

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
May 13, 2004

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors meeting was held at the United Nebraska Bank Center Meeting Room, Second Floor, West Wing, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on May 13, 2004. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:44 p.m. CDT (6:44 p.m. 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
James Meisner
Robert Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Dennis Schilz
Douglas Stack
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Baldrige
Todd Kramer

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Applegate
Don Fleecs
Andy Olson
Ken Niedan
Frank Fleecs
Kirk Olson
Richard Bode
Robert Brown
Bud Priel
Don Colvin
Marcie Colvin
Lorene Huebner
Jack Moorhead
Peggy Moorhead
Bill Moorhead
Jackie Moorhead
Jim Haugland
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation
Frank Kwapnioski, Nebraska Public Power District
Matt Lindburg, Nebraska Public Power District
John Cizek, Nebraska Public Power District

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Mitch Gerstenkorn, Park Superintendent, Lake McConaughy - Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

- *Others who may not have signed the attendance sheet -*

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Glen Bowers, Water Programs Coordinator

Bill Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator

Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Technician

Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant

Kent O. Miller, General Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report of Directors Excused - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Baldrige and Mr. Kramer were excused.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors Notebooks Containing Information Items Available for Handout - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that each Director has a notebook containing information items that are available for handouts for others attending the meeting.

Other Items - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that notebooks containing the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Plans signed by the General Manager, as the Twin Platte Natural Resources District representative, were available for information and that the notebooks 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 of the meeting.

Comments were heard from Jim Applegate in regard to his opposition for the temporary well drilling suspension that will be effective July 1, 2004.

Questions from several were asked of Nebraska Public Power District representatives present who provided responses in regard to the wells being installed at the Nebraska Public Power District Gerald Gentleman Station located south of Sutherland, Nebraska.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Lake McConaughy Visitors Center – Mr. Schilz reported that Tom Plummer, Chairman of the Friends of Big Mac Committee, had requested to make a presentation to the Board of Directors but was unable to be present. Mr. Schilz reported that Mr. Plummer had prepared a letter, which is in the Directors’ notebook for information, and he read the letter. Mr. Schilz introduced Mitch Gerstenkorn, Nebraska Game and Parks Commission Park Superintendent - Lake McConaughy. Mr. Gerstenkorn reported that the Friends of Big Mac Committee was working with the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission in regard to the native area in front of the Visitors Center building. Mr. Gerstenkorn reported that they are now ready to move forward with landscaping this area with native materials and paths and he reviewed the plans. Mr. Gerstenkorn reported that the local Game and Parks staff along with the Horticulture Department of Game and Parks from Lincoln will provide labor and materials for the project and that he also has two University interns lined up for the summer to work in this area. Mr. Gerstenkorn reported that the Friends of Big Mac Committee, which has been involved with most of the funding for the Visitors Center building, would provide \$1,000.00 in cash for materials. Mr. Gerstenkorn reported that the Friends of Big Mac Committee hopes the Twin Platte Natural Resources District would be a partner on this part of the project by providing some labor and plantings along with a cash amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Gerstenkorn reported that the Friends of Big Mac Committee would be most happy to place a bronze plaque in the area recognizing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as a partner along with placing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District name on the Contributor Board inside the Visitors Center building.

Mr. Schilz requested that the Board of Directors consider this request for assistance under the “District Report – Requests of Assistance” agenda item.

NPPD Gerald Gentleman Station Wells - Frank Kwapnioski, Nebraska Public Power District, reported on the computer model study being developed in regard to the ground water wells being installed at the Nebraska Public Power District Gerald Gentleman Station located south of Sutherland, Nebraska.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for April 8, 2004 Meeting - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the April 8, 2004 Board of Directors meeting were in the Directors' packet and he asked if there were corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Mr. Meisner moved that the Minutes of the April 8, 2004 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #1)

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

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NAY: None
ABSENT: Baldrige, Kramer

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS

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

Nebraska Natural Resources Commission – Mr. Miller reported that Keith Rexroth, South Platte River Basin representative, had called prior to the Board meeting and asked if this would be a good meeting for him to attend, as he would like to report to the Board of the activities of the Commission. Mr. Miller reported that he told Mr. Rexroth what was on the agenda and he decided that he would attend a Board meeting at another time, as he did not want to add to what appeared to be a lengthy agenda.

Other Agencies - No report 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 of Directors meeting and he presented a report.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a listing of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program eligible practices. Mr. Meismer reported that the current policy of the District provides that Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, parts F & G, Practice, NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, part C, Practice NC-16, Windbreak Renovation, Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, selected components in part B and Practice NC-19, Repair of Practices, are not available for cost-share in the District. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that the District should continue with the current policy of eligible practices available for cost share within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Meismer reported that Board of Directors action was not needed to continue the current policy.

Mr. Meismer reported that it is likely that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's allocation for the 2005 Fiscal Year will be the same as the District received for the 2004 Fiscal Year, but that the actual allocation will not be known until sometime in June after the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission determines the allocation for each Natural

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Resources District.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program that for Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2004 to January 30, 2005; for Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2004 to January 30, 2005; for Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2004 to January 30, 2005; and for the other eligible practices that 10% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2004 to January 30, 2005 and that any funds available after January 30, 2005 may be used for any eligible practice. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion, and it carried.
(Motion #2)

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

Cost-Share Programs - District Program - Mr. Meismer reported that the District's Cost-Share Program for the 2004 Fiscal Year provided cost-share for sealing abandoned wells. Mr. Meismer reported that during the July 10, 2003 Board of Directors meeting, the Board approved that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District participate in the Nebraska Water Well Decommissioning Fund, to authorize budgeting \$10,000.00 annually for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Water Well Decommissioning program and to authorize the General Manager to sign the Water Well Decommissioning Fund Agreement and Certification for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District required by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources as the Twin Platte Natural Resources District representative. Mr. Meismer reported that the fund provides state tax dollars for cost-share assistance through the state's Natural Resources Districts to help encourage the proper decommissioning of water wells that are no longer needed or used. Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Water Well Decommissioning Fund provides reimbursement for Natural Resources District's programs of up to the amount of the local programs cost-share, and if there are not adequate funds available to fully reimburse Districts, the funds available are shared. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors that for the District's Cost-Share Program for the 2005 Fiscal Year that the District continue to provide cost-share for sealing abandoned wells and that the District continue with the current policy that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District participate in the Nebraska Water Well Decommissioning Fund and authorizes budgeting \$10,000.00 annually for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Water Well Decommissioning program. Mr. Meismer reported that Board of Directors action was not needed to continue the current policy.

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Temporary Well Drilling Suspension – Rules and Regulations – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a document prepared by Mr. Miller which contains "Motion #2 Tabled April 8, 2004" and "Issues" for the May 13, 2004 Water Resources Subcommittee

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meeting. Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a document prepared by Mr. Miller, with advise from Jim Cook, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, titled "Twin Platte Natural Resources District, Ground Water Management, April 29, 2004, Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water" which is a compilation of Board of Directors actions, LB962 issues, and examples to assist the staff with daily questions. Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a document prepared by Jim Cook, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources titled "Effect of LB962, On, Integrated Management Planning, In The, Twin Platte NRD, 4-28-04".

Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee discussed the Water Policy Task Force Legislation, LB962, enacted by the Nebraska Legislature this year.

Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee discussed the current temporary well drilling suspension rules and regulations, the revisions proposed in Motion #2 Tabled April 8, 2004 and possible additional revision that could be added to Rule 2.5.3. Mr. Meisner reported that with the passage of LB962, if the Twin Platte Natural Resources District wishes to make changes in the temporary well drilling suspension rules and regulations, those changes need to take effect before July 16, 2004. Mr. Meisner reported that Nebraska Statutes, Section 46-656.28, will be repealed on that day and therefore after July 15, 2004, there is no statutory authority for those rules and regulations and they will simply expire on July 16, 2004. Mr. Meisner reported that given the lateness of the possible hearings, etc, it may be preferable to wait until after LB962 takes effect and then simply work within the context of the exceptions to the stays under that legislation. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors that the revisions proposed in Motion #2 Tabled April 8, 2004 for the rules and regulations for a temporary well drilling suspension not be enacted.

Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee discussed the area for the temporary well drilling suspension, which will be effective July 1, 2004, and the revisions proposed in Motion #2 Tabled April 8, 2004. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee reviewed six options prepared by Mr. Miller for revising the area for a temporary well drilling suspension.

Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to ask the Board of Directors if the Water Resources Subcommittee should continue to consider the possibility of expanding the temporary well drilling suspension area and the subsequent stay of irrigated areas and bring to the Board of Directors a recommendation in that regard during the June 10, 2004 Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Meisner moved that the Board of Directors request the Water Resources Subcommittee to consider the possibility of expanding the temporary well drilling suspension area and the subsequent stay of irrigated areas and bring to the Board of Directors a recommendation in that regard during the June 10, 2004 Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #3)

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AYE: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman
NAY: Wahlgren
ABSENT: Baldrige, Kramer

Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that, if the Board of Directors requested the Water Resources Subcommittee to consider the possibility of expanding the temporary well drilling suspension area and the subsequent stay of irrigated areas and bring to the Board of Directors a recommendation in that regard, that Mr. Meismer and Mr. Miller should meet with Roger Patterson, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Jim Cook, Legal Counsel, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources prior to the next meeting of the Subcommittee to discuss the timelines and options in regard to expanding the area.

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Temporary Well Drilling Suspension – Variances Procedures and Guidelines – Mr. Meismer reported that this would be an agenda item for a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Joint Action Plan – Mr. Meismer reported that for the District to begin discussions of the timeline and activities required by Nebraska Statutes for the preparation of a joint action plan for the integrated management of hydrologically connected ground water and surface water, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources personnel would conduct a work session with the full Board of Directors during the July 8, 2004 Board of Directors meeting.

Ground Water Programs - Management Plan – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee would have draft revisions for the Ground Water Management Plan for a future meeting of the Board of Directors that could allow the District to require permits for drilling new wells outside of the temporary suspension area.

Ground Water Programs - NPPD Gerald Gentleman Station Wells – Mr. Meismer reported that NPPD had initiated an Advisory Committee that had met once at the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's offices to facilitate communication and discuss options for mitigation for damages that the NPPD Gerald Gentleman Station Wells could cause. Mr. Meismer reported that the three NPPD representatives on the Advisory Committee were Bill Fehrman, President & CEO; Ralph Holzfast, Member Board of Directors; and Frank Kwapnioski, Water Resources. Mr. Meismer reported that the three Twin Platte Natural Resources District representatives on the Advisory Committee were Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Miller, and himself. Mr. Meismer reported that six producers participated in the first Advisory Committee meeting. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Bowers had reported to the Subcommittee on the irrigation wells around the Gerald Gentleman Station that the District staff selected for spring and fall well levels monitoring and on the locations selected for dedicated monitoring wells with continuous recorders around the Gerald Gentleman Station that NPPD will install and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District will own and maintain.

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South Platte River - South Platte River Coalition – Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ packet for information was a draft of an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Meismer reported that the Western Irrigation District has received notice that the Western Irrigation District’s application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust was recommended for approval. Mr. Meismer reported that the Trust grant is for research and analysis of Nebraska’s water supply possibilities from the South Platte River, and to perform and pursue such other activities concerning such other matters related to the South Platte River. Mr. Meismer reported that a South Platte Group of sponsors is being formed and an interlocal cooperation agreement is currently being presented to each sponsor. Mr. Meismer reported that the South Platte Group of sponsors and the proposed contribution is: Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District (\$7,000.00); Central Platte Natural Resources District (\$7,000.00); Nebraska Public Power District (\$7,000.00); South Platte Natural Resources District (\$7,000.00); State of Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (\$7,000.00); Twin Platte Natural Resources District (\$7,000.00); and Western Irrigation District (\$38,000.00). Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District contribution would be included in the 2005 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Board of Directors approve the Twin Platte Natural Resources District participating in the South Platte River Coalition, to authorize a contribution of \$7,000.00, to authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the South Platte River Coalition as the Twin Platte Natural Resources District representative, and to designate the General Manager as the District representative on the Board of Directors of the South Platte River Coalition. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #4)

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

Rainfall Network - Mr. Bowers presented a report to the Board of Directors.

Canal Screen Cleaning Demonstration Project - Mr. Meismer reported that this would be an agenda item for a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

Miscellaneous Information - Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ packet for information was the Northwest Kansas Ground Water Management District Number 4 Newsletter – May/June, 2004. Mr. Meismer encouraged the Board members to read the article on Page 3 of the newsletter titled “GMD 4 Questions EQIP Funds”.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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 April 2004 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on May 13, 2004 in the amount of \$22,628.80. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #5)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT: Baldrige, Kramer, Wiseman

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 June 10, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the June 10, 2004 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Board of Directors Meetings – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' notebook was information for the Nebraska Association of Resources District Missouri River Basin Tour – June 21-22, 2004.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Water Policy Task Force – No report presented.

Platte River Citizens Advisory Council – No report presented.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported on

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recent activities of the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council. Mr. Hansen reported that the Coordinator for the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council would be attending the June 10, 2004 Board meeting to report on activities and programs of the Council.

Requests for Authorization to Travel - No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Requests for Assistance – Lake McConaughy Visitors Center –

Mr. Schilz moved to approve the request for assistance from the Friends of Big Mac Committee requesting that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District be a partner in the project developing a native area in front of the Visitors Center building with landscaping of native materials and building paths by providing some labor and plantings along with a cash amount of \$1,000.00. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #6)

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

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 \$4,801.26 was available.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the May 13, 2004 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>
PROPOSED NEW CONTRACTS:				
04-075 NC-14		Planned Grazing System	\$ 1,860.25	\$ 1,860.25
04-076 NC-14		Planned Grazing System	\$ 540.50	\$ 540.50
04-039 NC-17		Irrigation Water Management	\$ 780.00	<u>\$ 780.00</u>
Total Amount Of New Contracts				<u>\$ 3,180.75</u>
FUNDS AVAILABLE: Available practices				\$ 1,620.51

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #7)

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

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program – Sealing Abandoned Wells – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information was a report for information. Mr. Miller reported that 20 contracts have been approved

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for cost-share, and that \$4,663.36 was available for additional contracts.

Cost-Share Programs – NE Buffer Strip Program - No report presented.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Programs – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – No report presented.

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

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

Water Programs – Ground Water Program – District Programs – No report presented.

Water Programs – Ground Water Program – 319 Project – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was the Quarterly Report.

Water Programs – Ground Water Program – Ground Water Management Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management of Ground Water and Surface Water – Joint Action Plan – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management of Ground Water and Surface Water – Temporary Suspension – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watershed Program - Brule – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watershed Program – Western Irrigation Watershed – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook for information was a letter inviting the South Platte Natural Resources District and the Upper Republican Natural Resources District to join the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as a joint sponsor for development, with assistance from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, of the South Platte River – Western Irrigation Watershed. Mr. Miller reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors on January 8, 2004, took action to authorize that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District be the lead sponsor or a joint sponsor with the South Platte Natural Resources District and the Upper Republican Natural Resources District for development, with assistance from the USDA NRCS, of the South Platte River – Western Irrigation Watershed and to authorize the General Manager to submit a letter and the appropriate applications to the USDA NRCS requesting federal assistance for development of the South Platte River – Western Irrigation Watershed. Mr. Miller reported that the letter inviting participation was delayed waiting for information from the Natural Resources Conservation Service State Office.

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Water Programs – Platte River Activities - Cooperative Agreement – Mr. Miller reported on the status of the Cooperative Agreement. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ packet for information was the National Academies of Science “Summary” report.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities - Cooperative Hydrology Study – Mr. Miller reported on the status of the Cooperative Hydrology Study.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities – Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities – Economic Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities – North Platte River – No report presented.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities – South Platte River – 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.

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.

BUDGET FOR 2005 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet was a schedule for preparing the 2005 Fiscal Year Budget for the District. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule provides for Board review of the first draft of the Budget during the June Board meeting which is the same schedule followed the last six years. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule provides the Board an opportunity to view the first draft of a Budget one-month earlier than the schedule that had been followed prior to 1999. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule for preparing the 2005 Fiscal Year Budget provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:54 p.m. CDT (8:54 p.m. MDT).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary

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