

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2000

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 June 8, 2000. The meeting was called to order by Mr. Boyer at 4:08 p.m. CDT (3:08 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

Jeff Baldridge
Kent Boyer
James Meisner
Robert Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Douglas Stack
Frank Svoboda
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT & EXCUSED

Todd Kramer

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT

Roric Paulman

NRCS PERS PRESENT

Jeff Nichols, Ran Mgm Sp
Kristen Miller, Ran Mgm Sp

OTHERS PRESENT

Dan Rochford, NE G & P
Alicia Lupkes, NE G&P

STAFF PRESENT

Kent O Miller, Gen Mgr
Bill Carhart, Range P Coor
Dave Slattery, Cons P Coor
Ann Fisher, Water P Tech
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. Kramer was excused.

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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.

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AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No report presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for May 11, 2000 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 May 11, 2000 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #1)

AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Monthly Report – Mr. Nichols reported that in the Directors' Packet for information was a narrative report and he reviewed the report. Ms. Miller presented a power point presentation of the recent range fires in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs - Environmental Quality Incentive Program – Conservation Plans – No report presented.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs - Environmental Quality Incentive Program – Education Program – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet was a draft "Cooperative Agreement between the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service" to provide educational assistance on natural resources management for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program prepared by the NRCS. Mr. Miller reported that also in the Directors' packet was a draft "Educational Assistance Plan – Twin Platte NRD – 1999 Priority Area – Northwest Twin Platte NRD – June 8, 2000" prepared by the NRCS personnel within the District and District personnel to implement the cooperative agreement which provides for a summer range tour to be held during the summer of 2000 for which the NRCS will pay the District \$200.00 upon completion of the tour, a range oriented meeting to be held during the fall of 2000 for which the NRCS will pay the District \$1,200.00 upon

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completion of the meeting and an irrigation meeting to be held during the summer of 2001 for which the NRCS will pay the District \$700.00 upon completion of the meeting.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the “Cooperative Agreement between the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service” to provide educational assistance on natural resources management for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program and to approve the “Educational Assistance Plan – Twin Platte NRD – 1999 Priority Area – Northwest Twin Platte NRD – June 8, 2000” to implement the cooperative agreement which provides for a summer range tour to be held during the summer of 2000 for which the NRCS will pay the District \$200.00 upon completion of the tour, a range oriented meeting to be held during the fall of 2000 for which the NRCS will pay the District \$1,200.00 upon completion of the meeting and an irrigation meeting to be held during the summer of 2001 for which the NRCS will pay the District \$700.00 upon completion of the meeting and to authorize the General Manager to sign the Cooperative Agreement as the District representative. Mr. Stack seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #2)

AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

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

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

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

Other Agencies - No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Land Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Baldridge, Land Resources Subcommittee Chairperson presented the report.

Awards Program – Mr. Baldridge reported that the District’s policy provides for one award to be given annually in each half of the District with a 3-year rotation in presenting the District’s Conservation Picture Award, the District’s Grassland Conservation Award and the District’s Tree Planting Award. Mr. Baldridge reported that the District’s policy provides for the Land Resources Subcommittee to select the awards to be given annually. Mr. Baldridge reported that the Subcommittee selected the recipient to receive the 2000

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Conservation Picture Award for Lincoln/McPherson Counties and the recipient to receive the 2000 Grassland Conservation Award for Keith/Arthur Counties.

Tree Program - Status Report for 2000 –Mr. Slattery reported on the 2000 Tree Program and the status of the tree stock with the dry weather this spring.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee
PROGRAMS

Mr. Weaver, Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee Chairperson presented the report.

Wildlife Habitat Programs - WILD Nebraska Program – Mr. Weaver reported that Mr. Carhart and Mr. Rochford reported to the Subcommittee on the new WILD Nebraska Program created by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission, which replaces the current Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program.

Mr. Weaver reported that in the Directors’ packet was a draft “Agreement Under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the WILD Nebraska Program” and “Addendum 1” for the draft Interlocal Cooperation Agreement prepared by the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission. Mr. Weaver reviewed the draft “Agreement Under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the WILD Nebraska Program” and “Addendum 1” for the draft Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and he reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee was recommending that the Board of Directors execute with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission the draft “Agreement Under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the WILD Nebraska Program” and “Addendum 1” for the draft Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

Mr. Weaver reported that in the Directors’ packet were draft revisions for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District’s Wildlife Habitat Programs. Mr. Weaver reviewed the draft revisions for the District’s Wildlife Habitat Programs and he reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee was recommending that the Board of Directors approve the draft revisions for the District’s Wildlife Habitat Programs.

