

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 13, 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 August 13, 2009. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:41 pm CDT (6:41 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  
Joe Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver  
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shane Storer

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant  
Kent Miller, General Manager  
Dave Slattery, Conservation Programs Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Jared Abraham, USGS  
William Barger  
Jim Cannia, USGS  
Bart Nichols, Sargent Irrigation  
Greg Steele, USGS

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

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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 had notified the office that he would be absent and is 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 present.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

Programs Information Reports – Conservation Tree Program – Mr. Slattery presented a power point report on the urban forestry tree program in the TPNRD.

Helicopter Electromagnetic - Mr. Miller reported that he has been working with the North Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD, and the U.S. Geological Survey for developing a Helicopter Electromagnetic (HEM) Project for the three NRDs. James C. Cannia, U.S. Geological Survey – Mitchell, NE, Jared Abraham, U.S. Geological Survey – Denver, CO, and Greg Steel, U.S. Geological Survey - Lincoln, NE, presented a power point report on HEM. Mr. Cannia distributed and reviewed a draft Nebraska Environmental Trust Application he is preparing for the HEM project titled “Aerial Geophysical Survey of Selected Panhandle and West Central Aquifers” for the North Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD, and the Twin Platte NRD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Minutes for July 9, 2009 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the July 9, 2009 meeting were in the Directors’ packet and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Wahlgren moved that the Minutes of the July 9, 2009 Board of Directors meeting be

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approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

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

Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs

Mr. Stack, Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the meeting held on August 13, 2009.

Urban Forestry Program - Program Report – Mr. Stack reported that Mr. Slattery reported on the TPNRD’s Urban Forestry Program earlier in the Board meeting.

Urban Forestry Program - Approved Community Programs - Mr. Stack reviewed the past levels of utilization for Sutherland, which began in fiscal year 1997. Mr. Stack reported that the current three-year program for Sutherland began in fiscal year 2009 and continues to June 30, 2011. Mr. Stack reported that the Subcommittee was recommending that \$2,000.00, the maximum allowed by District policy, be allocated for fiscal year 2010.

Urban Forestry Program - Applications for Community Programs - Mr. Stack reviewed the past levels of utilization for North Platte, which began in fiscal year 1995. Mr. Stack reported that the current three-year program for North Platte began in fiscal year 2007 and ended June 30, 2009. Mr. Stack reported that North Platte has submitted a written request for a new three-year program. Mr. Stack reported that the Subcommittee was recommending a new three-year program for North Platte and that \$2,000.00, the maximum allowed by District policy, be allocated for fiscal year 2010.

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Mr. Stack reviewed the past levels of utilization for Ogallala, which began in fiscal year 1995. Mr. Stack reported that the current three-year program for Ogallala began in fiscal year 2007 and ended June 30, 2009. Mr. Stack reported that Ogallala has submitted a written request for a new three-year program. Mr. Stack reported that the Subcommittee was recommending a new three-year program for Ogallala and that \$2,000.00, the maximum allowed by District policy, be allocated for fiscal year 2010.

Mr. Stack moved the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the Sutherland Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, to approve a new North Platte Urban Forestry Program for fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012 and to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the North Platte Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010, and to approve a new Ogallala Urban Forestry Program for fiscal years 2010, 2011 and 2012 and to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the Ogallala Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried.  
(Motion #2)

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

Urban Forestry Program - Communities Considering Programs - Mr. Stack reported that no other communities within the TPNRD are considering a program at this time.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Water Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Meisner, Water Resources Sub-Committee Chairperson, presented a report for the meeting held on August 13, 2009.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Steve Scholz – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request from Steve Scholz for a new well permit for his livestock operation located in the E½, Section 2, Township 16 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Scholz purchased Darrell Heiss's feedlot north of North Platte. Mr. Meisner reported that the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality approved his plan to expand the holding capacity of this feedlot from 5,000 to 25,000 head. Mr. Meisner reported that on June 4, 2009 the Board granted Mr. Scholz request for a new large capacity livestock well to not exceed 400 gpm for a feedlot located in the NW¼ Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and conditioned that Steve Scholz obtain a variance for offset water for new consumptive use prior to any expansion of the feedlot, with the consumptive use determined from procedures and calculations developed for livestock by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD recently received another request from

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Mr. Scholz. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Scholz is in the process of purchasing the E½ of Section 2 one mile straight north to relocate part of the feedlot operation at this new location. Mr. Meisner reported that constraints of putting the entire operation at the current location are getting to be a problem, so Mr. Scholz is in the process of obtaining a zoning change so that he can use the existing lots and build the necessary remaining lots on the newly acquired property in Section 2. Mr. Meisner reported that this change in plans has also changed his water needs, and in doing so Mr. Scholz has determined it would be easier to have two wells, one on each location of the operation, rather than try to run over a mile of pipe from one end of the operation to the other. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Scholz is requesting another livestock well capable of pumping 400 gpm for the future expansion at the newest location of the operation. Mr. Meisner reported that due to the expansion of the existing operation, Mr. Scholz will be responsible for offsetting all of the new growth. Mr. Meisner reported that construction is going on now at both locations, so by the end of 2009 the holding capacity will likely double to 10,000 head of cattle. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Scholz is aware that he will have to offset his growth by purchasing irrigated acres, and he is currently working with some area producers. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Scholz has been and will continue working with the staff to determine what needs to be offset. Mr. Meisner 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 the request for a new livestock operation well permit with a maximum pumping capacity of 400 gpm be granted for Steve Scholz for a feedlot located in the E½, Section 2, Township 16 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and conditioned that Steve Scholz obtain a variance for offset water for new consumptive use prior to any expansion of the feedlot, with the consumptive use determined from procedures and calculations developed for livestock by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Transfer of Certified Irrigated Acres for Non-Irrigation Use – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD policy provides that transfers of water use are allowed if there is no increase in certified irrigated acres. Mr. Meisner reported that the stream depletion factor (SDF) is determined for the location where the certified irrigated acres are located and the location of the proposed transfer. Mr. Meisner reported that if the new location is closer to the river and has an SDF greater than the location of the certified irrigated acres, a greater number of certified irrigated acres will need to be de-certified at the current location than will be irrigated at the new location. Mr. Meisner reported that if the new location is further from the river and has an SDF

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less than the location of the certified irrigated acres, the same number of certified irrigated acres will need to be de-certified at the current location as will be irrigated at the new location. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee discussed that the policy of no increase in certified irrigated acres was to insure that the TPNRD would not have to offset an increase in consumptive use and to limit the breakup of grassland when certified irrigated acres are moved further from the river. Mr. Meismer reported that if certified irrigated acres were allowed to increase, a smaller SDF at a new location as compared to an existing location of certified irrigated acres would result in an increase of certified irrigated acres.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee discussed that for a transfer where there is a change in use, an example being a new or an expansion for a feedlot, they would like to allow consideration of the SDF without limitations due to locations as there would be no increase in consumptive use by using the SDF. Mr. Meismer reported that this will allow for fewer irrigated acres to be de-certified at locations where the SDF is higher than the location of the change in use, and would require more irrigated acres to be de-certified at locations where the SDF is lower than the location of the change in use.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a policy which transfers of water use are allowed if there is no increase in certified irrigated acres and there is no increase in consumptive use. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Wahlgren,  
 Weaver, Wiseman  
 Nay: Margritz, Stack  
 Absent & Excused: Storer

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

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Timeline - Mr. Meismer reviewed the following timeline for approval of a TPNRD IMP:

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Approval / Implementation	
<u>Task</u>	<u>Dates</u>
Water Subcomm. - IMP	Feb 19 <sup>th</sup>
Stakeholder’s Mtg.	Feb. 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Water Subcomm. - IMP	Mar. 12 <sup>th</sup>
Stakeholder’s Mtg. – Final Recommendation	Mar. 16 <sup>th</sup>
Special Bd. Mtg. - IMP	Apr 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. - IMP	Apr. 9 <sup>th</sup>
Stakeholder’s Mtg. - Final Recommendation (if needed)	Apr. 20 <sup>th</sup>

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<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve IMP to submit DNR Joint NRD/DNR Mtg. (If needed) 28<sup>th</sup> Exchange Letters – NRD/DNR agreement June 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>May 14<sup>th</sup> May 21<sup>st</sup> or  May 15<sup>th</sup> –</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve IMP for Pub. Hearing Water Subcomm. – Rules &amp; Reg. Publish Legal Notice in NP Telegraph 23<sup>rd</sup></b>	<b>June 4<sup>th</sup> * June 4<sup>th</sup> * June 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>,</b>
<b>Public Hearing - IMP Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg.–Approve IMP to submit to DNR Water Subcomm. – Rules &amp; Reg. Exchange Letters – Implement the plan Aug. 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>July 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> July 9<sup>th</sup> July 10<sup>th</sup> –</b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Meeting – Approve IMP Order Water Subcomm. – Rules &amp; Reg. <i>Water Subcomm. – Offsets Options</i> Publish IMP Order in NP Telegraph Sept.1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> Aug. 13<sup>th</sup> <i>Aug. 13<sup>th</sup></i> Aug. 18<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>,</b>
<b>Water Subcomm. – Rules &amp; Reg. <i>Water Subcomm. – Offsets Options</i></b>	<b>Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> <i>Sept. 10<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b>Effective Date of IMP</b>	<b>Sept. 15<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Water Subcomm./Bd. Meeting – Approve Rules &amp; Reg. for Pub. Hearing <i>Water Subcomm. – Offsets Options</i></b>	<b>Oct. 8<sup>th</sup> <i>Oct. 8<sup>th</sup></i></b>
<b>Public Hearing - Rules &amp; Reg. Water Subcomm./Bd. Meeting – Approve Rules &amp; Reg. Order <i>Water Subcomm. – Offsets Options</i> Publish Rules &amp; Reg. Order in NP Telegraph Dec 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> <i>Nov. 12<sup>th</sup></i> Nov. 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>,</b>
<b>Effective Date for Rules &amp; Reg. Rev.</b>	<b>Dec. 8<sup>th</sup></b>

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Twin Platte Natural Resources District - Letter to the Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, dated July 9, 2009 – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet was the TPNRD letter to Brian Dunnigan, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources dated July 9,

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Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Twin Platte Natural Resources District - Letter from the Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, dated July 27, 2009 – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet was the letter from Brian Dunnigan, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to the TPNRD dated July 27, 2009.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Approval of Order – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet was a draft TPNRD Order prepared by the TPNRD legal counsel, Harriet Hageman. Mr. Meismer reported that the draft TPNRD Order has been reviewed and approved by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the following motion:

BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN THE TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS by the Nebraska Revised Statutes, Sections 46-701 to 46753, after considering the testimony received during the July 2, 2009 hearing, and being otherwise fully advised in the premises, the Board FINDS AND ORDERS as follows:

1. The Integrated Management Plan is hereby adopted and shall be implemented.
2. The entire District is established as an integrated management subarea, and the entire geographic area of the TPNRD is subject to the IMP, including the area within the boundaries of the TPNRD determined to be fully appropriated and the area designated as overappropriated. The stratigraphic boundaries subject to the IMP include all sediments from ground level downward through all aquifer units.
3. The controls set forth in the Integrated Management Plan are hereby adopted and shall be implemented in accordance with Neb.Rev.Stat. § 46-739 and applicable law.
4. The Integrated Management Plan is incorporated into this Order by reference as though fully set forth herein.
5. This Order and the IMP, including the ground water related controls contained therein, shall become effective on September 15, 2009.

Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Platte River Basin – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Rules and Regulations – No report presented.

Joint Water Resources Subcommittee Meeting (Central Platte, North Platte, South Platte, Tri-Basin, & Twin Platte NRDs) - September 9, 2009 – Mr. Meismer reported that there

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will be a joint meeting of the Water Resources Subcommittees of the Central Platte NRD, North Platte NRD, South Platte NRD, Tri-Basin NRD, and Twin Platte NRD on September 9, 2009 at 11:00 am CDT (10:00 am MDT) at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, NE. Mr. Meisner reported that the purpose of the meeting was to discuss implementation of each Districts Integrated Management Plan and coordination with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to invite the other TPNRD Directors to attend this joint meeting of the Water Resources Subcommittees.

Helicopter Electromagnetic (HEM) Project - HEM – Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Miller has been working with the North Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD, and the U.S. Geological Survey for developing a Helicopter Electromagnetic (HEM) Project for the three NRDs. Mr. Meisner reported that James C. Cannia, U.S. Geological Survey, earlier in the Board meeting had presented a power point report on HEM.

Helicopter Electromagnetic (HEM) Project - Nebraska Environmental Trust Application – Mr. Meisner reported that James C. Cannia, U.S. Geological Survey, earlier in the Board meeting had distributed and reviewed a draft Nebraska Environmental Trust Application he is preparing for the Helicopter Electromagnetic (HEM) project titled “Aerial Geophysical Survey of Selected Panhandle and West Central Aquifers” for the North Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD, and the Twin Platte NRD. Mr. Meisner reported that the annual local cost share for the three year project is \$100,000.00 for the North Platte NRD, \$50,000.00 for the South Platte NRD, and \$100,000.00 for the Twin Platte NRD. Mr. Meisner reported that the deadline to submit the application is September 8, 2009. Mr. Meisner reported that the proposed 2010 Fiscal Year Budget for the TPNRD includes \$100,000.00 for the TPNRD to participate in this project.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Twin Platte NRD support and participate in an application to the Nebraska Environmental Trust for the “Aerial Geophysical Survey of Selected Panhandle and West Central Aquifers” project for the North Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD, and the Twin Platte NRD, that the Twin Platte NRD 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget will include funding in the amount of \$100,000.00 for the first year of the project, and the Twin Platte NRD will provide continued funding of \$100,000.00 per year for the second and third years of the project if the project is funded by the Nebraska Environmental Trust. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Wahlgren,  
Weaver, Wiseman  
Nay: Hansen, Stack  
Absent & Excused: Storer

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for July 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 July 2009 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on August 13, 2009 in the amount of \$39,744.84. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Budget Status – No report presented.

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the September 10, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented during the September 10, 2009 Board meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

NARD – Annual Conference, September 28-29, 2009, Kearney - Schedule – Mr. Meismer reported that the NARD annual conference would be held September 28-29, 2009 in Kearney. Mr. Meismer, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Rubenthaler, and Mr. Miller reported that they plan to attend.

NARD – Annual Conference, September 28-29, 2009, Kearney – Voting Delegate – Mr. Miller reported that the Board needed to take action to select a voting delegate for the conference. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Meismer would be chairing the Business Session during the conference when the votes are taken which makes it difficult for Mr. Meismer to be a voting delegate. Mr. Rubenthaler appointed Mr. Petersen the voting delegate and himself the alternate voting delegate for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts 2009 Annual Conference.

NARD – Annual Conference, September 28-29, 2009, Kearney – Resolutions – Mr. Miller reported that the Lower Loup NRD Board of Directors have taken action to jointly sponsor the resolution approved by the Twin Platte NRD Board on July 9, 2009.

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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 – Eligible Practices – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook was a report and \$75,315.67 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Schilz moved to approve the August 13, 2009 report 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>
10.001	NC-10	Pasture Planting	\$ 363.25	\$ 363.25
10.002	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 5,049.85	\$ 5,049.85
10.003	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 4,396.89	\$ 4,396.89
10.004	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 2,516.15	\$ 2,516.15
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 12,326.14

FUNDS AVAILABLE:	Practice NC-12, Windbreaks	\$ 22,594.70
	Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing	\$ 13,147.96
	Practice NC-17, Irrigation	\$ 20,078.55
	Other available practices	\$ 7,168.32

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

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Weaver

Absent & Excused: Storer

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board notebook was a report and \$9,065.70 was available for new contracts.

Tree Programs – No report presented.

Range Programs – No report presented.

Water Programs – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – No report presented.

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Wildlife Habitat Programs – No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Brule Watershed – No report presented.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – No report presented.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – No report presented.

Warehouse – Lease – Mr. Miller reported that

West Central Weed Management Area - Request for Invasive Plant Control – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet were a letter from West Central Weed Management Area and a map describing where the TPNRD monies would be spent. Mr. Miller reported that during the May 14, 2009 Board of Directors meeting, Rich Walters, Project Coordinator, West Central Weed Management Area, presented a power point presentation. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Walters reported that the West Central Weed Management Area was requesting \$20,000.00 from the TPNRD to assist with phragmites control efforts during the 2010 Fiscal Year. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Walters reported that this money would be used with other funding sources to match the \$80,000.00 obligated from the Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program. Mr. Miller reported that the proposed 2010 Fiscal Year Budget for the TPNRD includes \$20,000.00 for the TPNRD to participate in this project.

No action was proposed for this request.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests for travel 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 notebook.

### BUDGET FOR 2010 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule – Mr. Miller reported that in the Director's packet was a schedule for preparing the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget for the District. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule provides for Board review of the first draft during the June Board meeting and provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

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Review Draft #3 – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ packet and available as a handout was the third draft of a budget for the 2010 fiscal year. Mr. Miller reviewed the information for the proposed budget for the 2010 fiscal year.

Mr. Schilz moved to approve for Public Hearings a 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as proposed in Draft #3 with a property tax requirement of \$2,597,000.00 and a total requirement of \$3,386,078.44, and to set the Public Hearings for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget for September 10, 2009 to be held at 7:30 p.m. CDT (6:30 p.m. MDT) in the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room located at 111 South Dewey Street in North Platte, Nebraska for the Board of Directors to hear and consider public comments prior to action for approval of a 2009-2010 Fiscal Year Budget and for setting the final property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for the 2009-2010 Fiscal Year. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, September 10, 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 10:31 pm CDT (9:31 pm MDT).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary