

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 12, 2009

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) Board of Directors meeting was held at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, Second Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on March 12, 2009. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 3:11 pm CDT (2:11 pm MDT). 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  
Dale Margritz  
Jim Meisner  
Bob Petersen  
Jim Rubenthaler  
Dennis Schilz  
Doug Stack  
Jerry Weaver  
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shane Storer  
Joe Wahlgren

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator  
Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator  
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant  
Kent Miller, General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Jason Bode  
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation  
Frank Kwapnioski, NPPD  
T.J. Walker, NE Game & Parks  
Darrell White  
Troy White

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act requires public bodies to make available at least one current copy of the Open Meeting Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public, and at the beginning of the meeting the public shall be informed about the

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location of the posted information. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the current Open Meeting Act was in the back of the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Operating Policy Number 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENCES provides that a Director will be considered excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting that he will be absent and that the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Storer and Mr. Wahlgren notified the office that they would be absent and are therefore excused.

Distribution of Information – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that handouts were available for the public in the back of the meeting room.

Other Announcements – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the monthly summary report of Natural Resources Conservation Service 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.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Rubenthaler opened the Public Forum. There were no comments. Mr. Rubenthaler closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for February 19, 2009 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the February 19, 2009 meeting were in the Directors’ packet and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the February 19, 2009 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

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None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece distributed and reviewed a written report for information.

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, presented a report for the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting held on March 12, 2009.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Greg Fleecs – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Greg Fleecs. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Greg Fleecs to transfer 98.777 certified irrigated acres from the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that these locations have been run through the COHYST cycle well. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the new location of the transfer has a lower stream depletion factor, so the transfer will be a one-to-one ratio. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres because of this transfer. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that a new well permit is also being requested for the new location in-between Sections 14 and 15, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the producer would like to run two small pivots off of a new well between the two locations. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the existing irrigation well would be modified to pump less than 50 gallons per minute. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a map and an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Greg Fleecs to transfer 98.777 certified irrigated acres from the N $\frac{1}{2}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 15, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County, and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County.

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County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream provided that the old irrigation well will be modified to pump less than 50 gpm and subject to Greg Fleecs providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman  
Nay: None  
Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Wm J Finch Farms – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Wm J Finch Farms. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Wm J Finch Farms to transfer 138.0 certified irrigated acres from Sections 4, 5, 6, Township 13 North, Range 36 West, Keith County to the SE¼ Section 8, Township 12 North, Range 37 West, Keith County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the request is also to drill a new irrigation well at the new location. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that they will decommission an existing irrigation well that will no longer be used to irrigate the acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that this request is to be done over the next three years. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that a copy of their plan has been included, as well as a map provided by Wm J Finch Farms. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that any shortage of certified irrigated acres will be adjusted by converting the eastern portion of the request area to dry land farming and/or grass and the corners of the wiper pivot irrigation system will be planted to grass. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that these locations have been run through the COHYST cycle well and the new location of the transfer has a lower stream depletion factor, so the transfer will be a one-to-one ratio. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook were a formal written request by Wm J Finch Farms, a map provided by Wm J Finch Farms, maps of the area, and a COHYST map with SDF figures.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Wm J Finch Farms to transfer 138.0 certified irrigated acres from Sections 4, 5, 6, Township 13 North, Range 36 West, Keith County to the SE¼ Section 8, Township 12 North, Range 37 West, Keith County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream and subject to Wm J Finch Farms providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman  
Nay: None  
Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Darrell White – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Darrel White. Mr.

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Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Darrell White to transfer 128.2 certified irrigated acres from the SW¼ of Section 15, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County to the SE¼ Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 35 West, Keith County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that these locations are within a floating township of each other and have been run through the COHYST cycle well. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the new location of the transfer of acres has a lower stream depletion factor, so the transfer will be a one-to-one ratio. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the existing irrigation well would be modified to pump less than 50 gallons per minute. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a map and an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Darrell White to transfer 128.2 certified irrigated acres from the SW¼ of Section 15, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County to the SE¼ Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 35 West, Keith County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream provided that the old irrigation well will be modified to pump less than 50 gpm and subject to Darrell White providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman  
Nay: None  
Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Phil Merrill – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Phil Merrill. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Phil Merrill to transfer certified irrigated acres within the S½NW¼ of Section 12, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Merrill would like to flip his pivot 180 degrees and irrigate acres that had not been previously irrigated at the time of certification. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that he would not be increasing irrigated acres as he would dry up the same amount of acres he increases. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres, and he would be allowed to bank 12.0 acres for future use. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Phil Merrill to transfer certified irrigated acres within the S½NW¼ of Section 12, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream and

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subject to Phil Merrill providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack,  
Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Certified Irrigated Acres – Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the status for obtaining a required signature on the certification form. Mrs. Dimmitt reported on the status.