Mr. Weaver moved to approve the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District execute with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission the “Agreement Under the Interlocal Cooperation Act for the WILD Nebraska Program” and “Addendum 1” for the draft Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and to authorize the General Manager to sign the

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Agreement as the District representative and to approve the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Wildlife Habitat Programs Policy Number 1 be revised as follows (additions are underlined and deletions have a strikethrough line):

**Wildlife Habitat Programs Policy Number 1: ~~WILDLIFE HABITAT~~
IMPROVEMENT WILD
NEBRASKA PROGRAM**

AGREEMENTS

Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

- An agreement between the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission shall be approved by the Board of Directors and shall be kept on file in the District's offices.

PROGRAM

Purpose

- The primary purpose of the cost-sharing program is to create new wildlife habitat or to enhance and improve existing habitat through cooperative contracts with owners and/or cooperators of private lands hereinafter referred to as cooperators. An on-going part of the program will be the careful scrutiny by District personnel and Commission wildlife management personnel to assure that individual habitat improvement sites, the wildlife practices they are enrolled in and are receiving reimbursements on, are actually benefiting wildlife to a degree commensurate with payments being made.
- It is emphasized that these practices are being aimed at managing wildlife production habitat. Therefore, the matter of wildlife harvest and hunter access remains, as it has in the past, a matter of landowner decision. Public access will be on the basis of the user obtaining proper permission as on other private lands unless the cooperator accepts the Program's "Public Access Option", which does not require permission to enter such areas.

General Rules

- A. **Use and Management of Contracted Lands** - At the discretion of the owner, contracted lands may be used for environmental studies or on-foot recreation excluding any clearing of vegetation or placement of any permanent structure. Fruits and nuts may be harvested by hand. All other grazing, haying or other harvest measures are prohibited unless stated as acceptable in the specific practice. Weeds shall be controlled as required by noxious weed law, but control must be accomplished without destruction of wildlife cover. Tracts heavily infested with noxious weeds should not be contracted. All other use activities are prohibited on contracted lands unless provided in the individual cooperator contract. No exceptions to the above are provided for drought

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emergencies.

- B. ~~**Rounding Acreage Figures**~~ — For purposes of calculating payments, the total acreage for any one practice in the contract will be rounded to the nearest whole acre.
- C. ~~**Maximum Annual Payment to One Cooperator**~~ — The maximum annual payment to any one cooperator for all contracts is \$2,500.
- B.D. ~~**Habitat Improvement Materials**~~ - Habitat improvement materials required for management of contracted lands shall meet technical standards of the District. Depending upon the practice and site, such materials will include seed, tree and shrub seedlings, water conservation mulch and/or fencing material. Fencing, where required for the purpose of excluding livestock, will be constructed in accordance with technical standards of the District with the exception that electric fence may be used where applicable on Practices I, II, and III but will not be paid for out of the Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program.
- E. ~~**Maximum Acreage Per Cooperator or Farm**~~ — Where the maximum acreage for one practice is reached by one cooperator in one year, the cooperator may contract for additional acres in the following year, provided that the maximum annual payment for one cooperator (Rule C) is not exceeded.
- F. ~~**Forfeiture of Payment for Non-Compliance with Provisions**~~ — Should a cooperator fail to comply with any provision of this program or an effective contract under this program, forfeiture of one or more payments, or portions of such payments may be required by joint agreement of the District and the Commission.
- G. ~~**Change of Ownership or Farm Plan**~~ — A change of ownership of any contracted land shall release the cooperator. It is desired that the new owner will continue the practices, under a new contract, for a period at least equaling the remaining years of the original contract. Should a cooperator wish to be released from the contract due to changes in the farm or ranch operation, the District will determine an appropriate repayment, if any is needed, to provide a fair settlement.
- H. ~~**Lands That Do Not Qualify for Contract**~~ — Public lands and lands within the corporate limits of municipalities do not qualify for any contract or payment. Lands within 200 yards of an inhabited dwelling or established feedlot shall not qualify for public access payments.
- C.I. ~~**Funding Limitations**~~ - In the event that adequate funds are not available from the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission to fund the program, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District will at its option either terminate selected contracts to ensure full funding for the remaining contracts in force or reduce all contract payments in

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direct proportion to the reduced level of funding.

- D.J. **Preference for Public Access** - Regardless of the date a WHIP *WILD Nebraska* application is received, the District will give preference to sites where there will be participation in the "Public Access Option" of the program, while remaining operational guidelines are followed.
- K. **Inspection** ~~All tracts shall be inspected by a representative of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and/or Game and Parks Commission prior to issuance of a contract. The District and/or the Commission shall make the final determination as to whether or not the land is eligible for a contract. All tracts under contract shall be inspected at least once a year to determine if lands are being managed in accordance with contract requirements. The cooperator shall be notified immediately if the land is not found to be in compliance.~~

DISTRICT PROVISIONS

Guidelines

- A The maximum annual payment to any one cooperator for all contracts is \$2,500 with the exception that up to two cooperators annually on a first-come, first-served basis, may qualify for an annual payment greater than \$2,500 not to exceed \$5,000 for one activity. The Commission and the District may attempt to recover funds when there is non compliance.
- B ~~No cooperator may participate in the program if participating in any other local, State or Federal program on the same tract of land except for cost share on tree and shrub replants when the contracted site is no longer eligible for Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program replants on the same tract of land. A non-government organization may assist program cooperators with habitat enhancement on contracted program sites with prior approval of the District and the Commission.~~
- C Priority on new applications versus renewals.
- D Public Access is not required for contracts. Cooperators will be paid an additional ~~\$2.50~~ \$3.00/acre/year if the available public access option is selected. The public access option provides that sites with less than 10 acres will receive a one-time, up-front payment and sites with more than 10 acres will receive two payments, one at 5 years, the other at the end of the contract.
- E ~~Five year option on grass seedlings on ten year contracts.~~
- F A minimum of 200 trees per site is required for qualification in the improvement of existing habitat ~~for Praetice III.~~
- G ~~Cooperators will not charge or collect any fees involving the use of WHIP lands for as long as the site has an active contract in the program.~~

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~~H All program restrictions/requirements apply. Failure to comply with the terms of the contract will be cause for reimbursement of all cost share payments received.~~

Procedures

- A. **Application Period** - Applications may be submitted at any time. A period of 3 calendar months after each annual Program allocation is the primary time in which the Program is promoted. The last working day of the third month will be the deadline for the District office to receive applications for the next calendar year's program unless ~~WHHP~~ WILD Nebraska funds remain after all applications have been processed. If funds remain, the District may solicit more applications in an attempt to make use of the remaining ~~WHHP~~ WILD Nebraska funds for that fiscal year.
- B. **Land Use Classification** - Applications will be classified into those that involve primarily rangeland and those that involve primarily farmland. Applications that fall into the above categories and which meet all other requirements of the ~~Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program~~ WILD Nebraska program practices being applied for will then be taken on a first-come, first-served basis with half of those selected being rangeland applications and half being farmland practices. The District will establish and maintain a map showing the boundaries of the primarily rangeland areas and the primarily farmland areas within the District.
- C. **Filing Period for Applications** - Applications will be held in current enrollment status for a 3-year period, which begins July 1st of the year in which the applicant first applies. After this 3-year period, a prospective landowner must re-apply for inclusion in the ~~Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program~~ WILD Nebraska program.
- D. **Priorities for Practices** - Priorities for practices available in the District's program will be given first to ~~Practice I~~ - Establishing Permanent Habitat for Wildlife on Existing Cropland; second to ~~Practice II~~ - Permanent Wetlands Enhancement for Type 3, 4 and 5 Wetlands; and third to ~~Practice III~~ - Improvement of Existing Wildlife Habitat.
- E. **Cost Share for Materials** - ~~The cost share rates for materials will be at the same rate as the Natural Resources Conservation Service and/or the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program cost share rates within the District.~~
- F. **Tree and Shrub Replants** - Tree and shrub replants may be provided with ~~Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program~~ WILD Nebraska funds during ~~one~~ two of the first ~~three~~ five years the site is in the program. The program will pay 100% of tree and shrub seedling cost, but cooperators are responsible for planting. Shrub replants will only be provided if survival is less than 50%. , and

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~~for Practices I, II and III, Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program funds will provide cost share for replants of 100% of the cost of the trees and no funds for the cost of the planting, and for Practice IV, Wildlife Habitat Improvement Program funds will provide cost share for replants of 100% of the cost of the trees and planting. The vendor providing the planting service shall obtain payment for the planting from the cooperator for sites with Practices I, II and III and from the District for sites with Practice IV.~~

G. **Response to Noncompliance -**

- 1 The District Board of Directors will be notified at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting of the noncompliance circumstances and whether or not the cooperator plans to return to compliance and what penalties are to be imposed.
- 2 The cooperator will be notified immediately upon discovery of noncompliance.
- 3 The District and Commission will determine:
 - a Options for cooperator to return to compliance.
 - b Penalties for cooperator remaining out of compliance.
- 4 If cooperator is unable or unwilling to immediately come into compliance, the District will send a letter to the cooperator with the following information:
 - a Date the noncompliance was discovered.
 - b Type of noncompliance and where it is addressed in the contract or program booklet.
 - c Options available for cooperator to minimize penalties and deadlines for implementation.
 - d Potential penalties for noncompliance:
 - 1 Forfeiture of one or more annual payments or portions of such payments.
 - 2 Contract cancellation.
 - 3 Full or partial repayment of ~~habitat~~ all provided materials cost.
 - e Date by which response to District is expected - within 10 days.
- 5 Follow-up courtesy phone call by District to offer cooperator more information and assistance toward correcting noncompliance.
- 6 Cooperators remaining out of compliance will be sent a letter notifying them of contract cancellation and any other penalties. The letter will indicate that any reimbursement of funds will be expected within 60 days.

Special Practices

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- ~~Improvements such as tree plantings, grass seedings, interseeding of grasses and legumes, and food plots are some examples of improvements to be used. Special practices are aimed at all habitat types. Some items such as water conservation mulch are offered in order to improve planting success on new tree plantings.~~
 - Contract Term: ~~10 years~~
 - Minimum Size: ~~1 acre~~
 - Maximum Size: ~~80 acres~~
 - Payment Rates: ~~NO ANNUAL PAYMENTS~~
 - Cost Share Rates: ~~1. 100% of the cost of the following:
 - a. ~~Trees and shrubs~~
 - b. ~~Grass seed~~
 - c. ~~Planting of trees and grass~~~~
 - ~~2. Other cost share
 - a. ~~Fence material at \$7.00/rod~~
 - b. ~~Water Conservation Mulch at \$.30 /linear foot~~~~
- ~~Installation of fence and water conservation mulch is at cooperator's expense.~~
- ~~The public access option provides that sites with less than 10 acres will receive a one time, up front payment and sites with more than 10 acres will receive two payments, one at 5 years, the other at the end of the contract.~~
- ~~Water Conservation Mulch may be applied only on tilled sites.~~
- ~~The total costs for a Special Practice shall not exceed 110% the costs to the program, over ten years, had the site been enrolled in an annual payments practice.~~

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

AYE: Baldrige, Boyer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

Wildlife Habitat Programs - Corners for Wildlife Program – Mr. Weaver reported that Mr. Carhart reported to the Subcommittee on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's Corners of Wildlife Program which is carried out in cooperation with Pheasants Forever with funding available from Pheasants Forever.

Mr. Weaver reported that in the Directors' packet were draft revisions for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's Wildlife Habitat Programs. Mr. Weaver reviewed the draft revisions for the District's Wildlife Habitat Programs and he reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee was recommending that the Board of Directors approve the draft revisions for the District's Wildlife Habitat Programs.

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Mr. Weaver moved to approve the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that the Wildlife Habitat Programs Policy Number 2 be revised as follows (additions are underlined and deletions have a strikethrough line):

Wildlife Habitat Programs Policy Number 2: CORNERS FOR WILDLIFE PROGRAM

The District will participate in the Pheasants Forever "Corners for Wildlife" program, as funding is available from Pheasants Forever.

The District will offer Cover Practices allowed and funded by Pheasants Forever #1, #2 and #3 for 1999 and 2000. The District shall provide the maximum annual rental payment allowed and funded by Pheasants Forever ~~for 1999 and 2000~~.

Mr. Meisner seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #4)

AYE: Baldrige, Boyer, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

Personnel Salaries for 2001 Fiscal Year – Mr. Boyer reported that the Subcommittee reviewed the authorized positions, reviewed the salary schedules, reviewed cost-of-living, and reviewed the General Managers salary.

Mr. Boyer reported that Mary Reece, NRCS District Conservationist had requested that for the authorized temporary secretaries in the NRCS field offices, the authorized maximum hours annually be increased 400 hours from 1,040 hours to 1,440 hours and for the authorized temporary conservation aides in the NRCS field offices, the authorized maximum hours annually be decreased 400 hours from 1,000 hours to 600 hours.

Mr. Rubenthaler moved to approve the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that for the authorized temporary secretaries in the NRCS field offices, the authorized maximum hours annually be increased 400 hours from 1,040 hours to 1,440 hours and for the authorized temporary conservation aides in the NRCS field offices, the authorized maximum hours annually be decreased 400 hours from 1,000 hours to 600 hours. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #5)

AYE: Baldrige, Boyer, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

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NAY: None
ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

Mr. Rubenthaler moved to approve the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that for the salary schedule for the authorized Administrative Assistant position the base and each step be increased 2.0% prior to cost-of-living adjustments which would increase the base salary to \$16,444.72 and the last step salary to \$22,826.04. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #6)

AYE: Baldrige, Boyer, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None
ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

Mr. Rubenthaler moved to approve the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that the salary schedule steps for each position be increased 3.0% for the 2001 Fiscal Year in recognition of the cost-of-living to maintain the value of the salary compensation and to approve the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that the General Manager's salary be increased 3.0% for the 2001 Fiscal Year. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. (Motion #7)

Mr. Svoboda moved to amend motion #7 as follows (additions are underlined and deletions have a strikethrough line):

~~to approve the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors~~ that the salary schedule steps for each position be increased 3.0% an equal dollar amount utilizing a fund created by calculating 3.0% of the total current salaries of each full time employee excluding the General Manger for the 2001 Fiscal Year in recognition of the cost-of-living to maintain the value of the salary compensation and to approve the Executive Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that the General Manager's salary be increased 3.0% for the 2001 Fiscal Year

(Motion #8)

Motion #8 died for lack of a second.

Motion #7 carried.

AYE: Baldrige, Boyer, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren,
Weaver

NAY: Svoboda
ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meisner reported that the Financial Statements for May 2000 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information.

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Accounts Payable - Mr. Meisner 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. Meisner moved that the Financial Statement for May 2000 be received and placed on file for audit and that the Accounts Payable in the amount of \$14,362.60 be paid. Mr. Stack seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #9)

AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

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

Bids/Proposals - None were presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled To Be Presented for Consideration During the July 13, 2000 Board of Directors Meeting - Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the July 13, 2000 Board of Directors meeting.

Audit for 2000 Fiscal Year - Mr. Miller reported that the District has received a proposal from Darlene Maline of the accounting firm of McChesney, Martin and Sagehorn to audit the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for the 2000 Fiscal Year. Mr. Miller reported that Darlene Maline would perform the audit for the firm. Mr. Miller reported that the firm had prepared the audit for the District in previous years. Mr. Miller reported that the estimated fee in previous proposals had never been exceeded, and that the estimated fee in the proposal for the 2000 Fiscal Year was \$2,045.00.

Mr. Meisner moved that the proposal received from the accounting firm of McChesney, Martin and Sagehorn to perform the audit for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for the 2000 Fiscal Year be accepted and to authorize the General Manager to sign the proposal as the District representative. Mr. Rubenthaler seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #10)

AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
Wahlgren, Weaver

NAY: None

ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

Insurance for 2001 Fiscal Year - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information was a summary of the District's insurance and a report of the premiums for the 2001 Fiscal Year and the 2000 Fiscal Year. Mr. Miller

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reported that the District bid the insurance for the 2000 Fiscal Year, and the Board agreed to maintain the coverage with the Rosenberg Agency for three years with a provision that the agency submit an annual report to the Board of Directors prior to June 1 in regard to the rates to be charged for the next year, and that the District may choose to seek other proposals for the subsequent year if the agency's insurance rates should increase significantly. Mr. Miller reported that the rates for the 2001 Fiscal Year are \$701.00 less than the rates for the 2000 Fiscal year.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Board of Directors Meetings – Mr. Meismer reported on the Board of Directors meeting held on June 5, 2000.

Friends of the Trust – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet for information was an invoice from the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts in the amount of \$115.00 to support Friends of the Nebraska Environmental Trust expenses.

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the invoice from the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts in the amount of \$115.00 to support Friends of the Nebraska Environmental Trust expenses. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #11)

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

NAY: Boyer, Svoboda

ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Water Conservation Task Force

No report presented.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Platte River Citizens Advisory Council

Mr. Boyer reported on the activities of the Platte River Citizens Advisory Council 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.

DISTRICT REPORT

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Requests for Assistance - High Plains Water Expo - Mr. Miller reported that the 8th annual High Plains Water Expo is scheduled to be held in North Platte, NE on September 20, 2000. Mr. Miller reported that the High Plains Water Expo is for Middle School students in Lincoln, Keith, Arthur, McPherson, Logan and Perkins Counties. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a letter requesting financial support from the Twin Platte Natural Resources District of \$175.00. Mr. Miller reported that the District has provided financial support each year for the Expo.

