

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
February 10, 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 February 10, 2005. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 3:25 p.m. CST (2:25 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

Jeff Baldridge
Eric Hansen
James Meismer
Robert Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Douglas Stack
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Schilz

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Kwapnioski, NPPD
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation
Frank Fleecs
Roric Paulman
Neil Betty
Don Colvin
Jeff Orr
Randy Laubner

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jeff Nichols, Range Management Specialist
Roger Hammer, Soil Scientist
Alvin Perez
Jay Rezek, Engineer

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulator Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O. Miller, General Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Report of Directors Excused - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Schilz was 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

No report presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for January 13, 2005 Meeting - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting were in the Directors' packet and he asked if there were corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

AYE: Baldridge, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren,
Weaver, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT & Excused: Schilz

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ABSENT: Hansen

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - District Conservationist Report – Mr. Nichols distributed a written report and he reviewed the report.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Soil Surveys – Mr. Hammer reported on the status of the soil surveys in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District.

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

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

Other Agencies – No reports presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting 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 draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan, that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting 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, were in the Directors' Board meeting packet for reference.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook and available as a handout was an illustration on an aerial photo and a procedure that Sudheer Chadavada, GIS Coordinator, had developed for calculating the maximum allowed irrigated acres for all new well permits issued which will be 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. Mr.

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Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors to include in Section 8.3. of the recommended revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan a provision that the calculation will be based only on the land which lies within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and a new well must be located within the area of the acres irrigated from the well.

Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources staff were reviewing the text of the revisions and may offer some suggestions for changes prior to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District formally delivering the revision to the Department if the Board approves the draft revisions this afternoon. Mr. Miller reported that if any of the suggested revisions by the Department's staff would change the intent of the revisions approved by the Board of Directors, that the revisions for Chapter 8 would not be submitted to the Department until the Board of Directors had an opportunity to consider the suggested revisions of the Department's staff .

Mr. Meisner reported that a 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, that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting 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, was in the Directors' Board meeting packet for reference.

Mr. Meisner reported that a schedule for implementation of a Ground Water Management Area as proposed in the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan, that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting 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, was in the minutes for the January 6, 2005 meeting of the subcommittee and that the minutes were in the Directors' Board meeting packet for reference. Mr. Meisner 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. Meisner reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was a letter to the Board of Directors from the West Central Nebraska Water Coalition LLC in which the Coalition stated their support of the recommended revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan. Mr. Meisner reported that the Coalition had commented in the letter that they suggested an automatic triggering process be included to allow a return to a lesser phase of control if the triggering process that implemented the controls were reversed. Mr. Meisner reported that in Chapter 10 of the Ground Water Management Plan, Section 10.4. Modification of Controls, provides for modifications to the next triggering mechanism level or the previous triggering mechanism level and Section 10.5.

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Dissolution of an Area, provides for dissolution of an area if the data shows a decrease to below the triggering mechanism level which established the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the draft revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan presented to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting and to approve the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to include in Section 8.3. of the recommended revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan a provision that the calculation will be based only on the land which lies within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and a new well must be located within the area of the acres irrigated from the well. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
NAY: None
ABSENT & Excused: Schilz
ABSENT: None

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the map of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District presented to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting showing sub-areas to be utilized in the administration of a Ground Water Management Area as proposed in the revisions for Chapter 8 of the Ground Water Management Plan. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
NAY: None
ABSENT & Excused: Schilz
ABSENT: None

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the following schedule presented to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting for implementation of a Ground Water Management Area as proposed in the 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
March/April 2005	State agencies review of Ground Water Management Plan revisions

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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 miles radius of a new wells (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 miles radius of a new wells (500 acres of the 2000 acres within the c-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

- 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

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

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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)

Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

A YE: Baldrige, Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT & Excused: Schilz

ABSENT: None

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Temporary Well Drilling Suspension - Operation Guidelines - New Wells & New Irrigated Acres - Mr. Meisner reported that 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, that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting 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, were in the Directors' Board meeting packet for reference.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve 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 presented to the Board of

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Directors during the January 13, 2005 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT & Excused: Schilz

ABSENT: None

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Temporary Well Drilling Suspension - Exceptions and Variances – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook was a letter from Joan Perlinger in which she was requesting a variance on the property described as Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 35 West of the 6th P.M., Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer reported that the variance is to incorporate dry land acres to accommodate a 299 acre pivot in exchange for not irrigating currently irrigated acres, to allow the Perlinger’s to irrigate 299 acres within section 34 from the existing registered ground water well, Registration Number G-0163687, and that no new irrigated acres will be added under the pivot.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors that if Joan Perlinger agrees that the registered ground water well, Registration Number G-016387, will only be used to irrigate 299 acres and not to increase the amount of irrigated acres and agrees to complete the Farm Service Agency Certification of Identity form, Nebraska Notice INFO-272, to allow the TPNRD access to acreage data for that specific field, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District agrees to grant a variance to Joan Perlinger to irrigate current dry land acres to accommodate a 299 acre pivot in exchange for not irrigating currently irrigated acres located in Section 34, Township 13 North, Range 35 West of the 6th P.M., Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT & Excused: Schilz

ABSENT: None

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Integrated Management Plan (IMP) - Advisors / Stakeholders Participation – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee reviewed the categories and representatives for stakeholders for the development of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee restated their desire to only have residence of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as a stakeholder and if replacements are needed in the future, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District will select the replacement stakeholder.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to add a Stakeholders category for Well Drillers and to invite Mike Wheeler,

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an employee of Sargent Irrigation Company and a resident of Ogallala, Nebraska, to be the representative for the Well Drillers. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT & Excused: Schilz

ABSENT: None

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Procedure and Timeline – Mr. Meisner reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District hoped to schedule the first meeting of the stakeholders during March or early April.

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water – Over Appropriated Basin Meeting – Mr. Meisner reported that an Over Appropriated Basin Meeting was scheduled for February 18, 2005 in North Platte.

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 January 2005 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 January 2005 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on February 10, 2005 in the amount of \$40,665.44. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

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NAY: None
ABSENT & Excused: Schilz
ABSENT: None

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

Bids/Proposals – None were presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled To Be Presented for Consideration During the March 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 March 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. Mr. Miller reported that the staff plans to present bids/proposals for consideration during the March 10, 2005 Board of Directors meeting for Brule Watershed maintenance. Mr. Miller reported that the District received a letter from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service dated January 10, 2005 recommending maintenance for the Brule Watershed.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Legislative Conference, January 25-26, 2005 – Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts annual Legislative Conference was held January 25-26, 2005 in Lincoln, NE. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ packet for information was a summary of Legislative Bills discussed during the conference and the Associations positions on the Legislative Bills discussed. Mr. Meismer reported that Senator Pederson had 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.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Meismer reported on the Board of Directors meeting held on January 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.

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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.

Subcommittee Appointments for 2005 - Mr. Rubenthaler announced the following appointments for the Subcommittees for 2005:

Water Resources Subcommittee

Jim Meisner - Chairperson

Robert Petersen

Joe Wahlgren

Jerry Weaver

Robert Wiseman

Dennis Schilz - Alternate (Mr. Schilz requested for 2005 to be an alternate on the Water Resources Subcommittee and to not be appointed to serve on another Subcommittee as he is likely to miss some meetings for awhile due to the illness of his wife)

Land Resources Subcommittee

Jeff Baldrige - Chairperson

Eric Hansen

Vacant (To be filled by the individual appointed to the Board to represent election Sub-District 1)

Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

Douglas Stack - Chairperson

Jim Rubenthaler

Jerry Weaver

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 \$30,062.13 was available.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the February 10, 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>
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PROPOSED NEW CONTRACTS:

05-031 NC-12	Trees	\$ 270.00	\$ 270.00
05-023 NC-12	Trees	\$ 812.69	\$ 812.69
05-033 NC-12	Trees	\$ 415.50	\$ 415.50
05-034 NC-12	Trees	\$ 817.30	\$ 817.30
05-035 NC-12	Trees	\$ 814.35	\$ 814.35
05-036 NC-12	Trees	\$ 789.38	\$ 789.38
05-037 NC-12	Trees	\$ 724.35	\$ 724.35
05-038 NC-12	Trees	\$ 831.00	\$ 831.00
05-039 NC-12	Trees	\$ 828.23	\$ 828.23
05-040 NC-12	Trees	\$ 831.00	\$ 831.00
05-041 NC-12	Trees	\$ 628.80	\$ 628.80
05-042 NC-12	Trees	\$ 111.00	\$ 111.00
05-043 NC-12	Trees	\$ 728.16	\$ 728.16
05-044 NC-12	Trees	\$ 831.00	\$ 831.00
05-045 NC-12	Trees	\$ 831.00	\$ 831.00
05-046 NC-12	Trees	\$ 775.58	\$ 775.58
Total Amount Of New Contracts			\$ 11,039.17
FUNDS AVAILABLE: Practice NC-12, Windbreaks			\$ 3,838.52
Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing			\$ 246.07
Practice NC-17, Irrigation			\$ 12,177.53
Other available practices			\$ 2,760.84

Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
 Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT & Excused: Schilz

ABSENT: None

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 \$5,525.99 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Programs – Nebraska Ranch Practicum – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet was information for the 2005 Nebraska Ranch Practicum. Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Ranch Practicum is conducted at the University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte and at the Gudmunsen Sandhills Lab. Mr. Miller reported that the cost for the Practicum was \$500.00 in 1999 and 2000, \$550.00 in 2001 and \$600.00 in 2002, 2003, 2004, and 2005. Mr. Miller reported that in previous years, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has authorized scholarships for ranchers from within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District to participate in the Nebraska Ranch Practicum of up to 5 - \$100.00 scholarships in 1999, 2000 and 2001 and up to 4 -

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\$125.00 scholarships in 2002, 2003, and 2004.

Mr. Weisman moved that the Board of Directors authorize up to 4 - \$125.00 scholarships for the 2005 Nebraska Ranch Practicum. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #10)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT & Excused: Schilz

ABSENT: None

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.

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 – No report presented.

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 – No report presented.

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

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements - Cooperative Hydrology Study – Mr. Miller reported that the sponsors are beginning discussion in regard to maintenance and future use of the computer model.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Ground Water Management

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Coalition – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet was information in regard to the Nebraska Supreme Court ruling for the Spear T Ranch.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – South Platte Coalition – Mr. Miller reported on the status of activities of the South Platte Coalition.

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

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 – No report presented.

Legislation – No report presented.

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

Mr. Baldrige asked Mr. Rubenthaler what the status was of the Executive Subcommittee's consideration of legal counsel for the District. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Executive Subcommittee was continuing to discuss options and was not ready to present a recommendation. Mr. Baldrige requested that the Executive Subcommittee consider Harriet Hageman of Cheyenne, Wyoming.

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:40 p.m. CST (3:40 p.m. MST).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary

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