

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
October 12, 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 October 12, 2006. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. CDT (6:35 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
Jim Meisner
Robert Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Dennis Schilz
Doug Stack
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Weaver

OTHERS PRESENT

Brian Barels, Nebraska Public Power District
Jim Cook, NE Department of Natural Resources
Ralph Holzfaster
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Lee Morse

STAFF PRESENT

Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O. Miller, General Manager

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Nebraska Open 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. Weaver notified the office prior to the meeting that he would be absent and he is therefore excused.

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

Other Announcements – None presented.

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 September 14, 2006 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the September 14, 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 September 14, 2006 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Weaver

Absent: None

PLATTE RIVER COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT

Status Report and Observations & Perspectives – Jim Cook, Legal Counsel for the

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Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the State of Nebraska Representative on Governance Committee presented a power point presentation on the current status of the Platte River Cooperative Agreement and his observations and perspectives for the proposed Platte River Recovery Implementation Program. Brian Barels, Water Resources Manager for the Nebraska Public Power District and the Downstream Water Users Representative on Governance Committee presented a power point presentation on his observations and perspectives for the proposed Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

Twin Platte Natural Resources District Position – Mr. Meismer, Chair of the Water Resources Subcommittee, reported that the following items were in the Directors’ packet for information:

- Document titled “Extension of the Cooperative Agreement for Platte River Research and Other Efforts Relating to Endangered Species Habitat along the Central Platte River, Nebraska” September 14, 2006.
- Letter dated September 29, 2006 that Ron Bishop - General Manager for the Central Platte Natural Resources District and Kent O. Miller - General Manager for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District jointly sent to Ann Bleed - Acting Director for the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. The letter was prepared by Don Blankenau - Legal Counsel for the Central Platte Natural Resources District, for the Central Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Bishop invited Mr. Miller to jointly sign the letter.
- News article dated September 29, 2006 titled “Interior Secretary Approves Platte River Recovery Agreement”.
- Resolution adopted by the Nebraska Public Power District Board of Directors on September 14, 2006.
- Statement of Ron Bishop - General Manager for the Central Platte Natural Resources District, presented during the Public Meeting on the proposed Platte River Implementation Recovery Program in Grand Island, Nebraska on September 22, 2006.
- Opinion written by Don Blankenau, Legal Counsel for the Central Platte Natural Resources District that was published in the Omaha World Herald on September 17, 2006.

Mr. Meismer distributed a draft resolution that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to present to the Board of Directors without a recommendation.

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the following resolution:

WHEREAS, on July 1, 1997, then Governor Nelson signed the Platte River Cooperative Agreement (CA); and

WHEREAS, in signing the CA, Governor Nelson agreed that if a Platte River Recovery Implementation Program (Program) could be developed, Nebraska would

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mitigate or offset any depletions to the Platte River that occurred after July 1, 1997;
and

WHEREAS, since July 1, 1997, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources has steadfastly assured all Platte River Natural Resources Districts that the post-1997 depletions would be offset or mitigated by the State of Nebraska – not the Natural Resources Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) support of Legislative Bill 962 (LB 962) enacted in 2004 was predicated on the belief that the requirement of LB 962 that post-1997 depletions in the over appropriated area of the Platte River be offset or mitigated within the first 10 years, would be offset or mitigated by the State of Nebraska, not the Natural Resources Districts, if a Program was implemented as a result of the CA; and

WHEREAS, Governor Heineman is now nearing a decision on whether to support the Program developed according to the CA.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the TPNRD Board of Directors hereby provides its support of the implementation of the Program and recommends that Governor Heineman approve Nebraska's participation in the Program provided that post-1997 depletions would be offset or mitigated by the State of Nebraska; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TPNRD support is dependent upon the funding for offsets or mitigation by the State of Nebraska for post-1997 depletions not include any funds obtained from property taxes; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the TPNRD believes that the successful implementation of the provisions of LB 962 is dependent upon Nebraska's participation in the Program and the State of Nebraska providing the funding for offsets or mitigation of post-1997 depletions.

Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

No requests for assistance were presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ notebook for information was a written report.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Land Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting held on October 12, 2006.

Ground Water Management - Ground Water Levels – Mr. Meismer reported that on the wall for information were Ground Water Level Change maps for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for Predevelopment to Spring 2006, for Spring 2000 to Spring 2006, and for Spring 2005 to Spring 2006 prepared by the University of Nebraska – Lincoln, Conservation and Survey Division, using Twin Platte Natural Resources District data.

Ground Water Management – Variances – No report presented.

Ground Water Management - Certifying Irrigated Acres - Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – Mr. Meismer reported that the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program requires that Nebraska would mitigate or offset any depletions to the Platte River that occurred after July 1, 1997. Mr. Meismer reported that the COHYST data has provided information on the amount of new irrigated acres within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District from 1997 to 2004. Mr. Meismer reported that he believes those numbers may be high and the staff had been discussing options for determining a more precise amount. Mr. Meismer reported that the staff will be revising the certification forms used for certifying irrigated acres within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District in 2004 to include a request to report when the acres were first irrigated which will allow the District staff to determine a more precise amount of irrigated acres in 1997 to compare to the certified irrigated acres in 2004.

Ground Water Management - Certifying Irrigated Acres - Personnel - Mr. Miller reported that Sudheer Chadalavada, GIS Programs Coordinator, who resigned effective August 17, 2006, had developed and implemented the procedures for digitizing the photography obtained in 2004 that is used for certifying the irrigated acres within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Chadalavada had not completed the digitizing of the photography. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Chadalavada trained Glen Bowers, Water Programs Field Coordinator, Ann Dimmitt, Water Program Regulatory Coordinator, and Evan Miller, Temporary Aide, to allow them to digitize the photography. Mr. Miller reported that they can complete the digitizing of the photography, but that it will take longer, as they are doing the work as they have time.

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Mr. Miller reported that the State funds used for Mr. Chadalavada's position are still available through June 30, 2007 and that the District is advertising to hire a GIS Technician, who would be a full time temporary employee with the position to end June 30, 2007, to work on digitizing the photography.

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

Ground Water Management - Modeler – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was an Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application for a project named "Middle Platte Ground Water Modeling". Mr. Miller reported that he prepared the application for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, and the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District and that the application was approved by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission on September 26, 2006 and funding was authorized for Year 1 (Current Fiscal Year through June 30, 2007).

Ground Water Management - Water Banking – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was an Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application for a project named "Water Banking". Mr. Miller reported that Ron Bishop – General Manager for the Central Platte Natural Resources District prepared the application for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, and the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District and that the application was approved by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission on September 26, 2006 and funding was authorized for Year 1 (Current Fiscal Year through June 30, 2007).

Platte River Cooperative Agreement – Discussed previously.

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Mr. Meisner reported that the next meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be October 16, 2006 at 7:00 pm CDT and would be held at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte.

Integrated Management Plan - Platte River Basin – Mr. Meisner reported that the next meeting of the Platte River Basin Stakeholders would be December 7, 2006 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm CST and would be held at the Quality Inn in North Platte.

South Platte River Compact – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was an Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application for a project named "South Platte River Compact Water" for a hydrologic assessment. Mr. Miller reported he prepared the application for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and that the application was approved by the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission on September 26, 2006 and funding was authorized for Year 1 (Current Fiscal Year through June 30, 2007).

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No reported presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for September 2006 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 September 2006 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on October 12, 2006 in the amount of \$13,870.99. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

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 November 9, 2006 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the November 9, 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts - Annual Conference, September 25-26, 2006, Kearney, NE – Mr. Rubenthaler, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Meismer, and Mr. Miller reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts annual conference, which they attended on September 25-26, 2006 in Kearney, Nebraska.

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Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Board of Directors Meeting – No report presented.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Flexible Benefit Plan – Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Board of Directors has approved the NARD Flexible Benefits Plan for Natural Resources Districts. Mr. Meismer reported that the NARD Flexible Benefit Plan is a “cafeteria plan” pursuant to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District participates in the NARD’s self-insured group health and dental program and therefore has the opportunity to become a participating employer in the NARD Flexible Benefit Plan.

Mr. Meismer reported that a proposal was made by management of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District to amend and restate the Twin Platte Natural Resources District’s current cafeteria plan by becoming a Participating Employer in the NARD Flexible Benefits Plan, as a Participating Employer to allow eligible employees to continue to make pre-tax contributions for selected benefits and to bring the Plan into compliance with applicable law and guidance.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ packet for information was an NARD letter dated October 5, 2006, a draft Resolution for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, a Participation Agreement, and a resolution adopted by the NARD Board of Directors.

Complete review and full discussion occurred.

Mr. Stack moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLVED, that the amendment and restatement of the existing Section 125 cafeteria plan of the NRD in its entirety as a Participating Employer of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Flexible Benefits Plan (the “NARD Plan”), effective as of January 1, 2007, is hereby authorized and approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the Plan Year of the NARD Plan as the 12-month period commencing on January 1st of each year and ending on December 31st of each year, effective as of January 1, 2007, is hereby authorized and approved;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and management of the NRD are hereby authorized and directed to establish such reasonable, non-discriminatory, and uniformly applied rules and regulations for the administration of the NARD Plan as they deem appropriate from time to time, such rules in all cases are to be consistent with the provisions of the NARD Plan document and applicable laws;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that the officers and management of the NRD be, and they hereby are, authorized and directed to take such actions as may be necessary or

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appropriate to fully implement the foregoing Resolutions including, but not limited to the selection of the programs in the NARD Plan that the NRD shall participate in, the execution of the Participation Agreement and any other necessary documentation, the preparation and distribution of proper notices, and the preparation and distribution of explanatory booklets and materials to participants and beneficiaries;

RESOLVED FURTHER, that any and all actions taken and documentation executed by the management or the officers of the NRD to effectuate the foregoing Resolutions and the transactions described therein be, and they hereby are, approved and ratified.

and moved to approve the following Participation Agreement:

Twin Platte Natural Resources District (the “Participating Employer”), as a member of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts, hereby adopts the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Flexible Benefits Plan (the "Plan") as a Participating Employer of the Plan, and hereby agrees to be bound by all of the provisions, conditions and limitations of the Plan, as amended from time to time.

The adoption of the Plan by the Participating Employer shall constitute an amendment and restatement in its entirety of a previously established Plan of the Participating Employer, which was effective July 1, 1996. The effective date of this amendment and restatement is January 1, 2007.

The Participating Employer hereby elects to participate in the following programs:

- Premium Only Plan
- Health Flexible Spending Account
- Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account

Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Weaver

Absent: None

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

Governor’s Platte River Advisory Council – No report presented.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – No report presented.

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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 \$64,974.86 was available.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the October 12, 2006 report as presented and to approve the following new contracts:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt to Fund</u>
7.008	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 1,197.00	\$ 1,197.00
7.009	NC-17	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 3,040.00	\$ 3,040.00
7.010	NC-17	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 2,320.00
7.011	NC-17	Irrigation Water Management	\$ 2,320.00	\$ 2,320.00
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 8,877.00

FUNDS AVAILABLE:	Practice NC-12, Windbreaks	\$ 23,235.11
	Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing	\$ 17,857.86
	Practice NC-17, Irrigation	\$ 8,947.11
	Other Available Practices	\$ 6,300.03

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

Aye: Baldridge, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Wiseman
 Nay: None
 Absent & Excused: Weaver
 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 – Mr. Miller reported on the tree costs for 2007. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors during the September 14, 2006 Board meeting approved 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. Miller reported that the cost for purchasing trees that will be planted by individuals for 2-0 Bare Root will be \$0.63 with 5.5% Sales Tax and \$0.64 with 7.0% Sales Tax, for Small Potted will be \$0.85 with 5.5% Sales Tax and \$0.87 with 7.0% Sales Tax, and for Large Potted will be \$1.30 with 5.5% Sales Tax and \$1.32 with 7.0% Sales Tax. Mr. Miller reported that the cost for purchasing trees and District machine planting

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for 2-0 Bare Root will be \$1.25, Small Potted will be \$1.47, and Large Potted will be \$1.92.

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 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 – No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – Ground Water Runoff - No report presented.

Trails – Lake Maloney – No report presented.

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Information & Education Programs – Educator Award – Mr. Miller reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee, during their meeting on September 14, 2006, received information from the staff in regard to consideration of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District making available a District Educator of the Year award. Mr. Miller reported that the report of the Land Resources Subcommittee meeting during the September 14, 2006 Board of Directors meeting noted that the Subcommittee agreed that information should be presented to the full board for their consideration of this award in the District. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors during the September 14, 2006 Board of Directors meeting agreed to place consideration of a District Educator of the Year award on the agenda for the October 12, 2006 Board of Directors meeting.

Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) annually presents a State Educator of the Year award for grades K-12 teachers. Mr. Miller reported that the District staff is recommending that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District make available a District Educator of the Year award. Mr. Miller reported that the staff recommends that the District award not be given annually, but on an as-warranted basis. Mr. Miller 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. Miller reported that the District Educator of the Year would be nominated for the NARD Award.

Mr. Hansen moved to approve a Twin Platte Natural Resources District Educator of the Year award, that the District award not be given annually but on an as-warranted basis, that a sponsor would provide the funds for a plaque for the award, and the District would provide a method and the funds for the presentation of the award. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion failed. (Motion #6)

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

Mr. Schilz moved to approve a Twin Platte Natural Resources District Educator of the Year award, that the District award not be given annually but on an as-warranted basis, that the District would provide the funds for a plaque for the award, and the District would provide a method and the funds for the presentation of the award. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Information & Education Programs – 2006 Awards Program – Presentation November 6, 2006 – Mr. Miller reported that the District’s 2006 Conservation Award for Lincoln / McPherson Counties will be presented November 6, 2006 to Don & Marcia Colvin

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during the North Platte Chamber Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Banquet. Mr. Miller reported that the Board Chairperson, Mr. Rubenthaler, and District staff will participate in the award presentation.

Information & Education Programs – 2006 Awards Program – Presentation December 12, 2006 – Mr. Miller reported that the District's 2006 Grassland Conservation Award for Keith / Arthur Counties will be presented December 12, 2006 to the Robert F. Lute Trust – Mick & Toni Knott during the District's Awards Banquet. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors meeting will be at 4:30 pm MST (5:30 pm CST) at the Lake McConaughy Visitors Center and the Awards Banquet will be at 6:00 pm MST (7:00 pm CST) at the Haythorn Ranch.

Legislation – No report presented.

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, November 9, 2006 at 3:00 pm CST (2:00 pm MST) in North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Jerry Weaver, Secretary