Mr. Weaver moved that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District provide \$175.00 for the 2000 High Plains Water Expo. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion and it carried. (Motion #12)

- AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Svoboda,
 Wahlgren, Weaver
 NAY: None
 ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Contracts - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the monthly report. Mr. Miller reported that \$10,386.79 was available.

Mr. Rubenthaler moved to approve the June 2000 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</u>
<u>Fund</u>				
PROPOSED NEW CONTRACTS:				
00-083	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 1,239.30	\$ 1,239.30
00-084	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 1,316.00	\$ 1,316.00
00-085	NC-1	Terrace Systems	\$ 839.90	\$ 839.90
00-086	NC-11	Critical Planting	\$ 72.00	\$ 72.00
00-087	NC-11	Critical Planting	\$ 80.00	\$ 80.00
00-088	NC-11	Pasture Planting	\$ 109.43	\$ 109.43
00-089	NC-11	Critical Planting	\$ 405.00	\$ 405.00
00-090	NC-6	Construction Diversions	\$ 969.00	\$ 969.00
00-091	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 945.30	\$ 945.30
00-092	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 2,880.00	\$ 2,880.00
00-093	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 980.00	\$ 980.00
Total Amount Of New Contracts				\$ 9,835.93
FUNDS AVAILABLE				\$ 550.86

Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #13)

- AYE: Baldridge, Boyer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren,
 Weaver
 NAY: None
 ABSTAIN: Svoboda
 ABSENT: Kramer, Paulman

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Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program – No report presented.

Cost-Share Programs – NE Buffer Strip Program - Contracts - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information was a report for contracts approved.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Programs – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was information for the “The Dunes” project at Lake McConaughy. Mr. Miller reported that the District has received a request from Isom & Associates for a Resources Inventory for “The Dunes” project located in Sections 5 & 6 of Township 14 North, Range 39 West and Sections 31 & 32 of Township 15 North, Range 39 West. Mr. Miller reported that the Keith County Subdivision Regulations on Natural Resources provides that “Each request and application for a subdivision in Keith County shall be accompanied by a Resource Conservation Plan prepared by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, recommending measures needed to control erosion, flooding, and the reduction of sedimentation according to minimum standards and specifications of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District” and that “The Keith County Planning Commission and the Keith County Commissioners shall find and determine the ultimate Resource Conservation Plan that shall be implemented and provide for the terms of such development”. Mr. Miller reported that the District requests the NRCS to prepare for the District a Resources Inventory rather than a Resource Conservation Plan that might be used by a developer and the County for development of plans. Mr. Miller reported that the District will provide to Isom & Associates available ground water data for ground water levels and ground water quality..

Wildlife Habitat Programs - No report presented.

Water Programs – Ground Water Program – 319 Project – Mr. Miller reported that the District's current 319 Project was for three years from September 1, 1997 to August 31, 2000. Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality personnel have verbally reported to the District that the application the District submitted to extend the 319 Project for an additional three years would not be approved this year. Mr. Miller reported that the NE DEQ personnel have indicated that the application should be re-submitted and it was likely the 319 Project would be approved for an additional three years beginning around January 1, 2001. Mr. Miller reported that the NE DEQ personnel have approved extending the current 319 Project through the remainder of the 2000 calendar year utilizing current 319 funds. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was a spreadsheet showing the funding for the current 319 Project and the revised budget to extend the current 319 Project through the

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remainder of the 2000 calendar year.

Water Programs – Ground Water Program – District Programs –Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was information in regard to the Lake McConaughy Interperative Center. Mr. Miller reported that he was coordinating discussions with the Nebraska Game & Parks Commission in regard to participation by Natural Resources Districts within the Platte River Basin.

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' notebook and available as a handout was information for meetings of the Governance 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' notebook and available as a handout was information for meetings of the sponsors for the Cooperative Hydrology Study. Mr. Miller reported that he participates in the meetings of the sponsor as the representative for the District.

Regulatory Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – Mr. Miller reported that scholarships were provided to one student who participated in the Sandhills Academy and three students who participated in the Range Camp.

Legislation – 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. No report presented.

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 2001 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information

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was the schedule for preparing the 2001 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. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule for preparing the 2001 Fiscal Year Budget provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

First Review - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the first draft of a budget for the 2001 fiscal year. Mr. Miller reviewed the information for the proposed budget for the 2001 fiscal year.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. CDT (4:40 p.m. MDT).

Douglas Stack, Secretary

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