Integrated Management Plan – Platte River Basin – Over appropriated IMP – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook was the latest draft of a Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of Over appropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer suggested that the Board members review this draft, as it is close to a final draft that should be available in the next few months. Mr. Meismer reported that the Natural Resources Districts General Managers are working with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to finalize the draft that was presented to the Basin Stakeholders and supported by most of the stakeholders. Mr. Meismer reported that the Natural Resources Districts in the basin will need to approve a plan along with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders Meetings – Mr. Meismer reported that the next meeting of the TPNRD Stakeholders is scheduled for March 16, 2009 at 7:00 pm CDT.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Mr. Meismer reported that in regard to the timeline for approval of an IMP by the September 15, 2009 deadline, that the Subcommittee agreed to on February 19, 2009, Mr. Miller had added items for implementation of the IMP as follows:

<b>Twin Platte Natural Resources District</b>	
<b>Integrated Management Plan (IMP)</b>	
<b>Approval / Implementation</b>	
<b>Task</b>	<b>Dates</b>
<b>Water Subcomm. - IMP</b>	<b>Feb 19</b>
<b>Stakeholder’s Mtg.</b>	<b>Feb. 23</b>
<b>Water Subcomm. - IMP</b>	<b>Mar. 12</b>
<b>Stakeholder’s Mtg. – Final Recommendation</b>	<b>Mar. 16</b>
<b>Special Bd. Mtg. - IMP</b>	<b>Apr 2</b>

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<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. - IMP</b>	<b>Apr. 9</b>
<b>Stakeholder’s Mtg. - Final Recommendation (if needed)</b>	<b>Apr. 20</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve IMP to submit DNR</b>	<b>May 14</b>
<b>Joint NRD/DNR Mtg. (If needed)</b>	<b>May 21 or 28</b>
<b>Exchange Letters – NRD/DNR agreement</b>	<b>May 15 – June 3</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve IMP for Pub. Hearing</b>	<b>June 4 *</b>
<b>Water Subcomm. – Rules &amp; Reg. Rev.</b>	<b>June 4 *</b>
<b>Publish Legal Notice in NP Telegraph</b>	<b>June 9, 16, 23</b>
<b>Public Hearing - IMP</b>	<b>July 2</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg.–Approve IMP to submit to DNR</b>	<b>July 9</b>
<b>Water Subcomm. – Rules &amp; Reg. Rev.</b>	<b>July 9</b>
<b>Exchange Letters – Implement the plan</b>	<b>July 10 – Aug 12</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Meeting – Approve IMP &amp; Adopt Order</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg.–Approve Rules &amp; Reg. Rev. for Pub. Hearing</b>	<b>Aug 13</b>
<i>Water Subcomm. – Offsets Options</i>	<i>Aug 13</i>
<b>Publish Legal Notice in NP Telegraph</b>	<b>Aug 18, 25, Sept.1</b>
<b>Publish Order in NP Telegraph</b>	<b>Aug 18, 25 ,Sept.1</b>
<b>Public Hearing - Rules &amp; Reg. Rev.</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Meeting – Approve Rules &amp; Reg. Rev.</b>	<b>Sept. 10</b>
<i>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve Offsets Options</i>	<i>Sept. 10</i>
<b>Effective Date of IMP</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>
<b>Effective Date for Rules &amp; Reg. Rev.</b>	<b>Sept. 15</b>
<i>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Additional Offsets Options</i>	<i>Oc. 8, Nov 12</i>

\* Denotes a change in the regularly scheduled Board Meeting dates.

Mr. Meisner reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee continued working on a draft IMP.

Joint Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting (Central Platte, North Platte, South Platte, Tri-Basin, & Twin Platte NRDs) – March 13, 2009 – Mr. Meisner reported that the General Managers of the Central Platte NRD, North Platte NRD, South Platte NRD, Tri-Basin NRD, and Twin Platte NRD have scheduled a joint meeting of the Water Resources Subcommittees for March 13, 2009 at 10:30 am CDT (9:30 am MDT) in North Platte, NE. Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors Board meeting notebook was an agenda for the joint meeting. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to invite the other Twin Platte NRD Directors to attend this joint meeting of the Water

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Resources Subcommittees.

Ground Water Coalition – Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District vs North Platte NRD - Mr. Meismer reported that the Ground Water Coalition, of which the TPNRD is a member, agreed to petition in intervention in the CNPPID v. NPNRD case.

South Platte River – South Platte Coalition – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Schilz and Mr. Miller to report on the South Platte Coalition. Mr. Schilz and Mr. Miller reported on the status of the South Platte River Coalition in preparing to seek a water right for the winter provision of the South Platte River Compact.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

Mr. Doug Stack, Chairman of the Wildlife Habitat and Urban Affairs Sub-Committee presented a report for the Subcommittee held on March 12, 2009.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – Program Information Report – WILD Nebraska - T.J. Walker, Nebraska Game & Park Commission, and Mr. Carhart presented a program information report.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – Program Information Report – Corners for Wildlife - Mr. Carhart presented a program information report.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program – Program Review – Mr. Stack asked Mr. Carhart to report on the WILD Nebraska Program.

Mr. Carhart reviewed the materials in the Board of Directors notebooks. Mr. Carhart reviewed the map showing the current distribution of sites in the WILD Nebraska program, as well as remaining sites in the previous Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program (WHIP). Mr. Carhart reviewed a spreadsheet of sites receiving annual payments in WILD and WHIP, and how quickly the annual payment obligations are dwindling due to dual expirations of 5-year WILD agreements at the same time 10-year WHIP agreements expire. Mr. Carhart reported that due to budget cuts by the Game and Parks Commission, no annual payments have been offered in WILD since 2004.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program – Funds Available - Mr. Stack reported that a total of \$3,621.50 is being spent this fiscal year on existing WHIP/WILD annual payment obligations, with 75% or \$2,716.13 of that amount provided by the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, and the remaining 25% or \$ 905.37 is the District's contribution.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program – Contracts - Mr. Stack reviewed one proposed new WILD Nebraska agreement with no annual payments and \$1,003.00 to be expended for materials which would include 25 % or \$250.75 of District funds this

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fiscal year to complete, unless the cooperator is accepted into the Corners for Wildlife program at a later date.

Mr. Stack moved the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the following 2009 WILD Nebraska agreement:

<u>Agreement #</u>	<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Materials</u>
TP0901	Fleecs	LN	12	\$1,003.00

Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

Wildlife Habitat Programs – Corners for Wildlife Program – Mr. Stack asked Mr. Carhart to report on the Corners for Wildlife Program.

Mr. Carhart reported that Corners for Wildlife (CFW) has been an active program in this District since 1997 and that the program uses an Environmental Trust grant to provide annual payments made during the five year contract term. Mr. Carhart reviewed two spreadsheets provided in the Board of Directors notebooks that showed the level of participation by all the Natural Resources Districts since the program began, and over the last five years. Mr. Carhart reported that most CFW habitat materials are cost shared at 75% by local Pheasants Forever chapters, while the District contributes staff time in working with landowners to enroll qualifying projects and coordinate the habitat improvements installed. Mr. Carhart reported that the District also provides free machine planting of trees or shrubs on CFW sites where the landowner agrees to them.

Mr. Carhart reported that the CFW program is in the second year of three funded by the Environmental Trust. Mr. Carhart reported that projects are enrolled across the state on a first-come, first-served basis and that previous Board action allows the District to pursue as many of these contracts as possible while the funding is available. Mr. Carhart reported that fifteen 2009 CFW contracts in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District have already been approved by Pheasants Forever and that more CFW projects were in the process of being enrolled yet this year.

Mr. Carhart reported that the following corners are currently set to be planted this spring in Corners for Wildlife:

<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Co.</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Trees</u>	<u>Annual Payment</u>
Geisert Family	KE	100.7	0	\$6,042.00

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bids/Proposals - 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 Mr. Bowers’s desktop computer crashed this week and it is not able to be repaired. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Bowers is currently working on a project that needs to be completed prior to him beginning field work. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Bowers contacted Integrated Computer Systems in North Platte, who provides technical assistance for the District’s computers, and they can have a computer made to the District’s specifications and available within a week if the Board would approve the purchase this evening. Mr. Miller reported that normally the District seeks bids. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook was the proposal received from Integrated Computer Systems in North Platte for a Nexlink 5000 Intel Desktop computer. Mr. Miller recommended that the Board approve the proposal from Integrated Computer Systems in North Platte.

Mr. Stack moved to approve the proposal of \$1,390.63 from Integrated Computer Systems in North Platte for the purchase of a Nexlink 5000 Intel Desktop computer for the Water Programs Field Coordinator. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack,  
Weaver, Wiseman  
Nay: None  
Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for February 2009 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meismer 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. Meismer moved that the Financial Statement for February 2009 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on March 12, 2009 in the amount of \$22,415.92. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack,  
Weaver, Wiseman  
Nay: None  
Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

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

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Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the April 9, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the April 9, 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Legislation – Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors' packet and the Directors' notebook were NARD Legislative Update reports.

Water Policy Task Force – No report presented.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs – Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported on the following TPNRD guidelines for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program:

- Funding adjustments shall go back to the reserved category established by the Board of Directors that the funds come from.
- Applications will be considered in the order the producers sign them.
- From July 1 – January 30, applications shall be considered for funding only when funds are available to fully fund the contract.
- From January 31 – June 30, the funds from each reserved category shall be merged and applications on file shall be considered for funding in the order they are signed by the producer, and only one application may be approved for partial funding at any time.
- On June 30, all applications not approved by the Board of Directors shall be canceled.

Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the monthly report.

Mr. Miller reported that \$0.00 was available for funding additional contracts following the February 19, 2009 Board meeting. Mr. Miller reported that any un-obligated funds on March 1, 2009 are required to be returned to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for re-distribution to the NRD's. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors on February 19, 2009 authorize the General Manager to approve additional

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contracts in the order they are signed by the producer and received in the office prior to March 1, 2009 for any eligible practices available for cost share within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District up to and not to exceed the funds available. Mr. Miller reported that \$0.00 became available prior to March 1, 2009 and \$0.00 was returned to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Miller reported that with slippage after March 1, 2009 from previously approved contracts, \$2,954.18 was now available to fund new contracts.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the March 12, 2009 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>
9.041	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,260.03	\$ 1,260.03
9.042	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,606.54	<u>\$ 1,606.54</u>
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 2,866.57
FUNDS AVAILABLE:		Practice NC-12, Windbreaks	\$	87.61
		Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing	\$	0.00
		Practice NC-17, Irrigation	\$	0.00
		Other available practices	\$	0.00

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

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board notebook was a report, and that \$3,901.45 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – Mr. Miller reported that 5,550 trees were ordered from the Colorado State Nursery, 825 trees were ordered from the Lincoln-Oakes Nursery, and 10,035 trees were ordered from the Nursery at Halsey, NE for a total of 16,410 trees. Mr. Miller reported that District personnel will begin tree planting April 8, 2009. Mr. Miller reported that the District was using one machine crew this year, which is scheduled to plant 6,035 trees at 30 sites. Mr. Miller reported that Mike Ekdahl was scheduled to place 63,360 feet (12.00 miles) of Water Conservation Mulch at 29 sites, which is 97% of the machine crew planted sites. Mr. Miller reported that 10,375 trees have been sold to be planted by 57 individuals.

Range Program – Ranch Practicum – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was information for the 2009 Nebraska Ranch Practicum and a listing of scholarships awarded by the TPNRD 1999 through 2008. Mr. Miller reported that the

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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 recommended that the Board of Directors authorize up to 4 - \$175.00 scholarships for the 2009 Nebraska Ranch Practicum.

Mr. Wiseman moved to authorize up to four - \$175 scholarships for the 2009 Nebraska Ranch Practicum. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack,  
Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wahlgren

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 – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management Plans – No report presented.

Water Programs – Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watersheds - Brule – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watersheds – Western Irrigation – 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.

Regulatory Programs - Chemigation – No report presented.

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

Regulatory Programs – Ground Water Runoff – No report presented.

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Hazard Mitigation Plans – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Legislation – No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests for authorization to travel were presented.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that a Board of Directors work session on the Integrated Management Plan will be held on Thursday, April 2, 2009 at 1:00 pm CDT (12:00 noon MDT) at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, April 9, 2009 at 7:30 pm CDT (6:30 pm MDT) at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:54 pm CDT (3:54 pm MDT).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary