

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
February 15, 2007

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 February 15, 2007. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. CST (2:10 p.m. MST). A legal notice of the meeting was published in the NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH. A news release containing the agenda for the meeting and including the time and place was sent to the news media in the District.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Dale Margritz
Jim Meisner
Robert Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Dennis Schilz
Doug Stack
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Hansen
Shane Storer

OTHERS PRESENT

John Albrecht
Neil Betty, West Central Water Coalition
Jason Bode, West Central Water Coalition
Josh Bode, West Central Water Coalition
Richard Bode, West Central Water Coalition
Gene Osborne, Osborne Cattle Co.
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jeff Nichols
Kelsi Niederklein

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator
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

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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.

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. Storer notified the office prior to the meeting that he would be absent and is therefore excused. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Hansen did not notify the office prior to the meeting that he would be absent and is therefore unexcused.

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 the monthly summary report of NRCS conservation plans was available for information and that the report would be passed around the Board table for review by each member of the Board of Directors present.

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.

AUDIT

2006 Fiscal Year – Mr. Miller reported that the office had been notified that the auditor, Glen Waltemath, was ill and would not be able to attend the Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Miller reported that the audit for the 2006 Fiscal Year will be presented during the March, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

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Minutes for January 11, 2007 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the January 11, 2007 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 January 11, 2007 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: Hansen

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

No requests for assistance were presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Jeff Nichols presented a 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 February 15, 2007.

Ground Water Management - Variances - Osborne Cattle Company – Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Osborne Cattle Company to move the location of 130.8 irrigated acres from Section 13, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, north approximately five miles to Section 23, Township 15 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the existing irrigation well will be reduced from 800 gpm to less than 50 gpm to be used as a stock well. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the new well will be used to irrigate tame grasses to support their cow calf operation. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the new irrigation well will be needed to provide spring and fall grazing for their cows, and some haying. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors’ notebook for information were the variance well request and a map of the area in question.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Osborne Cattle Company requesting a variance to move 130.8 irrigated acres in Section 13, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, five miles north to Section 23, Township 15 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, and to waive the District policy that the edge of the parcel of land within which the acres being taken out of ground water irrigation is within one mile of the edge of the parcel of land to be irrigated with ground water. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: Hansen

Ground Water Management - Variances - Bill McBride – Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Bill McBride to certify as irrigated 72.9 acres. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the property is in Section 8, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that this property is roughly 73 acres but no more than 48.05 acres were ever irrigated at one time due to the side roll irrigation system which was moved from year to year, but it appeared all 73 acres were irrigated between 1992 - 1998. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the FSA has certified 48.05 acres of irrigated grass history from 1992-1998 but since has not been classified as irrigated. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the original owner was an older gentleman who was in poor health and did not regularly irrigate the entire property. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the majority of this property is grassland, but there is a small 15 tract acre that has had various irrigated crop history. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the current owner bought the property in 2005 and irrigated the entire 72.9 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors’ notebook for information was a map of the area in question.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Bill McBride to irrigate the entire field in Section 8, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: Hansen

Ground Water Management - Variances – J.F. Fleecs Inc - Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Frank Fleecs to drill a new irrigation well in Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request. Mrs.

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Dimmitt reported that the location in question is located in the fully appropriated part of the district in southern Lincoln County. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there is an existing well which was drilled in 2002 and pumps 850 gpm which irrigates a 130 acres pivot in the southwest corner of the Section 13. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that pipe was laid to irrigate grassland in 2006 under a 125 acre pivot in the northwest corner of this section. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Fleecs would now like to drill an irrigation well for the northwest pivot.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee discussed that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations provide that there shall be a stay on the issuance of water well construction permits within the boundaries of the District. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee discussed that the Rules and Regulations allow for exceptions to the stay, as provided in Nebraska Revised Statutes Section 46-714(3), on the issuance of water well construction permits within the District for water wells for which a variance can be granted by the District for good cause shown.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to deny the request from J.F. Fleecs Inc for a variance to drill a new irrigation well in Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska for failing to show good cause shown. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Ground Water Management - Variances - Jack Albrecht – Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Jack Albrecht to drill an irrigation well in the Upper Loup Natural Resources District and pump it across Natural Resources District lines into the Twin Platte Natural Resources District to irrigate no more than 140 acres. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the location of irrigated acres would be in Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 31 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the potential new well would be used to irrigate two separate fields to support his rotational grazing and/or some haying. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' notebook for information were the variance well request and a map of the area in question.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee discussed that they needed more time to consider this request.

