

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 14, 2006

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors meeting was held at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, Second Floor, West Wing, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on September 14, 2006. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. CDT (6:38 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  
Jim Meisner  
Robert Petersen  
Jim Rubenthaler  
Dennis Schilz  
Doug Stack  
Shane Storer  
Joe Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jeff Baldrige  
Robert Wiseman

OTHERS PRESENT

John Lindenberger, North Platte Telegraph

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Lee Morse  
Mary Reece

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator  
Ann Dimmitt, Regulatory Programs Coordinator  
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant  
Kent O. Miller, General Manager  
David L. Slattery, Conservation Programs Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act requires public bodies to make available at least one current copy of the Open Meeting Act posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public and at the beginning of the meeting, the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the current Open Meeting Act is posted on the wall of the meeting room and is accessible to members of the public.

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Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Operating Policy Number 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENCES provides that a Director will be considered excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting that he or she will be absent and that the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Baldrige and Mr. Wiseman had notified the office prior to the meeting that they would be absent and that they are therefore excused.

Distribution of Information – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that handouts are available for the public in the back of the meeting room.

Other Announcements – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that monthly summary reports of NRCS conservation plans were available for information and that the reports would be passed around the Board table for review by each member of the Board of Directors present.

INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING - BUDGET

Open Proceedings - Jim Rubenthaler, Chair of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors and Presiding Officer, opened the Public Hearing at 7:39 p.m. CDT.

Appointment of Hearing Examiner - Mr. Rubenthaler appointed Kent O. Miller, General Manager of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, Hearing Examiner.

Review of Purpose by Hearing Examiner – Mr. Miller distributed an informational packet for the proposed 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget, which was also in the Director’s packet for information. Mr. Miller reported that the purpose of the Public Hearing was for hearing testimony in regard to support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed Twin Platte Natural Resources District 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Miller reported that a legal notice was published in the North Platte Telegraph on September 7, 2006 and that a copy of the legal notice was included in the informational packet.

Mr. Miller reviewed the following for the proposed 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget:

2004-2005 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	724,516.16
2005-2006 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$	791,749.17
2006-2007 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$	1,124,825.54
2006-2007 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$	200,000.00
2006-2007 Total Resources Available	\$	1,324,825.54
Total 2006-2007 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$	714,616.08
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$	175,021.99

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Public Testimony - Mr. Miller opened the Public Hearing for Public Testimony.

No testimony was offered.

Informal Questions – Mr. Miller asked if there were questions in regard to the Budget.

There were no questions.

Close Proceedings - Mr. Miller turned the Public Hearing back to the Presiding Officer, Mr. Rubenthaler.

Mr. Rubentahler declared the Public Hearing closed 7:44 p.m. CDT.

INFORMAL PUBLIC HEARING – SETTING FINAL TAX REQUEST

Open Proceedings - Jim Rubenthaler, Chair of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors and Presiding Officer, opened the Public Hearing at 7:45 p.m. CDT.

Appointment of Hearing Examiner - Mr. Rubenthaler appointed Kent O. Miller, General Manager of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Hearing Examiner.

Review of Purpose by Hearing Examiner – Mr. Miller reported that the purpose of the Public Hearing was for hearing testimony in regard to support, opposition, criticism, suggestions, or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request to fund the proposed Twin Platte Natural Resources District 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Miller reported that a legal notice was published in the North Platte Telegraph on September 7, 2006 and that a copy of the legal notice was included in the informational packet which was distributed during the Informal Public Hearing for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget.

Mr. Miller reviewed the following for the proposed 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget:

2005-2006 Property Tax Request	\$	442,608.00
2005 Tax Rate		0.015348
Property Tax Rate (2005-2006 Request/2006 Valuation)		0.014201
2006-2007 Proposed Property Tax Request	\$	714,616.08
Proposed 2006 Tax Rate		0.022929

Public Testimony - Mr. Miller opened the Public Hearing for Public Testimony.

No testimony was offered.

Informal Questions – Mr. Miller asked if there were questions in regard to the Budget.

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There were no questions.

Close Proceedings - Mr. Miller turned the Public Hearing back to the Presiding Officer, Mr. Rubenthaler.

Mr. Rubentahler declared the Public Hearing closed 7:50 p.m. CDT.

2006-2007 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Final Approval

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 7, 2006, for a Public Hearing scheduled for September 14, 2006 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 14, 2006 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 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget as presented for Public Hearing.

Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Nebraska Statutes requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors present.) (Motion #1)

Aye: Meismer, Petersen Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer,  
Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: Hansen

Absent & Excused: Baldrige, Wiseman

Absent: None

Set Property Tax Request

Mr. Stack 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, a legal notice of special hearing to set final tax request was published in

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the North Platte Telegraph on September 7, 2006, for a Public Hearing scheduled for September 14, 2006 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 14, 2006 held a Public Hearing for the purpose of hearing testimony in regard to support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request to fund the proposed Twin Platte Natural Resources District 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2005-2006 Fiscal Year property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources Districts was \$442,608.00 and the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget requires a property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources Districts of \$714,616.08.

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 2006-2007 Fiscal Year Budget at \$714,616.08.

Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Nebraska Statutes requires that the Board of Directors passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request at a different amount from the property tax request for the prior year. The State Auditors office has interpreted a majority vote to be a majority of the Board of Directors which would require six affirmative votes.) (Motion #2)

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

Restricted Funds Authority

Mr. Stack moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Nebraska Statutes provide that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District may exceed the budget limit for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year by up to an additional one percent upon the affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District may carry forward an additional unused restricted funds authority of \$4,747.80 to future budget years with approval of the additional one percent.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twin Platte Natural Resources

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District Board of Directors approve exceeding the budget limit for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year by an additional one percent.

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion failed. (Nebraska Statutes requires an affirmative vote of at least seventy-five percent of the Board of Directors to exceed the budget limit for the 2006-2007 Fiscal Year by an additional one percent which would require nine affirmative votes.) (Motion #3)

Aye: Meismer, Petersen Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer,  
Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: Hansen

Absent & Excused: Baldrige, Wiseman

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Rubenthaler opened the Public Forum.

There were no comments.

Mr. Rubenthaler closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for August 17, 2006 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the August 17, 2006 meeting were in the Directors packet and he asked if there were corrections or additions to the Minutes.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the August 17, 2006 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer,  
Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Baldrige, Wiseman

Absent: None

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

No requests for assistance were presented.

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COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece reported that in the Directors’ packet for information was a written report and she reviewed the report.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Local Work Group - Mrs. Reece reported that the Local Work Group for Conservation Programs would be meeting September 21, 2006 in the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room adjacent to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District’s offices. Mrs. Reece reported that the Local Work Group was established primarily for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Mrs. Reece reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District initially established the Local Work Group which includes four Twin Platte Natural Resources District Directors, four USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee members, and representatives of various Nebraska state agencies and that the Local Work Group is chaired by Mrs. Reece. Mrs. Reece reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District representatives are the Chair of the Water Resources Subcommittee (Jim Meismer), a member of the Water Resources Subcommittee (Robert Petersen), the Chair of the Land Resources Subcommittee (Jeff Baldrige), and a member of the Land Resources Subcommittee (Eric Hansen). Mrs. Reece reported that the USDA Farm Service Agency County Committee representatives are one County Committee member from each of the four counties within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District selected by the County Committee’s.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Hansen, acting Land Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Land Resources Subcommittee meeting held on September 14, 2006.

Tree Program - 2006 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 and a cost-share summary report.

Tree Program - 2007 Planning - Policies - Mr. Hansen reported that no policy changes were recommended.

Tree Program - 2007 Planning - Tree Stock – Mr. Hansen reported that the 2007 supply of trees looked to be good at this point, after stocks were reduced last year from the Halsey nursery due to a hail storm. Mr. Hansen reported that the Nursery’s have not yet determined the charges for 2007 trees for Districts.

Tree Program - 2007 Planning - Machine Planting Charges - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook were reports showing the District’s tree program

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funds for 2006. Mr. Hansen reported that due to an estimated increase of expenses projected for 2007, the Land Resources Subcommittee 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 \$.55 for 2006.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's 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 \$.62 per tree for 2007. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Tree Program - 2007 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 Mike Ekdahl, the mulch contractor, was not able to determine his costs pending the effects of petroleum prices on the cost of the mulch material.

Range Program – Interseeding Program – 2006 Report - Mr. Hansen reported that in 2006, 15 acres were interseeded by one landowner. Mr. Hansen reported that the District charges a \$3.00/acre fee for using the interseeding machine. Mr. Hansen reported that the program broke even this year when repairs to the interseeding machine were factored in.

Range Program – Interseeding Program – 2007 Planning - Mr. Hansen reported that there may be up to 220 acres of interseeding projects in the District for 2007. Mr. Hansen reported that 70 acres is located in western Lincoln County and 150 acres is located in McPherson County.

Range Program – District Range Tour - Mr. Hansen reported that a new Weed Management Area has been formed that includes all of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Hansen reported that a tour will be held September 28, 2006 in conjunction with a meeting designed to launch the new Weed Management Area. Mr. Hansen reported that the meeting and tour will be held in the Hershey area and will address the invasive weeds that cause concern in the Platte Valley, as well as upland weed issues.

Mr. Hansen reported that there will not be a District Range Tour this year as the dry conditions made it difficult to find a landowner willing to host a tour. Mr. Hansen reported that a District Range Tour is being planned for 2007 in the Otter Creek area.

Range Program – Society for Range Management - Mr. Hansen reported that the Nebraska Section of the Society for Range Management annual meeting will be held in



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North Platte October 12-13, 2006 and that the annual meeting will include sessions on dealing with drought.

Awards Program - Educator Award – Consideration of Policy to Initiate – Mr. Hansen reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts annually presents a State Educator of the Year award for grades K-12 teachers. Mr. Hansen reported that the staff was recommending that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District make available a District Educator of the Year award. Mr. Hansen reported that the staff felt that the District award would not be given annually, but on an as-warranted basis. Mr. Hansen reported that the District would need to provide the funds for a plaque for the award and a method and the funds for the presentation of the award. Mr. Hansen reported that the District Educator of the Year would be nominated for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Award. Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee did not have a recommendation to present as they did not have much time to consider a recommendation, and that the Subcommittee agreed that information should be presented to the full board for their consideration of this award. Mr. Rubenthaler directed that consideration of a District Educator of the Year award be on the agenda for the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting held on September 14, 2006.

Ground Water Management - Variances - Nevens Ranch Inc - Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Nevens Ranch Inc, requesting a variance on the property described as Section 16, Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' notebook was the request for a variance and a map of the area for information. Mr. Meismer reported that the Nevens Ranch currently irrigates a strip of land totaling 64.16 acres north of the North Platte River and that they would like to get rid of the old side roll irrigation and install a wiper pivot. Mr. Meismer reported that the land irrigated by the new pivot would be 64.15 acres which would not increase irrigated acres.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Nevens Ranch Inc on property described as Section 16, Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, Nebraska to allow the Nevens Ranch Inc to remove from irrigation a strip of land totaling 64.16 acres currently irrigated with a side roll irrigation system, and to initiate irrigation of a half circle of land totaling 64.15 acres at the same location using a new pivot irrigation system. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer  
Wahlgren, Weaver  
Nay: None

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Absent & Excused: Baldridge, Wiseman  
Absent: None

Ground Water Management - Certifying Irrigated Acres – No reported presented.

Ground Water Management - Rules & Regulations – No reported presented.

Integrated Management Plan - Stakeholders – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Mr. Meismer reported that the next meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be September 18, 2006 at 7:00 pm CDT at the Quality Inn in North Platte.

Integrated Management Plan - Stakeholders – Platte River Basin – Mr. Meismer reported on the Platte River Basin Stakeholders meeting held on August 24, 2006.

Platte River Cooperative Agreement - Meeting with Governor Heineman - Mr. Meismer reported that Governor Heineman had been thinking about having a special meeting of up to 100 key people in the Platte River Basin plus the members of the Governor's Advisory Council to discuss the proposed Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, but that he now understood that meeting would not occur and that the Governor was planning to meet with the Advisory Council following the Nebraska Public Meetings.

Platte River Cooperative Agreement - Nebraska Public Meetings - Mr. Meismer reported that Governor Heineman has scheduled three public meetings on the proposed Program for September 6<sup>th</sup> in Scottsbluff, September 22<sup>nd</sup> in Grand Island, and October 10<sup>th</sup> in Lincoln. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet for information was a news article in regard to the public meeting in Scottsbluff and in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was the agenda for the public meetings in Grand Island and Lincoln. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Miller, and he plan to attend the September 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting in Grand Island and that Mr. Miller plans to attend the October 10<sup>th</sup> meeting in Lincoln.

Platte River Cooperative Agreement - Twin Platte Natural Resources District Position – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors that the Board should consider taking a position in regard to whether Governor Heineman should support or oppose the proposed Platte River Recovery Implementation Program. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that consideration of a position should be on the agenda for the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors meeting, and that Brian Barel, Water Resources Manager for Nebraska Public Power District and the Downstream Water Users representative on the Governance Committee, should be invited to report to the Board his observations and perspectives. Mr. Rubenthaler directed that consideration of a position in regard to whether Governor Heineman should support or oppose the proposed Platte River Recovery Implementation Program be on the agenda for the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors meeting and to invite Brian Barel to attend the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors meeting as recommended by the Subcommittee.

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South Platte River Compact – No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

The Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee has not met since the last Board of Directors meeting and no report was presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Executive Subcommittee

The Executive Subcommittee has not met since the last Board of Directors meeting and no report was presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meisner reported that the Financial Statement for August 2006 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information.

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 August 2006 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on September 14, 2006 in the amount of \$11,458.95. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Baldrige, Wiseman

Absent: None

Budget Status – No report presented.

Bids/Proposals – None were presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled To Be Presented for Consideration During the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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Nebraska Association of Resources Districts - Annual Conference, September 25-26, 2006, Kearney, NE - Resolutions – Mr. Meisner reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts annual conference will be held September 25-26, 2006 in Kearney, Nebraska and that in the Directors packet for information was the program for the conference. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Rubenthaler, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Miller, and he are planning to attend. Mr. Meisner reported that if other Directors would like to attend, to please notify the office and the staff would register you for the conference and make lodging reservations.

Mr. Meisner reported that the Board needed to take action to select a voting delegate for the conference. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Meisner would be chairing the Business Session during the conference when the votes are taken which makes it difficult for Mr. Meisner to be a voting delegate. Mr. Rubenthaler appointed Mr. Petersen the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's voting delegate and himself as the alternate voting delegate for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts 2006 Annual Conference.

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

Governor’s Platte River Advisory Council – Mr. Meisner reported that the Governor was planning to meet with the Advisory Council in October.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported on recent activities of the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council. Mr. Hansen reported that he had heard talk that the Legislature may consider banning Conservation Easements.

Requests for Authorization to Travel - No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

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 \$66,451.86 was available.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the September 14, 2006 report as presented and to approve the following new contract:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt to Fund</u>
7.002	NC-17	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 1,445.00	<u>\$ 1,445.00</u>
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 1,445.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE:		Practice NC-12, Windbreaks		\$ 23,235.11
		Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing		\$ 18,812.61
		Practice NC-17, Irrigation		\$ 16,627.11
		Other Available Practices		\$ 6,300.03

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

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

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program – Well Abandonment Contracts –  
Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a report of contracts approved by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District staff as provided for by District policy. Mr. Miller reported that \$7,271.78 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – No report presented.

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 Management – Variances – No report presented.

Water Programs – Ground Water Management – Certifying Irrigated Acres – No report presented.

Water Programs – Integrated Management Plans (IMP) – No report presented.

Water Programs –Platte River Cooperative Agreement – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watersheds - Brule – No report presented.

Water Programs – Watersheds – Western Irrigation – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements - Cooperative Hydrology Study – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Ground Water Management Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – South Platte Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Nebraska Habitat Conservation

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Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – South Platte River Compact – No report presented.

Regulatory Programs - Chemigation – No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – Erosion and Sediment Control – Mr. Miller reported that the District has received a formal complaint in regard to soil erosion from Lake Maloney located south of North Platte, NE. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Carhart is working through the procedures outlined in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Rules and Regulations. Mr. Miller reported that he has asked the District's legal counsel for an opinion as to whether this complaint complies with the authorities of the Erosion and Sediment Control Program administered by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District.

Regulatory Programs – Ground Water Runoff - No report presented.

Trails – Lake Maloney – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – NE Rain Program – Mr. Miller presented a power point presentation about the Twin Platte Natural Resources District NE Rain Program.

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

Meetings and Dates of Interest – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors' Board meeting packet.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors' Board meeting packet and in the Directors' Board meeting notebook.

#### OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

#### NEXT MEETING

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, October 12, 2006 at 7:30 pm CDT (6:30 pm MDT) in North Platte, Nebraska.

#### ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m. CDT (8:06 p.m. MDT).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary

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