoboda - Keith County
- Rangeland
 - Todd Kramer - Rancher, Arthur County
_____, Rancher, McPherson County
- Nebraska State Agencies
 - John Kilpatrick - Nebraska Game & Parks Commission
- Recreation
 - Burdette Cooley - Lake McConaughy Resident
- Education
 - _____ - _____
- Financial Institutions
 - Dudley Oltmans - President, Adams Bank - North Platte

NEBRASKA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
Tina Kurtz - Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

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Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)
AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver
NAY: None
ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Procedure and Timeline – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors that an outside facilitator be utilized to assist the stakeholders during the development of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan (IMP). Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ packet was information for Lorre McKeone, a facilitator in North Platte.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve hiring Lorre McKeone as a facilitator to assist the stakeholders during the development of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)
AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

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NAY: None
ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors that an outside hydrogeologist be utilized to assist the stakeholders during the development of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan (IMP). During discussion, the Board of Directors agreed that the Stakeholders should determine if they would like the assistance of an outside hydrogeologist to assist the stakeholders during the development of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan (IMP) and if they did, they could present a recommendation to the Board of Directors.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Executive Subcommittee was continuing to meet to discuss the Board of Directors vacancy in Sub-District 1.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meisner reported that the Financial Statement for December 2004 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meisner reported that the Accounts Payable report was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout, and that he had reviewed the Accounts Payable and found the report to be in order.

Mr. Meisner moved that the Financial Statement for December 2004 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on January 13, 2005 in the amount of \$27,923.99. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

AYE: Hansen, Meisner, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver
NAY: None
ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

Budget Status – Mr. Meisner reported that the Budget Status report was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

Bids/Proposals – None were presented.

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Bids/Proposals Scheduled To Be Presented for Consideration During the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that the District Policy provides that “the staff will notify the Board during the Board meeting immediately prior to the Board meeting at which bids will be presented for consideration”. Mr. Miller reported that the staff plans to present bids/proposals for consideration during the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of computer equipment. Mr. Miller reported that bids/proposals will be presented for a server for the office. Mr. Miller reported that the GIS Coordinator has the ability to set up a server for the office that will allow for a central automated backup of the District’s computers and will allow the District to host our Internet Web site rather than paying annual fees for a service provider to host the Web site.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Board of Directors Meeting – No report presented.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Legislative Conference, January 25-26, 2005 – Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts annual Legislative Conference will be held January 25-26, 2005 in Lincoln, NE and that in the Directors’ packet was information and the tentative agenda. Mr. Miller reported that Senator Pederson will be invited to have a private dinner with representatives of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District attending the conference on Tuesday evening, January 25, 2005 following the reception. Mr. Miller reported that the panhandle Natural Resources Districts have a formal dinner, which Senator Phil Erdman participates and the Loup River Basin Natural Resources Districts have a formal dinner, which Senator Deb Fischer participates.

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the District needs to select a voting representative for the business session. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Meismer is chair of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Legislative Committee and that he will be chairing the business sessions. Mr. Rubenthaler appointed Mr. Wahlgren to be the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Voting Delegate for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Legislative Conference January 25-26, 2005.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Water Policy Task Force – Mr. Meismer reported on the upcoming schedule of meetings of the Water Policy Task Force.

Platte River Citizens Advisory Council – No report presented.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported on recent activities of the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council.

Requests for Authorization to Travel - No requests were presented.

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DISTRICT REPORT

Requests for Assistance – No requests for assistance were presented.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the monthly report. Mr. Miller reported that \$34,315.45 was available.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the January 13, 2005 report as presented and to approve the following new contracts:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt To Fund</u>
<u>PROPOSED NEW CONTRACTS:</u>				
05-026	NC-12	Trees	\$ 540.15	\$ 540.15
05-027	NC-12	Trees	\$ 831.00	\$ 831.00
05-028	NC-12	Trees	\$ 562.28	\$ 562.28
05-029	NC-12	Trees	\$ 831.00	\$ 831.00
05-030	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 1,488.89	\$ 1,488.89
Total Amount Of New Contracts				\$ 4,253.32
FUNDS AVAILABLE: Practice NC-12, Windbreaks				\$ 14,877.69
Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing				\$ 246.07
Practice NC-17, Irrigation				\$ 12,177.53
Other available practices				\$ 2,760.84

Mr. Hansen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program – Sealing Abandoned Wells – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was a report for information. Mr. Miller reported that \$6,525.99 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Programs – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – No report presented.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program – No report presented.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – Corners for Wildlife Program – No report presented.

Water Programs – Ground Water Management – Monitoring Programs – No report presented.

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Water Programs – Ground Water Management – Ground Water Management Plan – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water – Temporary Well Drilling Suspension – Mr. Miller reported that during the Board of Directors meeting on July 8, 2004, the Board enacted a motion “that for purposes of section 54(3)(h) of LB962 (2004 Nebraska Legislature), a water well constructed and used to irrigate acres that were irrigated with surface water in the last two years shall be considered a replacement well if the owner of that well agrees to use that well only when and to the extent that surface water is not available to irrigate those acres and authorize the General Manager to execute an agreement with a landowner in which the landowner agrees that the replacement well will only be used when the surface water supply has been exhausted and is no longer available to the operator at his normal rotation of schedule time(s), that the landowner will maintain the surface water right, and that the landowner agrees that the irrigated acres will not exceed the acres irrigated with surface water in the last two years”. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ packet for information were two executed agreements.

Water Programs – Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water – Integrated Management Plan – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water – Certifying Irrigated Acres – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water – Platte River Cooperative Agreement – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watershed Program - Brule – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was the District’s report for the annual inspection of the Brule Watershed conducted on December 27, 2004.

Water Programs – Watershed Program – Western Irrigation Watershed – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements - Cooperative Hydrology Study – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Ground Water Management Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – South Platte Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition – No report presented.

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Regulatory Programs - Chemigation – No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – Erosion and Sediment Control - No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – Ground Water Runoff - No report presented.

Trails – Lake Maloney – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – 2004 Awards Program – No report presented.

Legislation – Mr. Miller reported that he has meetings scheduled on January 14, 2005 in Lincoln, NE with Senator Don Pederson, Senator Phil Erdman, and Senator Deb Fischer to provide them with a status report on the proposed Ground Water Management Plan revisions and other activities of the District.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

Meetings and Dates of Interest – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors' packet and in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors' packet and in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Rubenthaler asked Mr. Miller to Chair the meeting for the election of officers.

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer – The Board agreed that they would like to consider a motion to elect the current Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Mr. Schilz moved to elect Mr. Rubenthaler Chairperson, Mr. Stack Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Weaver Secretary, and Mr. Meismer Treasurer. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

Mr. Rubenthaler resumed chairing the meeting.

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SELECTION OF NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION
OF RESOURCES DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Wahlgren moved that for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District 2005 representative be Mr. Meismer. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

AYE: Hansen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSTAIN: Meismer

ABSENT: Baldrige, Petersen, Wiseman

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Chairperson's Report – Mr. Rubenthaler announced that he would present his appointments for the Subcommittees for 2005 during the February 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. CST (4:40 p.m. MST).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary

KOM:Minutes:Bmin0105