Mr. Stack moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to lay over the request from Jack Albrecht for a variance to drill a new well in

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the Upper Loup Natural Resources District that would be used to irrigate property described as Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 31 West, Lincoln County in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District to the March 2007 Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

Aye: Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: Hansen

Ground Water Management - Variances – Hoover Farms - Mr. Meisner reported that the Board of Directors on December 12, 2006 approved granting a variance to Hoover Farms Inc to irrigate 50 acres in Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County, Nebraska, and to remove from irrigation the acres required by District policy subject to an agreement executed between Hoover Farms Inc and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and to waive the District policy for this variance that the edge of the parcel of land within which the acres being taken out of ground water irrigation is within one mile of the edge of the parcel of land to be irrigated with ground water.

Mr. Meisner asked Mr. Miller report on the status of the agreement.

Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors on December 12, 2006 approved a policy that a landowner may agree to maintain the surface water right at a current location, to use the surface water historically available one year per five year time frame one year out of future five year time frames at the current location, and to not apply ground water at the current location and be allowed to then irrigate new acres by ground water which will be a percentage of the current irrigated acres calculated using the historic average surface water was available. Mr. Miller reported that this policy was intended to not allow an increase in consumptive use of water (no new depletions) and that this policy will sunset when an Integrated Management Plan is implemented unless the Integrated Management Plan includes the same provisions of this policy.

Mr. Miller reported that the staff had discussions with Tom Hayden, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, and selected 1988 to 1997 and the ten year time to calculate the historic average surface water was available. Mr. Miller reported that for Western Irrigation District, the average diversion for that ten year period was 55% of their water right. Mr. Miller reported that Hoover Farms therefore would be required to agree to not apply ground water to 56 acres currently irrigated by ground water and surface water from Western Irrigation District to allow them to apply ground water to 50 acres at the new location.

Ground Water Management - Rules & Regulations – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to review the Twin Platte

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Natural Resources District Rules & Regulations during the March 2007 meeting of the Subcommittee.

Ground Water Management - Rules & Regulations – Central Platte Natural Resources District – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed to review the Central Platte Natural Resources District Rules & Regulations and compare them with the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Rules & Regulations to consider where the Twin Platte Natural Resources District could revise the District's Rules & Regulations to be comparable with the Central Platte Natural Resources District Rules & Regulations during the March 2007 meeting of the Subcommittee.

Ground Water Management - Certifying Irrigated Acres – Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the status of certifying irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported on the status of certifying irrigated acres.

Ground Water Management - Modeler – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of hiring a Ground Water Modeler. Mr. Miller reported that there is an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Ground Water Modeling Coalition to hire a Hydrologist / Ground Water Modeler for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, and the Tri Basin Natural Resources District, with the Hydrologist / Ground Water Modeler to be housed in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District offices in North Platte, and an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Ground Water Modeling Coalition to hire a Hydrologist / Ground Water Modeler for the North Platte Natural Resources District and the South Platte Natural Resources District with the Hydrologist / Ground Water Modeler to be housed in the North Platte Natural Resources District offices in Scottsbluff. Mr. Miller reported that the two coalitions are cooperating in the advertising and interviewing to select two Hydrologist / Ground Water Modelers. Mr. Miller reported that one individual has accepted a job offer and will be locating in Scottsbluff, Nebraska. Mr. Miller reported that another individual is interested in locating in North Platte, Nebraska and an interview is scheduled for March 12, 2007.

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Mr. Meismer reported that the next meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be February 26 at 7:30 pm CST and would be held at the Quality Inn in North Platte.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Board meeting packet was a letter from Don Kraus, General Manager, Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District informing the District that Jerry Steinke, the current Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District representative on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be retiring in March 2007, and that he was requesting that Mike Drain be selected to represent Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders. Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors has in the past selected individuals to represent categories and required that they be a resident of the Twin Platte Natural Resources

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District. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Steinke was a resident of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and that Mr. Drain lives in Holdrege and is not a resident of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Meismer reported that Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District has chosen to not replace Mr. Steinke's position and that they believe that they have no other personnel residing within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District who could adequately represent Central on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Board meeting packet was a history of Twin Platte Natural Resources District actions in regard to participation on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to appoint Mike Drain to represent the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, upon the retirement of Jerry Steinke in March, on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders group established to advise the District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources on the development of the District's Integrated Management Plan, to waive for this appointment to the Stakeholders group the Twin Platte Natural Resources District policy that all stakeholders reside within the District, recognizing that Central does not have an employee residing within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District who would be a suitable representative for Central upon the retirement of Jerry Steinke, and that if Central in the future has an employee residing within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District who would be a suitable representative for Central, that the Board of Directors could consider appointing that individual to the Stakeholders group. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver
Nay: Margritz, Wiseman
Absent & Excused: Storer
Absent: Hansen

Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee discussed that they would like to find a way to keep Jerry Steinke on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders group.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to create an At-Large member on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders group established to advise the District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources on the development of the District's Integrated Management Plan and to invite Jerry Steinke to be the At-Large representative on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders group upon his retirement in March from Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

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Absent: Hansen

Integrated Management Plan - Platte River Basin – Mr. Meisner reported that the next meeting of the Platte River Basin Stakeholders would be February 20, 2007 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm CST and would be held at the Quality Inn in North Platte.

