

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 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 April 9, 2009. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm CDT (6:43 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
Doug Stack
Joe Wahlgren
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Schilz
Shane Storer
Jerry Weaver

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

Don Colvin
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation

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 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.

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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. Schilz, Mr. Storer, and Mr. Weaver 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 March 12, 2009 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the March 12, 2009 meeting were in the Directors’ packet and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the March 12, 2009 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer, Weaver

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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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 April 9, 2009.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Larry Peterson, and Roger Pramberg – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Larry Peterson, and Roger Pramberg. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Larry Peterson wants to transfer 87.5 certified irrigated acres from the SE¹/₄ of Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County, to Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the reason for the request is to convert the current flood field to a pivot. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Roger Pramberg would like to reconfigure his certified irrigated acres from flood to better fit under the pivot. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that this pivot will be owned 50/50 between the two producers. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that these locations have been run through the COHYST cycle well. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that at the pivot location, the depletion factor is 4.5% higher than at Larry Peterson's current location of irrigated acres, therefore to be able to transfer 87.5 acres he must dry up 91.43 acres. 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 Larry Peterson, and Roger Pramberg to transfer 87.5 certified irrigated acres from the SE¹/₄ of Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County, to Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream subject to Larry Peterson, and Roger Pramberg providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

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Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer, Weaver

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Loren Sylvan to transfer 2.0 certified irrigated acres within the NE¼ of Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the reason for the request is to convert from flood irrigation to a pivot. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. 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 Loren Sylvan to transfer 2.0 certified irrigated acres within the NE¼ of Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream subject to Loren Sylvan providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Brian & Phyllis Vasa to transfer 22.8 certified irrigated acres within the NW¼ of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 39 West, Keith County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the reason for the request is to convert from flood irrigation to a pivot. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. 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 Brian & Phyllis Vasa to transfer 22.8 certified irrigated acres within the NW¼ of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 39 West, Keith County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream subject to Brian & Phyllis Vasa 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, Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

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Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer, Weaver

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Christine Svoboda to transfer 5.0 certified irrigated acres from the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21- Township 13 North, Range 39 West, Keith County, to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21- Township 13 North, Range 39 West, Keith County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the reason for the request is to convert from flood irrigation to a pivot. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Western Irrigation Canal, which runs along the southeast corner of the field, has been moved so the pivot can make a full circle without crossing the canal. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Christine Svoboda to transfer 5.0 certified irrigated acres from the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21-Township 13 North, Range 39 West, Keith County, to the SE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 21- Township 13 North, Range 39 West, Keith County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream subject to Christine Svoboda providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Marilyn Srb to transfer 6.0 certified irrigated acres from the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18 – Township 11 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County, to the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 18 - Township 11 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there is a gulch that divides these two quarters. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there is a small portion of acres that could be farmed in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18 that is not currently being farmed. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the acres would be dried up from the flood irrigation in the NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of Section 18. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Marilyn Srb to transfer 6.0 certified

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irrigated acres from the NW¼ of Section 18 – Township 11 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County, to the NE¼ Section 18 - Township 11 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream subject to Marilyn Srb providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer, Weaver

