

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
November 4, 1999

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 November 4, 1999. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boyer at 7:30 p.m. CST (6:30 p.m. MST). 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

Jeff Baldrige
Kent Boyer
Todd Kramer
James Meisner
Jim Rubenthaler
Douglas Stack
Frank Svoboda

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT & EXCUSED

Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT

Roric Paulman

NRCS PERS PRESENT

Jeff Nichols, Acting D Cons

OTHERS PRESENT

STAFF PRESENT

Kent O Miller, Gen Mgr
Bill Carhart, Range P Coor
Ardis Lehmkuhler, Adm Asst

PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum of the meeting was opened. There were no comments, and the Public Forum was closed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report of Directors Excused - Mr. Boyer reported that Mr. Weaver was excused.

Board of Directors Vacancies, Election Sub-District 2 - Mr. Boyer reported that L. Robert Fear had informed him verbally following the October 14, 1999 Board of Directors meeting that he would be moving his residence from election sub-district 2 prior to the November 4, 1999 Board of Directors meeting and therefore he is no longer eligible to represent election sub-district 2. Mr. Boyer reported that Dave Cotton had informed him in writing in a letter dated November 1, 1999 that he was resigning from the Board of Directors effective November 1, 1999 due to increased professional commitments and no longer having the time to give to the District and therefore he is no longer representing election sub-district 2.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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Directors Notebooks Containing Information Items Available for Handout - Mr. Boyer reported that each Director has a notebook containing information items that are available for handouts for others attending the meeting. Mr. Boyer reported that the handouts are on a table at the back of the room.

Documents for Review Prior to Action Scheduled Later on the Agenda - None presented.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No report presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for October 14, 1999 Meeting - Mr. Boyer reported that the Minutes were in the Directors' packet, and he asked if there were corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Mr. Stack moved that the Minutes of the October 14, 1999 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #1)

AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Kramer, Meisner, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda

NAY: None

ABSENT: Paulman, Weaver

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Monthly Report - Mr. Nichols reported that in the Directors' Packet for information was a narrative report prepared by him and he reviewed his report. Mr. Nichols reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a Resources Inventory prepared by the Natural Resources Conservation Service at the request of the District for the Trails Crossings Project located in Keith County on the south side of Lake McConaughy. Mr. Nichols passed around the Board table a map showing the location of the Trails Crossings Project and the Bayside Project, both of which are located in Keith County on the south side of Lake McConaughy.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs - Environmental Quality Incentive Program – Mr. Nichols reported that in the Directors' Packet was information for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program priority areas in Nebraska for Fiscal Year 2000. Mr. Nichols reported that the Northwest Twin Platte Natural Resources District priority area will continue to be funded for a second year with \$192,500.00 anticipated being available for cost-share assistance with producers in the priority area.

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs - Conservation Reserve Program - No report presented.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs - Highly Erodible Lands Requirements - Mr. Nichols reported that in the Directors' packet for information were the listings of completed Highly Erodible Lands determinations.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs – Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program – Mr. Nichols reported that the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program is no longer funded.

Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds - Cooperative Agreements - No report presented.

Other Agencies - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was the National Association of Conservation District's newsletter "The District Leader" for October 1999 and meeting highlights for the National Association of Conservation District's 54th Annual meeting January 30 – February 3, 2000 in Colorado Springs, CO. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was information in regard to the possible consolidation of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission and the Nebraska Department of Water Resources.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

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Water Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

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Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

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Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statements for October

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1999 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 October 1999 be received and placed on file for audit and that the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$14,241.53 be paid. Mr. Stack seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #2)

AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Kramer, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda

NAY: None

ABSENT: Paulman, Weaver

Budget Status - Mr. Meismer reported that the Budget Status report was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout. Mr. Meismer reported that there were no new or additional overruns.

Bids/Proposals - None were presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled To Be Presented for Consideration During the December 14, 1999 Board of Directors Meeting - Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the December 14, 1999 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Board of Directors Meetings – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Packet for information were the minutes for the September 28, 1999 Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors meeting and he reported on the meeting.

Annual Conference, North Platte, NE – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Packet for information was a report of the actions taken during the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Annual Conference business sessions that was held in North Platte, NE September 27-28, 1999.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Water Conservation Task Force

No report presented.

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Platte River Citizens Advisory Council

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Mr. Boyer reported on the activities of the Platte River Citizens Advisory Council. Mr. Boyer reported that the advisory council was appointed by Governor Johanns to monitor the activities of the Platte River Cooperative Agreement and to prepare reports and recommendations for the Governor.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Requests for Authorization to Travel

No requests were presented.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Board of Directors Vacancies, Election Sub-District 2

Mr. Boyer reported that with Mr. Fear no longer eligible to represent election sub-district 2 and with Mr. Cotton's resignation, that the Board has two vacancies in election sub-district 2.

Mr. Boyer reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information was the Districts' Operating Policy Number 5. Mr. Boyer reported that Nebraska Statutes governs vacancies in the office of a Director and authorizes the Board to fill such vacancies. Mr. Boyer reported that Operating Policy Number 5 provides that notice of the vacancy shall be given to the Board of Directors at the first regular meeting following the vacancy and the Executive Subcommittee will seek persons interested in filling the vacated Director position and recommend one or more persons to the Board of Directors to fill the vacancy no later than the second regular meeting of the Board of Directors following the occurrence of the vacancy. Mr. Boyer reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information were maps of the Twin Platte Natural Resources Districts' election sub-districts and Operating Policy Number 3 which lists the election voting precincts of each Twin Platte Natural Resources District election sub-district. Mr. Boyer reported that when a vacancy last occurred the Executive Subcommittee used a questionnaire for candidates. Mr. Boyer asked the members of the Board of Directors to consider candidates for the vacancies and if a member of the Board of Directors contacts an individual who is interested, the Board member should inform Mr. Miller and Mr. Miller will send the individual information about the District and the questionnaire developed by the Executive Subcommittee.

DISTRICT REPORT

Requests for Assistance - No requests 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 \$37,273.77 was available.

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Mr. Meismer moved to approve the November 1999 report as presented and to approve the following new contracts:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt To Fund</u>
PROPOSED NEW CONTRACTS:			
00-029 NC-17	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 2,348.50	\$ 2,273.77
00-030 NC-17	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 2,989.00	\$ 0.00
00-031 NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 748.00	\$ 0.00
00-032 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 483.13	\$ 483.13
00-033 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 1,040.45	\$ 1,040.45
00-034 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 121.25	\$ 121.25
00-035 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 1,476.45	\$ 1,476.45
00-036 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 578.30	\$ 578.30
00-037 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 1,166.28	\$ 1,166.28
00-038 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 1,419.00	\$ 1,419.00
00-039 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 69.75	\$ 69.75
00-040 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 594.35	\$ 594.35
00-041 NC-12	Windbreaks	\$ 693.15	\$ 693.15
Total Amount Of New Contracts			\$ 9,915.88
FUNDS AVAILABLE			
Reserves – NC-12, Windbreaks to 12/31/99			\$ 27,357.89
All Other Practices			\$ 0.00

Mr. Rubenthaler seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #3)

AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Kramer, Meismer, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda

NAY: None

ABSENT: Paulman, Weaver

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program - Approved Programs for 2000 Fiscal Year – Sealing Abandoned Wells - No report presented.

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program - Approved Programs for 2000 Fiscal Year – Soil Testing - No report presented.

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program - Approved Programs for 2000 Fiscal Year - Demonstrations for Buffer Areas at Irrigation Well - No report presented.

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 - No report presented.

Water Programs – Ground Water Program – Mr. Miller distributed for information the District’s fall 1999 newsletter funded by the District’s 319 Project.

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Water Programs – Watershed Program – No report presented.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities - Cooperative Agreement Relating to Endangered Species – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a draft outline for a Nebraska New Depletions Plan. Mr. Miller reported on the development of the Water Action Plan and the activities within Nebraska in regard to the development of the plan. Discussion occurred in regard to the draft outline for a Nebraska New Depletions Plan and in regard to development of the Water Action Plan and the activities within Nebraska. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet was information for meetings of the Governance Committee, the Water Action Plan Committee and the Water Management Committee. Mr. Miller reported that he attends meetings of the Governance Committee, the Water Action Plan Committee and the Water Management Committee as his schedule allows with a priority for attending meetings of the Water Management Committee which he is a member and the Water Action Plan Committee. Mr. Miller reported that he is participating in meetings in Nebraska about the issues within Nebraska.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities - Cooperative Hydrology Study – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet was information for meetings of the sponsors for the Cooperative Hydrology Study.

Regulatory Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – Mr. Miller reported on the District's awards that will be presented November 8, 1999 during the North Platte Chamber Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Banquet and that will be presented December 14, 1999 during the District's Awards Banquet.

Legislation – No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel - No requests were presented.

Personnel Reports - Mr. Miller reported that the staff prepares written reports for all activities that we participate in outside of the District. Mr. Miller reported that recent reports are included in the Directors' packet for information. Mr. Miller reported that the field staff prepares weekly reports of activities, contacts and mileage. Mr. Miller reported that the recent reports were in the Directors' packet for information.

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. Mr.

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Miller reported that if any Director is interested in the long-term Care Insurance, that they should contact Mike Tefft at the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts office in Lincoln, NE.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m. CST (8:20 p.m. MST).

Douglas Stack, Secretary

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