North Platte Natural Resources District - Joint Meeting of Water Resources Subcommittees – Mr. Meisner reported that the North Platte Natural Resources District Water Resources Subcommittee has been meeting with members of the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Board of Directors to discuss ways to resolve water supply issues involving surface water and ground water. Mr. Meisner reported that the North Platte Natural Resources District Water Resources Subcommittee had requested to meet with the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Water Resources Subcommittee to report on the issues being discussed between the North Platte Natural Resources District and the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District. Mr. Meisner reported that an initial joint meeting was held during the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Annual Legislative Conference in Lincoln, Nebraska, as most of the Water Resources Subcommittee members from each District were in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Meisner reported that the next joint meeting of the North Platte Natural Resources District Water Resources Subcommittee with members of the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District Board of Directors is scheduled for February 22, 2007 at 10:00 am MST (11:00 am CST) at the Visitors Center at Lake McConaughy. Mr. Meisner reported that the North Platte Natural Resources District and the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District has requested that the Water Resources Subcommittee of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District participate in the meeting.

Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to participate in the joint meeting on February 22, 2007 and directed the staff to publish a legal notice for the meeting to allow any member of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors to attend.

South Platte Compact - Water Right – Mr. Meisner reported that the South Platte River Coalition sponsors on November 15, 2006, informally agreed to request that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors suspend their action that the District file the necessary documents, materials, and permit applications in order to fully use and exercise the rights and entitlements described in the South Platte Compact relating to the winter provision and allow the South Platte River Coalition to file the necessary documents, materials, and permit applications in order to fully use and exercise the rights and entitlements described in the South Platte Compact relating to the winter provision. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Miller, Mr. Schilz, and he have met with the District's legal counsel, Harriet Hageman, to discuss this request. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Schilz and he support this request and that the meetings with Ms. Hageman were to prepare a proposal to present to the Board of Directors in February.

Mr. Meisner reported that Ms. Hageman was not able to attend the February 15, 2007 meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors. Mr. Meisner

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reported that Ms. Hageman also is not able to attend the March 8, 2007 regular meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors that the regular March Board meeting be held on March 15, 2007. The Board of Directors agreed to schedule the March Board meeting be held on March 15, 2007 at 7:30 pm CDT (6:30 pm MDT).

South Platte Compact - Hydrologic Assessment – Mr. Meisner asked Mr. Miller to report on the South Platte Compact Hydrologic Assessment.

Mr. Miller reported that during the November 9, 2006 Board of Directors meeting, he presented and reported on a draft Request for Proposal to obtain the services of an independent consultant to perform an analysis of the flows as related to the South Platte River Compact.

Mr. Miller reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a grant from the Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds that can be used to fund 80% of the cost for this work with a required 20% local match.

Mr. Miller reported that the South Platte River Coalition sponsors on November 15, 2006, agreed to request that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District allow the Coalition to distribute the Request for Proposal and that the Coalition would fund the required 20% local match. Mr. Miller reported that the South Platte River Coalition sponsors are the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, the Western Irrigation District, the Central Nebraska Public Power & Irrigation District, the Nebraska Public Power District, and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Miller reported that the South Platte River Coalition sponsors on February 6, 2007, agreed to select the proposal submitted by the Flatwater Group located in Lincoln, Nebraska to perform an analysis of the flows as related to the South Platte River Compact, agreed to fund the required 20% local match from funds currently available from the Coalition, and agreed to authorize Kent O. Miller to execute a contract with the Flatwater Group to do the work as presented in the proposal. Mr. Miller reported that there will be no funding needed from the individual sponsors for this work.

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program - Governance Committee Activities – Mr. Meisner asked Mr. Miller to report on the Governance Committee Activities for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

Mr. Miller reported that the first meeting of the Governance Committee for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program was held on February 7, 2007 in Denver, Colorado.

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Funding for offsets or mitigation for depletions to the Platte River that occurred after July 1, 1997 – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of funding for offsets or mitigation for depletions to the Platte River that occurred after July 1, 1997 for the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program.

Mr. Miller reported that during the meeting that Mr. Meismer and he participated in with Governor Dave Heineman in regard to implementation of the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program and post-1997 depletions being offset or mitigated by the State of Nebraska, that the participating Natural Resources District representatives proposed preparing a long-range plan detailing possible needs for offsets and/or mitigation prior to and after 1997. Mr. Miller reported that the Natural Resources District representatives proposed that within two to four months to have another meeting with Governor Heineman to continue discussion of how state government and natural resources districts could work together which the Governor liked and agreed to. Mr. Miller reported that Natural Resources District representatives, Ron Cacek - General Manager, North Platte Natural Resources District, Ron Bishop - General Manager, Central Platte Natural Resources District, John Thorburn, General Manager, Tri-Basin Natural Resources District, and he were working on a long range plan.

Mr. Miller reported that a joint meeting would be held on March 2, 2007 in Lincoln of the General Managers, the Legal Counsels, and two members each from the Board of Directors of the Central Platte Natural Resources District and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District to discuss developing a joint strategy for promoting that the costs of post-1997 depletions should be offset or mitigated by the State of Nebraska as agreed to by the State of Nebraska for the Platte Recovery Implementation Program. Mr. Miller reported that the Subcommittee, on February 15, 2007, agreed that the two representatives from the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors would be Mr. Meismer and Mr. Wahlgren.

Mr. Miller reviewed information in the Directors' packet.

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 January 2007 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information.

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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 January 2007 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on February 15, 2007 in the amount of \$46,924.07. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: Hansen

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 March 15, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the March, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Meismer reported on the Board of Directors meeting held on January 24, 2007.

NARD – Legislative Conference, January 22-24, 2007 – Mr. Meismer reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Legislative Conference held on January 22-24, 2007. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a Legislative Bill Summary with NARD positions. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Hansen, Mr. Stack, Mr. Wahlgren, Mr. Wiseman, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Miller, and he attended.

Water Policy Task Force – Mr. Meismer reported that the next meeting of the Water Policy Task Force is scheduled for March 19, 2007 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation, & Development Council – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' packet for information was the Sandhills Resources, Conservation, & Development Council's 2006 Annual Report.

Requests for Authorization to Travel - No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

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Cost-Share Programs – Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported on the following Twin Platte Natural Resources District guidelines for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program:

- Funding adjustments shall go back to the reserved category established by the Board of Directors that the funds came from.
- Applications will be considered in the order the producers sign them.
- From July 1 – January 30, applications shall be considered for funding only when funds are available to fully fund the contract.
- From January 31 – June 30, the funds from each reserved category shall be merged and applications on file shall be considered for funding in the order they are signed by the producer, and only one application may be approved for partial funding at any time.
- On June 30, all applications not approved by the Board of Directors shall be cancelled.

Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the monthly report.

Mr. Miller reported that \$35,519.06 is available for funding additional contracts.

Mr. Miller reported that if the Board approves all the applications currently on file in the amount of \$ 27,259.98, that there would be \$ 8,259.08 of un-obligated funds. Mr. Miller reported that any un-obligated funds on March 1, 2007 are required to be returned to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for re-distribution to Natural Resources Districts. Mr. Miller reported that District procedure established last year was to authorize the General Manager to approve additional contracts in the order they are signed by the producer and received in the office prior to March 1st for any eligible practices available for cost share within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District up to and not to exceed the funds available.

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Mr. Petersen moved to approve the February 15, 2007 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>
7.032	NC-17Irrigation Water Management		\$ 1,620.00	\$ 1,620.00
7.033	NC-17Irrigation Water Management		\$ 2,295.00	\$ 2,295.00
7.034	NC-17Irrigation Water Management		\$ 3,780.00	\$ 3,780.00
7.035	NC-12Trees		\$ 965.00	\$ 965.00
7.036	NC-12Trees		\$ 582.13	\$ 582.13
7.037	NC-12Trees		\$ 765.75	\$ 765.75
7.038	NC-12Trees		\$ 125.00	\$ 125.00
7.039	NC-12Trees		\$ 750.13	\$ 750.13
7.040	NC-12Trees		\$ 965.00	\$ 965.00
7.041	NC-12Trees		\$ 624.13	\$ 624.13
7.042	NC-12Trees		\$ 965.00	\$ 965.00
7.043	NC-17Irrigation Water Management		\$ 2,448.00	\$ 2,448.00
7.044	NC-10Range Seeding		\$ 1,100.61	\$ 1,100.61
7.045	NC-12Trees		\$ 765.75	\$ 765.75
7.046	NC-17Irrigation Water Management		\$ 2,970.00	\$ 2,970.00
7.047	NC-17Irrigation Water Management		\$ 2,430.00	\$ 2,430.00
7.048	NC-14Planned Grazing System		\$ 3,143.48	\$ 3,143.48
7.049	NC-12Trees		\$ 965.00	\$ 965.00
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 27,259.98

FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$ 8,259.08

Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: Hansen

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 \$6,071.78 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.

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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 – No report presented.

Water Programs –Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – 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 – No report presented.

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

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Legislation – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ notebook for information was a Nebraska Association of Resources Districts report dated February 9, 2007.

Meetings and Dates of Interest – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information

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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, March 15, 2007 at 7:30 pm CDT (6:30 pm MDT) at TierOne Bank Center in North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:16 p.m. CST (3:16 p.m. MST).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary