

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
July 12, 2001

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 July 12, 2001. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 8:05 p.m. CDT (7:05 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  
Eric Hansen  
Todd Kramer  
Jim Meisner  
Robert Petersen  
Jim Rubenthaler  
Dennis Schilz  
Douglas Stack  
Joe Wahlgren  
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT & EXCUSED

Jerry Weaver

NRCS PERS PRESENT

Mary Reece, Dist Cons  
Jeff Nichols, R Mgm Spec

OTHERS PRESENT

Scott McPheeters  
Patty McPheeters

STAFF PRESENT

Glen Bowers, W Prog Coor  
Bill Carhart, R Prog Coor  
Ardis Lehmkuhler, Adm Asst  
Kent O. Miller, Gen Mgr  
Dave Slattery, C Prog Coor

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

DISTRIBUTION OF INFORMATION TO BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Directors Notebooks Containing Information Items Available for Handout - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that each Director has a notebook containing information items that are available for handouts for others attending the meeting. Mr. Rubenthaler 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 - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that notebooks containing the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Plans for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Reserve Program were available for information, that the notebooks would be passed around the Board table for review by each member of the Board of Directors present, and that later in the meeting the Conservation Plans would be considered for approval.

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PUBLIC FORUM

The Public Forum of the meeting was opened.

Scott McPheeters addressed the Board in regard to the District's policy to deny an application for a chemigation permit for an irrigation system in which any portion of the equipment passes directly over flowing waters of the state. Mr. McPheeters reported that Irrigation systems now may have the technology such that all of the chemigation system can be turned on or off for different locations in the field and/or selected nozzles can be turned off while the irrigation system is operating. Mr. McPheeters asked the Board to consider revising the current policy to take into consideration irrigation systems, which have the capability to prevent the chemical from coming in contact with the flowing waters of the state.

The Board agreed to consider Mr. McPheeters request at a future meeting.

The Public Forum was closed.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No report presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for June 14, 2001 Meeting - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the June 14, 2001 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 June 14, 2001 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #1)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Kramer, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz,  
Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT: Weaver

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Monthly Report – Mrs. Reece reported that her narrative report was in the Directors' packet for information and she reviewed the report.

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs - Highly Erodible Lands Requirements – Mrs. Reece reported that completed Highly Erodible Lands determinations were no longer required.

Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds - Cooperative Agreements – No agreements were presented.

Other Agencies - No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Land Resources Subcommittee

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

Range Program - District Range Tour - Mr. Baldrige reported on the Rancher's Holiday Range Tour scheduled for August 8, 2001 near Ringgold.

Range Program - Interseeding – Mr. Baldrige reported that the Subcommittee was considering options for providing interseeding within the District.

Tree Program - Mr. Baldrige reported that the Subcommittee heard a report on the 2001 Tree Program and discussed plans for the 2002 Tree Program. Mr. Baldrige reported that the tree planting charge for planting by the District's machine crew was \$.45 per tree for 2000 and 2001 and that the Subcommittee was recommending that the tree planting charge for planting by the District's machine crew be set at \$.45 per tree for 2002. Mr. Baldrige reported that the Subcommittee heard a report on the water conservation mulch installed in the District from 1991 to present. Mr. Baldrige reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was a draft Cooperative Agreement between the District and North Platte Lawn and Irrigation for the 2002, 2003 and 2004 calendar years that the Subcommittee was recommending to be approved.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Mr. Baldrige reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was a listing of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program eligible practices and he reported that the current policy of the District provides that Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, parts F & G, Practice, NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, part C, Practice NC-16, Windbreak Renovation, Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, parts A & B and Practice NC-19, Repair of Practices, are not available for cost-share in the District. Mr. Baldrige reported that the District's allocation for the 2002 Fiscal Year would be \$92,683.06. Mr. Baldrige reported that the District's policy for the 2001 Fiscal Year was that \$35,000.00 will be reserved from July 1, 2000 to December 31, 2001 for Practice NC-12, Windbreaks and a maximum of \$1,200.00 of cost-share funds will be allowed per cooperator for water conservation mulch or a drip irrigation system. Mr. Baldrige reported that the

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Subcommittee was recommending that for Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, that \$35,000.00 be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002.

Cost-Share Programs - District Program - Mr. Baldrige reported that the District's Cost-Share Program for the 2001 Fiscal Year provided \$3,000.00 for cost-share for sealing abandoned wells. Mr. Baldrige reported that \$3,000.00 has been allocated annually for the District's cost-share program for sealing abandoned wells and that the Subcommittee was recommending that the District provide \$3,000.00 of cost-share funds for the sealing of abandoned wells within the District for the 2002 Fiscal Year using the current District guidelines.

Mr. Meisner reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee had also considered the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program and he requested that Mr. Baldrige not present the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program at this time.

Mr. Baldrige moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors that for the District's Tree Program, that the District's tree stock and handling charges be those set by the nursery, that the District's machine planting charges be set at \$.45 per tree for 2002 and to approve the Cooperative Agreement between the District and North Platte Lawn and Irrigation for the 2002, 2003 and 2004 calendar years and to authorize the General Manager to sign the Cooperative Agreement as the District representative and for the District's Cost-Share Program, that the District provide \$3,000.00 of cost-share funds for the sealing of abandoned wells within the District for the 2002 Fiscal Year using the current District guidelines. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #2)

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meisner, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented the report.

Ground Water Programs - Target Areas – Southwestern Keith County – Mr. Meisner reported that the staff reported to the Subcommittee on the collection of data within the target areas in southwestern Keith County. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed that the staff should send a letter to the producers within the target areas in southwestern Keith County in August to remind the producers of the need to obtain water quality information and pumping information needed for the reports requested by the District and that the staff should send a letter to the producers within the target areas in southwestern Keith County in November to remind the producers of the reports requested

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by the District. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that a meeting should be held in March 2002 with the producers in the target areas in southwestern Keith County to present a status report on the activities of the District and to discuss the reports received from the producers for 2001.

Ground Water Program - Transect Wells in Lincoln County – Mr. Meismer reported that the staff reported to the Subcommittee on the collection of data from the monitoring wells installed along a transects crossing the South Platte River valley and the North Platte River valley near Highway 83 in Lincoln County.

Canal Screen Cleaning Demonstration Project - Mr. Bowers presented a power point report.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee reviewed the District's Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program policies and the current eligible practices available in the District. Mr. Meismer reported that the District's allocation for the 2002 Fiscal Year would be \$92,683.06 and that with funding for a contract approved prior to July 1, 2001 for which funds were not available to fully fund there was \$88,178.94 available for new contracts during fiscal year 2002. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee is recommending that Irrigation Water Management be a priority along with Windbreaks and Planned Grazing for cost-share from the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee is recommending that additional components of the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, be available within the District. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee is recommending that for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program that 30% (\$26,453.68) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002 for Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, that 30% (\$26,453.68) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002 for Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, that 30% (\$26,453.68) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002 for Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, that 10% (\$8,817.90) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002 for the other eligible practices and that any funds available after January 30, 2002 may be used for any eligible practice

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program to approve the following guidelines for Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management:

- A **Cost-share Rate:** 50% of average or actual, whichever is less.
- B **Eligible Components:** Surge valves, flow meters, goose necks, land leveling (on gravity systems only and on land that has been irrigated in four of the five years) drop pipes, conversion nozzles, rainfall auto shutoff valves, reuse pits, return pipe, and the necessary appurtenances to allow each of the components to function properly. Consultant fees and moisture blocks or similar devices

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are not cost-shareable items.

- C As an incentive to landowners to conserve water, cost-share on the cost of a buried pipeline from an existing irrigation well or surface water source now being operated as a gravity system to the pivot point of a new pivot system or the withdrawal point of an alternate efficient sprinkler system will be allowed as part of the Irrigation Water Management Practice of the Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP). Buried main pipelines to serve a surge valve system is also allowed. These installations and systems must meet Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) technical specifications.
- D **Sub-surface drip irrigation systems** – cost-share on systems installed in accordance with NRCS standards and specifications at a maximum of 50% of actual or average costs, whichever is less. Cost-share will be allowed on only those systems that utilize groundwater as their water source. **Eligible components would include:** filtration system(s), necessary valves and controllers, pipe and fittings for mains, sub-mains and manifold lines, flush lines, drip tape, chemical injection port, and other appurtenances necessary for meeting NRCS standards and specifications. Costs not included would be the pumping plant, fertilizer or chemical injection systems, and electrical installations.

**ADDITIONAL LIMITATIONS FOR ALL COMPONENTS ARE AS FOLLOWS:**

- (1) Maximum of 1400 feet of buried pipe;
- (2) Land must have been irrigated at least four out of the last five years;
- (3) No more than 10% of land under the pivot system is to be newly irrigated land; and
- (4) Cost-share is not allowed for cost of electrical installation and equipment. As with the current irrigation water management practice, cost-share shall be limited to a maximum of 50%.

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

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Kramer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz,  
Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT: Weaver

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program that for Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, that 30% (\$26,453.68) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002; for Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, that 30% (\$26,453.68) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002; for Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, that 30% (\$26,453.68) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002; and that for the other eligible practices that 10% (\$8,817.90) of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2001 to January 30, 2002 and that any funds available after January 30, 2002 may be used for any eligible practice. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #4)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Kramer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz,

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Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman  
NAY: None  
ABSENT: Weaver

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

Platte River Activities - Cooperative Agreement – Mr. Meismer reported that the staff reported to the Subcommittee on the status of the Cooperative Agreement.

Cooperative Hydrology Study – Mr. Meismer reported that the staff reported to the Subcommittee on the status of the Cooperative Hydrology Study.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORTS (Continued)

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs - Mr. Rubenthaler reported that each member of the Board of Directors present had reviewed the notebooks containing the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Conservation Plans for the Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Reserve Program. Mr. Rubenthaler suggested the Board consider one motion for approval of the Conservation Plans.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the Conservation Plans for the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service Environmental Quality Incentives Program and the Conservation Reserve Program presented to and reviewed by each member of the Board of Directors present and to authorize the General Manager to sign the Conservation Plans as the District representative. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion and it carried. (Motion #5)

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

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service - Programs and Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds - Cooperative Agreements - Mr. Miller reported that each

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month the members of the Board of Directors review and take action on Conservation Plans for programs of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Cooperative Agreements with the State of Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds for Conservation Plans. Mr. Miller suggested that the Board consider authorizing him to take action on Conservation Plans for programs of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and Cooperative Agreements with the State of Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds for Conservation Plans as they are presented to the District and that a report be presented to the Board of Directors each month on actions taken by the General Manager on Conservation Plans. Mr. Miller reported that this would allow the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and the State of Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds to begin implementation of the Conservation Plans sooner.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the following revisions for the Operating Policies (Deletions have a strikethrough line. Additions are underlined):

Operating Policy Number 34: U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS

The General Manager may approve and sign or not approve Conservation Plans for Programs of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service as the District representative as the Conservation Plans are presented to the District by the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service and a report of the Conservation Plans approved or not approved for Programs of the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service shall be presented to the Board of Directors each month.

All other USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service documents requiring Twin Platte Natural Resources District approval shall be reviewed and approved or not approved by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors shall authorize a representative of the District to sign the document if approved.

Operating Policy Number 34A: NEBRASKA BOARD OF EDUCATION LANDS  
AND FUNDS

APPROVAL OF DOCUMENTS

The General Manager may approve and sign or not approve Cooperative Agreements between the Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as the District representative as the Cooperative Agreements are presented to the District by the Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds to assist in the development and the application of a complete resource conservation plan for land leases with the assistance provided by the District dependent upon the amount of assistance available by the District and a report of the Cooperative Agreements approved or not approved with the



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Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds shall be presented to the Board of Directors each month.

All other Nebraska Board of Educational Lands and Funds documents requiring Twin Platte Natural Resources District approval shall be reviewed and approved or not approved by the Board of Directors and the Board of Directors shall authorize a representative of the District to sign the document if approved.

Mr. Schilz seconded the motion and it carried. (Motion #6)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Kramer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz,  
Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT: Weaver

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statements for June 2001 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 June 2001 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices for July 2001 in the amount of \$12,539.09. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion, and it carried. (Motion #7)

AYE: Baldridge, Kramer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack,  
Wahlgren, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT: Hansen, Weaver

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 August 9, 2001 Board of Directors Meeting - Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the August 9, 2001 Board of Directors meeting.

OPERATING POLICIES

Number 60 – Mr. Miller reported that during the June 14, 2001 Board of Directors meeting, that the Board agreed to request him to prepare additional options for a policy in regard to reporting violations for consideration during the July 12, 2001 Board of

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Directors meeting. Mr. Miller reported that eleven options for a new Operating Policy Number 60: Reporting Violations, was in the Directors' packet for consideration by the Board. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors in the past have informally conveyed to the District personnel that they will not seek out violations of Non-District Programs that may impact the purpose and mission of the District and that when District personnel observe violations of Non-District Programs that may impact the purpose and mission of the District while they are carrying out their normal assigned duties, the District personnel should report such observed violations to the appropriate agency.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the following new Operating Policy:  
Operating Policy Number 60: Reporting Violations

NON-DISTRICT PROGRAMS

The District personnel will not seek out violations of Non-District Programs.

When District Personnel are carrying out their normal assigned duties and they observe violations of Non-District Programs that may impact the Ground Water Quality, Ground Water Levels, Surface Water Quality, Soil Erosion, or Wildlife Habitat Sites of the District:

1. The District personnel shall report such observed violations to the General Manager.
2. The General Manager shall report the observed violation to the appropriate agency.
3. The General Manager shall notify the owner and/or operator of the land or facility where the violation was observed of the actions taken in reporting the observed violation.
4. The General Manager shall report to the Board of Directors during the next regular meeting of the Board the actions taken in reporting the observed violation.

Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. (Motion #8)

A YE:           Baldrige, Hansen, Kramer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz,  
                  Wahlgren, Wiseman

NAY:           Stack

ABSENT:       Weaver

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Mr. Meismer reported that the minutes for the June 4, 2001 meeting of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors was in the Directors' packet for information.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Water Conservation Task Force

No report presented.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS  
Platte River Citizens Advisory Council

Mr. Meismer reported on the June 15, 2001 meeting of the Platte River Citizens Advisory Council.

DIRECTORS' REPORTS  
Requests for Authorization to Travel

No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Requests for Assistance – Nebraska State Irrigation Association – Integrated Irrigation Improvement Project – Mr. Miller reported that the request for assistance from the Nebraska State Irrigation Association for an Integrated Irrigation Improvement Project was in the Directors' packet for information. Mr. Miller reported that the project affected the Western Irrigation District. Mr. Schilz, who is also a member of the Western Irrigation District Board, reported that the Western Irrigation District is interested in the Project.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the request for assistance from the Nebraska State Irrigation Association for an Integrated Irrigation Improvement Project that includes the Western Irrigation District, which is located within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and to authorize funding the \$2,000.00 requested provided that the \$2,000.00 is utilized to provide direct assistance for the Western Irrigation District. Mr. Kramer seconded the motion and it carried. (Motion #9)

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Kramer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz,  
Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT: Weaver

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 \$3,693.87 was available and that the proposed new contracts would be funded with the available funds, funds not utilized by approved contracts or with the new funds if available July 1, 2001.

Mr. Wiseman moved to approve the July 2001 report as presented and to approve the following new contracts:

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<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt To Fund</u>
PROPOSED NEW CONTRACTS:				
01-002	NC-1	Terraces	\$ 855.00	\$ 855.00
01-003	NC-10	Range Seeding	\$ 4,352.35	\$ 4,352.35
01-004	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 1,624.50	\$ 1,624.50
01-005	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 2,200.00	\$ 2,200.00
01-006	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 3,870.00	\$ 3,870.00
01-007	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 2,984.25	\$ 2,984.25
01-008	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 719.58	\$ 719.58
01-009	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 740.25	\$ 740.25
01-010	NC-14	Planned Grazing Systems	\$ 5,495.33	\$ 5,495.33
Total Amount Of New Contracts				\$ 22,841.26
FUNDS AVAILABLE: Practice NC-12, Windbreaks				\$ 26,453.68
Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing				\$ 8,819.77
Practice NC-17, Irrigation				\$ 26,453.68
Other available practices				\$ 3,610.55

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

AYE: Baldridge, Hansen, Kramer, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Wiseman

NAY: None

ABSENT: Weaver

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program – 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 – District Programs – Mr. Bowers reported on well registrations, monitoring wells installed in Arthur County and the workshop and tour scheduled for July 18, 2001 in southwestern Keith County.

Water Programs – Ground Water Program – 319 Project – Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality has signed the agreement for the new 319 Project for an additional three years, which had been previously approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ notebook

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and available as a handout for information was the 319 Project Implementation Plan.

Water Programs –Watershed Program – No report presented.

Water Programs – Platte River Activities - Cooperative Agreement Relating to Endangered Species – Mr. Miller reported on the status of the Cooperative Agreement. Mr. Miller reported that he attends meetings of the Governance 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. 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 he participates in the meetings of the sponsors as the representative for the District.

Regulatory Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Board of Directors Tour of North Platte River Basin - Mr. Miller asked which Directors were planning to participate in the Board of Directors tour of the North Platte River Basin September 5–6, 2001. Mr. Hansen, Mr. Meismer, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Rubenthaler, Mr. Wahlgren and Mr. Wiseman indicated they were planning to participate. Mr. Baldrige, Mr. Schilz and Mr. Stack indicated they would not be able to participate. Mr. Kramer and Mr. Weaver may participate.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

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

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

### BUDGET FOR 2002 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was the schedule for preparing the 2002 Fiscal Year Budget for the District. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule for preparing the 2002 Fiscal Year Budget provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

Review Draft #2 - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet was the second draft of a budget for the 2002 fiscal year. Mr. Miller reviewed the information for the proposed budget for the 2002 fiscal year. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and

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available as a handout was information for the Natural Resources Enhancement Funds and the 319 Project Funds in the 2001 fiscal year budget and the draft 2002 fiscal year budget and he reviewed the information.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:27 p.m. CDT (9:27 p.m. MDT).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary

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