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Fred and Gladith Maire to transfer 45.0 of their 98.777 certified irrigated acres from the N½SW¼ of Section 34 – Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County to the NW¼ Section 14 – Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County and to drill an irrigation well to the NW¼ 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. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was an aerial photo of the area.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that a new well permit is also being requested for the new location in Section 14 - Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the producer would like to develop one small wiper pivot using the requested new well. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the existing irrigation well will still be used to irrigate the remaining 53.777 certified irrigated acres at the current location.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that at the March 12, 2009 Board meeting, the Board approved Motion #2 granting a variance to Greg Fleecs to transfer 98.777 certified irrigated acres from the N½SW¼ of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County to the NE¼ of Section 15, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County, and the NW¼ of Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Greg Fleecs was not successful in attempting to purchase the 98.777 certified irrigated acres from the N½SW¼ of Section 34, Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County and that Fred and Gladith Maire would now like to transfer these certified irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Board of Directors would need to rescind motion #2 from the March 12, 2009 Board meeting prior to approving the request from Fred and Gladith Maire.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to rescind motion #2 from the March 12, 2009 Board meeting. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Fred and Gladith Maire to transfer 45.0 of their 98.777 certified irrigated acres from the N½SW¼ of Section 34 – Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County to the NW¼ Section 14 – Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County, there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream subject to Fred and Gladith Maire providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership and to approve granting a variance to Fred and Gladith Maire to drill an irrigation well to the NW¼ Section 14 – Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Don Oppliger Ranch to drill an irrigation well to irrigate their already certified ground water irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Don Oppliger Ranch transferred 128.2 certified irrigated acres last month to this location and would like to drill an irrigation well to water these acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that these acres came from Tony & Darrel White of Paxton who are modifying their well to pump less than 50 gpm to be used for livestock. 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 Don Oppliger Ranch to drill an irrigation well to irrigate their already certified ground water irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack,
Wahlgren, Wiseman
Nay: None

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Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer, Weaver

Ground Water Management – Variances – Request of Troy L. Reese – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook was a letter from Troy L. Reese and an aerial photo of the area noted in the letter. Mr. Meismer reported that the request presented in the letter is the same request that Troy L. Reese and DeWayne Reese presented during the July 13, 2006 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Meismer reported that the Reese’s had purchased land in Section 1, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County that they had planned to irrigate from an existing well which could not be certified as irrigated acres. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee on August 17, 2006 reviewed the District’s Rules and Regulations and determined that the District’s rules and regulations did not allow irrigation of this land and therefore no action could occur to allow Troy L. Reese and DeWayne Reese to irrigate this land.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed that they did not have any new information now that the land in Section 1, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County has been previously irrigated within the provisions allowed in the District’s Rules and Regulations for certifying irrigated acres and therefore no action should occur to allow Troy L. Reese to irrigate this land. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to request the staff to send a letter to Troy L. Reese.

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 – Schedule - Mr. Meismer reviewed the following timeline for approval of a TPNRD IMP by the September 15, 2009 deadline, which the Subcommittee agreed to on February 19, 2009:

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

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

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders Meetings – Mr. Meisner reported that the next meeting of the TPNRD Stakeholders is scheduled for April 20, 2009 at 7:00 pm CDT. Mr. Meisner reported that this is the last scheduled meeting for the stakeholders.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Mr. Meisner reported that in the April 2, 2009 Directors’ Board meeting packet was a draft IMP prepared by Mrs. Dimmitt and NE Department of Natural Resources personnel. Mr. Meisner reported that Mrs. Dimmitt and Jennifer Schellpeper, NE Department of Natural Resources, reviewed the draft IMP. Mr. Meisner reported that Mrs. Schellpeper and the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed

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on a draft IMP to present to the stakeholders on April 20, 2009.

Integrated Management Plan – Platte River Basin – Over Appropriated IMP – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of the Platte River Basin Over Appropriated IMP. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet 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. Miller 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. Miller 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. Miller reported that the Natural Resources Districts in the basin will need to approve a plan along with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program - Water Demands – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of Platte River Recovery Implementation Program water demands. Mr. Miller reported that Ron Bishop, General Manager, Central Platte NRD, and he, had met with Governor Dave Heineman, met with representatives from surface water irrigation district, and met with representatives from environmental organizations, to discuss the joint recommendation of the Water Resources Subcommittees of the North Platte NRD, South Platte NRD, Tri-Basin NRD, Central Platte NRD, and Twin Platte NRD made on March 13, 2009 in regard to the water demands for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and NRDs Integrated Management Plans to return the Platte River Basin to 1997 and Fully Appropriated.

Lower Platte River Basin - Not Fully Appropriated Order - Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook for information was the notice and order of the Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources that the Lower Platte River Basin is not fully appropriated.

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 April 9, 2009.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program – Contracts - Mr. Stack reported that Agreement TP0901, approved during the March 12, 2009 Board meeting (Motion #6), would not be utilizing WILD Nebraska funds as Mr. Fleecs has been accepted into the Corners for Wildlife program. Mr. Stack reported that annual payments are offered by the Corners for Wildlife program, which the WILD Nebraska program does not offer.

Mr. Stack reviewed another proposed new WILD Nebraska agreement with no annual payments and \$1,303.00 to be expended for materials, which includes \$325.75 of District funds to cover 25 % of the cost, while a Game & Parks Environmental Trust grant picks

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up the other 75% to complete the improvements, which utilizes trees and shrubs planted by the District.

Mr. Stack moved the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to rescind motion #6 from the March 12, 2009 Board meeting, and to approve the following 2009 WILD Nebraska agreement:

<u>Agreement #</u>	<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Materials</u>
TP0902	Armstrong	KE	5	\$1,303.00

Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

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

Mr. Carhart reported that two more Corners for Wildlife (CFW) program contracts have been added since the time of the March 2009 Subcommittee and Board meeting report. Mr. Carhart reported that the CFW program is in the second year of three funded by an Environmental Trust grant, with a series of these grants keeping the program funded since 1997. 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 each year while funding remains available.

Mr. Carhart reported that the following pivot corners are to be planted this spring to shrubs and/or grass and legume seed through Corners for Wildlife, with the District providing the planting service for any project trees or shrubs, and Pheasants Forever providing the remaining program cost-share:

<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>Co.</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Trees/Shrubs</u>	<u>Annual Payment</u>
Geisert Family (15 corners)	KE	100.7	0	\$6,042.00
Don Fleecs (1 corner)	LN	11.8	0	\$ 708.00
Mark Hahn (1 corner)	KE	5.6	540	\$ 560.00

Nebraska Buffer Strip Program – Mr. Stack asked Mr. Carhart to report on the Nebraska Buffer Strip Program.

Mr. Carhart reported that the Buffer Strip Program began in 1999 with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture offering annual payments generated from pesticide registration fees to enroll cropland converted to grass filter strips, or riparian forest buffers, next to major field drainages, streams or wetlands. Mr. Carhart reviewed a summary report placed in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook showing the District currently has 11 sites and 60.7 acres enrolled for 10 years in the program with payments totaling a combined \$5,964.21 per year. Mr. Carhart reported that program funds have

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increased and were ample enough in 2008 for the State to increase the annual payment rates for new projects from \$150 to \$250 per acre on irrigated land, with non-irrigated lands or lands also enrolled in USDA programs to receive lesser payment rates.

Mr. Carhart reported that a summary report was in the Directors' Board meeting notebook which included the following three Buffer Strip Program projects, which are new for 2009 with grass filter strips already planted or to be planted at no cost to the District and with annual payments provided by the Nebraska Department of Agriculture:

<u>NDA#</u>	<u>Landowner</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Acres</u>	<u>Annual BSP Payments</u>
09034	Armknrecht	Keith	12.8	\$ 106.88
09035	Armknrecht	Keith	14.7	\$ 131.57
TBA	Steffes	Lincoln	1.1	\$ 247.50

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for March 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 March 2009 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on April 9, 2009 in the amount of \$25,104.97. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer, Wahlgren

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

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the May 14, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that bids/proposals would be presented for consideration during the May 14, 2009 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of a vehicle. Mr. Miller reported that the vehicle would be a midsize four door sedan. Mr.

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Miller reported that the vehicle will be assigned to Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator, and will also be the primary vehicle used by Kevin Spelts, Ground Water Modeler. Mr. Miller reported that the Budget provides for this purchase.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Legislation – Mr. Meismer 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 – NSWCP - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook was a report and that \$1,908.31 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Wiseman moved to approve the April 9, 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>
9.043	NC-10	Pasture Planting	\$ 607.59	\$ 607.59
9.044	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 1,300.57	\$ 1,300.57
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 1,908.16

FUNDS AVAILABLE: All available practices \$ 0.15

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer, Weaver

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.

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Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Program – 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 – 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.

Water Programs – South Platte River Compact – 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.

Hazard Mitigation Plans – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Legislation – No report presented.

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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 the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, May 14, 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 8:51 pm CDT (7:51 pm MDT).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary