

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 16, 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 September 16, 2004. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. CDT (6:37 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  
Douglas Stack  
Joe Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver  
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Baldrige  
Todd Kramer  
Dennis Schilz

OTHERS PRESENT

John Bauer, Citizen  
Regina Bauer, Citizen  
Neil Betty, West Central CG Association  
Jason Bode, Farmer  
Josh Bode, Farmer  
Richard Bode, Farmer  
Richard Bodenhamer, Rancher Farmer  
Dan Carl, Farmer  
Don Colvin  
Frank Fleecs  
Robert Fleecs, Farmer  
William M. Franken, Roscoe  
Wes Frederick, Farmer  
Jim Haugland, Farmer Rancher  
Calvin Huebner, Farmer Rancher  
Dan Huebner, Farmer  
Louis Jacobson, Farmer  
John Kilpatrick, Nebraska Game & Parks  
Mae Koch, Farmer  
Wayne Koch, Farmer  
Frank Kwapnioski, Nebraska Public Power District  
Randy Laubner, Farmer

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Matt Lindberg, Nebraska Public Power District  
Joe Lockard, Farmer  
Ernie Mehl, Land Owner  
Ken Niedan, Banker Irrigator  
Kirk Olson, Farmer  
Don Oppliger, Farmer Rancher  
Jeff C. Orr, Platte Valley Irrigation District  
Peggy J. Orr, Farm Wife  
Roric Paulman, West Central Water Users & Land Owner  
Bernie Pieper  
Kurt Pieper, Farmer  
Leonard M. Priel, Land Owner  
Rob Sandberg, Farmer  
Dewey Schaffer, Rancher  
Bruce Schmitz, Farmer  
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation  
David White, Farmer Rancher  
Mitch White, Farmer  
Greg Wilke  
Bernie Zwickl, Farmer

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Lee Morse, Engineering Technician  
Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator  
Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulator Coordinator  
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant  
Kent O. Miller, General Manager  
Dave Slattery, Conservation Programs Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report of Directors Excused - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Baldrige, Mr. Kramer, and Mr. Schilz 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.

Other Items - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that notebooks containing the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Plans were available for information and that the notebooks would be passed around the Board table for review by each member of

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the Board of Directors present.

Mr. Miller passed around the Board table a thank you from Mary Sue Cottrell, a teacher from Ogallala, NE who received a scholarship from the District to attend the “Project Food, Land & People” educators training workshop in Sidney, NE.

INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING

An Informal Public Hearing relating to the proposed Twin Platte Natural Resources District 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget was held. Minutes were prepared and may be referenced for information.

2005 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Restricted Funds Authority - Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Statutes provide that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District may exceed the budget limit for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year by an additional one percent and carry forward to future budget years the full amount of the increase as unused restricted funds authority upon the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the Board of Directors. No action was considered, as eight members of the Board of Directors were present which would not allow for the opportunity for at least seventy-five percent of the Board of Directors to approve exceeding the budget limit for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year by an additional one percent.

Final Approval - Mr. Miller reported that final approval of the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors present.

Mr. Stack moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, a legal notice of budget hearing and budget summary was published in the North Platte Telegraph on September 9, 2004, for a hearing scheduled for September 16, 2004 by the Board of Directors of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District on September 16, 2004 held a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions and observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors approves the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget as presented for public hearing.

Mr. Meisner seconded the motion and it carried. (Motion #1)

AYE: Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren,  
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NAY: None  
ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

Set Property Tax Request - Mr. Miller reported that setting the property tax request for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the Board of Directors (6 affirmative votes).

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statutes provide that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year unless the Board of Directors passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, the 2003-2004 Fiscal Year property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources Districts was \$359,928.00 and the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget requires a property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District of \$359,928.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors sets the final property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for the 2004-2005 Fiscal Year Budget at \$359,928.00.

Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion and it carried. (Motion #2)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Rubenthaler opened the Public Forum.

Roric Paulman, a land owner, reported that an organization named the “West Central Nebraska Water Users” was being formed and he requested that the organization be designated as a representative of Ground Water Users during the Twin Platte Natural Resources District’s development of the Integrated Management Plan as required by LB962. Mr. Paulman recommended that the District take as much time as allowed by LB962 in developing the Integrated Management Plan.

John Kilpatrick, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, requested that Darrol Eichner or he be designated as a representative of the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission during the Twin Platte Natural Resources District’s development of the Integrated Management Plan as required by LB962.

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Ken Niedan, an irrigator and banker, requested that the “West Central Nebraska Water Users” be designated as a representative of Ground Water Users during the Twin Platte Natural Resources District’s development of the Integrated Management Plan as required by LB962. Mr. Niedan recommended that the District take as much time as allowed by LB962 in developing the Integrated Management Plan.

Mr. Rubenthaler closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee report would be moved to follow the “General Information” agenda item.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meisner, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting this evening and he presented a report.

Ground Water Management - Ground Water Management Plan – Mr. Meisner reported that the staff presented to the Subcommittee draft revisions for the Ground Water Management Plan. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee had extensive discussion and that the Subcommittee agreed to continue discussion of revisions at a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

Ground Water Management - Monitoring Program – Annual Reports – Ground Water Quality – No report presented. (In the Directors’ Board meeting notebook for information was a map showing the Major Land Resources Areas within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, Table 10-3; “Ground Water Quality Triggering Mechanism Summary for Target Areas”, of the District’s Ground Water Management Plan, with current data for Ground Water Target Areas; a map showing the Ground Water Target Areas within the District; and Table 10-4, “Ground Water Quality Triggering Mechanism Summary for Management Areas”, of the District’s Ground Water Management Plan, with current data for Major Land Resources Areas.)

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Temporary Well Drilling Suspension - Variances – Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook was a variance request the District had received from “W Design Associates” on behalf of the Union Pacific Railroad requesting a variance for a new public water supply well which will serve the Bailey Yard in North Platte, NE. Mr. Meisner reported

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that the main purpose of this well is to provide water for 30 to 60 workers at a new coal car repair facility. Mr. Meisner reported that because of the number of people utilizing this well, it would be classified by the Nebraska Health and Human Services as a “Non-Community Public Water Well”. Mr. Meisner reported that the initial capacity of the pump would be less than 50 gpm. Mr. Meisner reported that the west end of the Bailey Yard is lacking in fire protection and therefore UPRR wishes to design this well so it could in the future be tied into their existing private distribution system. Mr. Meisner reported at that time the pump would be re-designed to provide 1000 to 1200 gpm. Mr. Meisner reported that in order to accomplish this future expansion the well would be initially drilled and cased with 16" diameter material. Mr. Meisner reported that W Design Associates noted in their letter to the District that “when the larger capacity pump is tied into the Bailey Yard System in the future, it is not adding new use”, that “this well would then replace some existing use either from UPRR existing wells or City of North Platte existing wells”, and that “the only new use is for the restrooms serving the 30 to 60 workers at the new coal car repair facility”.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the request from the Union Pacific Railroad for a variance to construct a new 16" cased and screened public water supply well with a maximum capacity of 1,200 gpm, which will be located in the NE ¼, SE ¼, Section 28 T14N-R31W, to serve the Bailey Yard in North Platte, NE with the requirement that the well will initially only be used for the restrooms serving 30 to 60 workers at the new coal car repair facility and in the future when a larger capacity pump is installed and the well is tied into the Bailey Yard System it is only used for fire protection and to replace existing use either from UPRR existing wells or City of North Platte existing wells and will not be adding new use. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion and it carried. (Motion #3)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee did not have time for discussion and that the Subcommittee agreed that this would be an agenda item for a future meeting of the Subcommittee.

Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Over Appropriated Basins & Fully Appropriated Basins – Mr. Meisner reported that on the wall of the Board meeting room were maps showing the Over Appropriated Area designated by the Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources effective September 15, 2004, which the District had received on September 16, 2004. Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook for information was the legal notice for the Over Appropriated Area designated by the Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources effective September 15, 2004.

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Integrated Management of Ground Water & Surface Water - Certifying Irrigated Acres – No report presented.

NPPD Gerald Gentleman Station Wells - Twin Platte Natural Resources District Monitoring – No report presented. (In the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information were maps showing the locations of the NPPD wells, the locations of the dedicated monitoring wells, which will have continuous recorders, and the irrigation wells around the Gerald Gentleman Station that Glen Bowers, Water Programs Field Coordinator and the NPPD personnel have measured flow rates during September 2004.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for August 12, 2004 Meeting - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the August 12, 2004 Board of Directors meeting were in the Directors' packet and he asked if there were corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Mr. Wahlgren moved that the Minutes of the August 12, 2004 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #4)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS

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

Other Agencies - No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Hansen, Land Resources Subcommittee member, reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee met prior to the Board meeting this evening and he presented a report.

Tree Program - 2004 Report - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a report showing a history of the tree planting program from 1973 to present of total trees sold, trees planted by the District's machine crew and the amount charged for machine planting, trees hand planted by a private contractor and the amount charged for hand planting, trees purchased by producers for individual planting and the stock charge, the profit or loss for the year, and the number of trees distributed to third grade students in the District for Arbor Day. Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a cost-share summary report.

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Tree Program - 2005 Planning - Water Conservation Mulch Services - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a report of water conservation mulch installed in the District from 1991 to present.

Mr. Hansen reported that the Board of Directors on August 12, 2004 approved a motion that a process be set up to allow contractors to bid to provide the water conservation mulch installation service in the District. Mr. Hansen reported that two bid proposals were received.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that North Platte Lawn Irrigation be awarded the contract to provide the water conservation mulch installation service in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District in 2005, 2006, and 2007. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #5)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

Tree Program - 2004 Planning - Policies - Mr. Hansen reported that the District added a second tree planting machine crew in the spring of 2003 and that the current policy provides that the District may contract to plant up to 100,000 trees annually when utilizing two District Machine Planting Crews. Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a report showing the cost comparisons between using one machine crew and two machine crews. Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee agreed that although the costs would be less utilizing one crew unless there are 100,000 trees contracted to be planted by two crews, that the District personnel will need to determine annually whether to utilize one or two crews depending on the number of trees contracted and the size of the contracts.

Tree Program - 2005 Planning - Tree Stock – Mr. Hansen reported that Mr. Slattery reported on the anticipated availability of trees from Halsey and from Colorado. Mr. Hansen reported that the Nursery's have not yet determined the charges for trees for 2005 for Districts.

Tree Program - 2005 Planning - Machine Planting - Charges - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook were reports showing the District's tree program funds for 2004. Mr. Hansen reported that due to an estimated increase of expenses projected for 2005 that the District staff was recommending that planting charges would need to increase. Mr. Hansen reported that the tree planting charge for planting by the District's machine crew was \$.37 per tree from 1985 through 1997, was \$.40 per tree for 1998, was \$.42 per tree for 1999, and was \$.45 per tree for 2000 through 2004.

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Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the District's tree stock charges be set by the General Manager based on the nursery charges to the District and that the District's machine planting charges be set at \$.50 per tree for 2005. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #6)

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

Range Program - Mr. Hansen reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has an opportunity to submit a bid for a grant funded through the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service to hire a full time technician to conduct a range inventory of the District. Mr. Hansen reported that the grant was anticipated to be \$40,000.00 annually for up to three years. Mr. Hansen reported that the grant would fully fund the salary and benefits for the position and provide overhead funds for administration of the position. Mr. Hansen reported that the person would be provided office space in the Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in North Platte or Ogallala and would utilize Natural Resources Conservation Service equipment and vehicles.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the Twin Platte Natural Resources District submitting a proposal for a grant from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service for up to three years to hire a full time Range Programs Technician to conduct a range inventory of the District provided that the grant would fully fund the salary and benefits for the position and provide overhead funds for administration of the position and provided that the person would be located in the Natural Resources Conservation Service offices in North Platte or Ogallala and would utilize Natural Resources Conservation Service equipment and vehicles and if the grant is awarded to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, to authorize the General Manager to sign a contract between the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and to authorize a full time Range Programs Technician position to be funded by the grant which shall be eliminated when NRCS funds are no longer available to fully fund all costs for the position. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #7)

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

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Executive Subcommittee

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Executive Subcommittee would meet following the October 14, 2004 Board of Directors meeting to discuss the Board of Directors vacancy that will occur in Sub-District 1 in January 2005.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for August 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 August 2004 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on September 16, 2004 in the amount of \$9,984.57. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #8)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

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 October 14, 2004 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that the District Policy provides that “The staff will notify the Board during the Board meeting immediately prior to the Board meeting at which bids will be presented for consideration”. Mr. Miller reported that the staff plans to present bids/proposals for consideration during the October 14, 2004 or November 18, 2004 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of a vehicle, computer equipment, computer software, and a electric logging tape. Mr. Miller reported that these items were to implement the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources to develop and carry out programs for administration within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for a Platte River Cooperative Agreement New Depletions Plan and for an Integrated Management Plan approved during the June 10, 2004 Board of Directors meeting and that the Budget provides for the purchase of these items.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Annual Conference – Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts annual conference will be held September 26-28, 2004 in Kearney, Nebraska and that in the Directors packet for information was the program for the conference. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Rubenthaler, Mr. Miller and he are planning to attend. Mr. Meismer reported that Krab, Inc (Gene Krab) has been selected to receive the 2004 NARD Outstanding Grassland Conservation Award, which will be presented during the noon luncheon on Monday, September 27. Mr. Meismer reported that Krab, Inc received the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Outstanding Grassland Conservation Award in 2003 and the District nominated Krab, Inc for the 2004 NARD award. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Petersen and Mr. Carhart would be attending the luncheon.

Mr. Meismer reported that if other Directors would like to attend, to please notify the office and the staff would register them for the conference and make lodging reservations.

Mr. Meismer reported that during the annual conference, resolutions will be considered and that the resolutions that the office has received that will be considered during the conference are in the Directors' packet and the Directors' notebook. Mr. Meismer asked if any Director wished to discuss any of the resolutions for Board consideration to direct how the District's five votes should be cast for a resolution during the conference. Several resolutions were discussed.

Mr. Miller reported that the Board needed to take action to select a voting delegate for the conference.

Mr. Wahlgren moved that for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts 2004 Annual Conference the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's voting delegate be Mr. Rubenthaler and the alternate voting delegate be Mr. Meismer. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #9)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Smithsonian Soil Exhibit – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a memo from the Nebraska Association of Resources District dated August 17, 2004 and a brochure in regard to the Smithsonian Soil Exhibit. Mr. Miller reported that the NARD Board of Directors is requesting a donation of \$420.00 from each Natural Resources District. No action was taken.

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

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Platte River Citizens Advisory Council – No report presented.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported on recent activities of the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council.

Requests for Authorization to Travel - No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Requests for Assistance – No requests for assistance were presented.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the monthly report. Mr. Miller reported that \$63,145.82 was available.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the September 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:				
05-007	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 1,574.28	\$ 1,574.28
05-008A	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 2,385.79	\$ 2,385.79
05-008B	NC-1	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 3,582.50	\$ 3,582.50
05-009	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 2,278.50	\$ 2,278.50
05-010	NC-17	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 1,678.58	\$ 1,678.58
05-011	NC-17	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 4,897.00	\$ 4,897.00
Total Amount Of New Contracts				\$ 16,396.65
FUNDS AVAILABLE:				
Practice NC-12, Windbreaks				\$ 23,268.63
Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing				\$ 1,535.46
Practice NC-17, Irrigation				\$ 17,827.13
Other available practices				\$ 4,991.74

Mr. Stack seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #10)

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

NAY: None

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program – Sealing Abandoned Wells – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was a report for information. Mr. Miller reported that \$8,416.96 was available for new contracts.

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

Tree Program – No report presented.

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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 – Ground Water Management – No report presented.

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

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

Water Programs – Ground Water & Surface Water Program – Integrated Management – No report presented.

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

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

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

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 – South Platte River Coalition – Mr. Miller reported on recent activities of the coalition.

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 – Mr. Miller reminded the Board of the action taken during the

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April 10, 2003 Board meeting that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District be the sponsor for a grant application for federal funds and state funds for the first segment, South Maloney Trail, of the Lake Maloney trail system, provided that the Lake Maloney Home Owners Association commits in writing that they can successfully secure the required local matching funds, that the Lake Maloney Home Owners Association will acquire Nebraska Public Power District approval of a detailed plan that is all inclusive for the any of the trail system occupying Nebraska Public Power District property at Lake Maloney prior to beginning construction, and that the Lake Maloney Home Owners Association enters into a written agreement with the Twin Platte Natural Resources District that the Association will provide full maintenance and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District will contribute \$3,500.00, provided funds are available, for the first segment, South Maloney Trail, of the Lake Maloney trail system.

Mr. Miller reported that the Consulting Engineering firm, Kirkham Michael, has prepared a grant application for funding from the Federal Transportation Enhancement Program, which is administered in Nebraska by the Nebraska Department of Roads. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was the grant application, the cost estimates, a map of the master plan, and a vicinity map and in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a proposed Resolution.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Twin Platte Natural Resource District, Nebraska proposes to apply for assistance from the TRANSPORTATION ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM for the purpose of construction segments of the "West Lake Maloney" Trail; and

WHEREAS, the project includes the construction of a hiking/biking trail along the west side of Lake Maloney between Jaycee Park and the intersection of North Maloney Drive and West Lake Road; and

WHEREAS, the Twin Platte Natural Resource District and its contributing partners will have available a minimum of 20% of the project cost and has the financial capability to operate and maintain the completed facility in a safe and attractive manner for public use; and

WHEREAS, the proposed application and supporting documents were made available for public review at a properly announced meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resource District;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF THE TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCE DISTRICT, that the Twin Platte Natural Resource District applies for assistance from the Transportation Enhancement Program for the purpose of constructing segments of the "West Lake Maloney" Trail.

Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #11)

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

NAY: Hansen

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

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Mr. Miller reported that the Lake Maloney Home Owners Association is currently seeking funding for the required local matching funds and that the Association is utilizing the Mid-Nebraska Community Foundation to house the local matching funds for the Association. Mr. Miller reported that currently, the Foundation has funding or pledges totaling \$17,720.00.

Mr. Miller reported that to assist the Association in securing the required local matching funds, the Kirkham Michael Consulting Engineering firm has prepared a grant application for funding from the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission Trail Development Assistance Fund that would be from the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was the Grant Application and a Project Narrative and in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a proposed Resolution.

Mr. Stack moved to approve the following resolution:

1. The Twin Platte Natural Resource District proposes to apply for assistance from the Trail Development Assistance Fund for the purposes described in the application and supporting documents.
2. Kent Miller has been appointed as Project Liaison Officer by the project sponsor's governing board as the principle local contact to work with Game and Parks Commission staff and on all matters concerning the project.
3. The Twin Platte Natural Resource District currently has the 50% matching share of the total project cost identified on the Application form and will provide the financial resources to operate and maintain the completed project in a safe and attractive manner for the life of the facility .
4. The Twin Platte Natural Resource District will not discriminate against any person on the basis of race, color, age, religion, handicap, sex, or national origin in offering the project for public use.
5. The Twin Platte Natural Resource District agrees to comply, where applicable and within the purview of the law, with the American with Disabilities Act of 1991, as amended, by making the project facilities accessible to, and usable by, the disabled.

Mr. Meismer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #12)

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

NAY: Hansen, Wiseman

ABSENT & EXCUSED: Baldrige, Kramer, Schilz

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

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were in the Directors' packet and in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

Mr. Miller reported that the November Board meeting would be held on November 18, 2004, the third Thursday in November, as the second Thursday in November this year is the Veterans Day Holiday.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m. CDT (8:55 p.m. MDT).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary

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