

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
August 9, 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 August 9, 2007. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. CDT (6:34 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
Dale Margritz
Jim Meisner
Bob Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Doug Stack
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dennis Schilz
Shane Storer

OTHERS PRESENT

Bruce Dodson, Agri Affiliates, Inc.
Kathleen Hoatson

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O. Miller, General Manager
Dave Slattery, Conservation Programs Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Nebraska Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to make available at least one current copy of the Open Meetings 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 Meetings 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. Schilz and Mr. Storer notified the office prior to the meeting that they would be unable to attend and were 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 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

Lake McConaughy Salt Cedar Control Project – Mr. Carhart presented information for the Lake McConaughy Salt Cedar Control Project.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for July 12, 2007 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the July 12, 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 July 12, 2007 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mr.

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Rubenthaler reported that Mary Reece, District Conservationist, had informed the office prior to the Board of Directors meeting that she was unable to attend the Board meeting. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that in the Directors' notebook was a written report prepared by Mrs. Reece for information.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Grazing Lands Technical Assistance – Mr. Carhart reported that the Natural Resources Conservation Service has approved a new cooperative agreement with the District for providing grazing lands technical assistance. Mr. Carhart reported that that Brad Carlson, Twin Platte Natural Resources District Range Programs Technician, has been in the position since November 1, 2004 and will continue in that position. Mr. Carhart reported that the Cooperative Agreement is for one year with options that will hopefully extend the agreement for up to five years. Mr. Carhart reported that the Board had approved in April 2007 that the District offer 20% cash support toward the cost of employing the Range Programs Technician for up to five years through a new cooperative agreement with Natural Resources Conservation Service.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Local Work Group for Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that Mrs. Reece has informed him that the Local Work Group for Conservation Programs needs to meet. Mr. Miller reported that the Local Work Group was established primarily for the Environmental Quality Incentive Program (EQIP). Mr. Miller 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. Mr. Miller 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 (Eric Hansen), and a member of the Land Resources Subcommittee (Shane Storer). Mr. Miller 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. The Twin Platte Natural Resources District representatives agreed to request that the Local Work Group meet on September 13, 2007 at 4:30 p.m. CDT (3:30 p.m. MDT) at the Twin Platte Natural Resources District offices, which is prior to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors meetings on September 13, 2007.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Land Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources Subcommittee

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Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the subcommittee meeting held on August 9, 2007.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Kathleen Hoatson – Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Kathleen Hoatson. Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the request. Mr. Miller reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Kathleen Hoatson to transfer 121.05 certified irrigated acres in Section 15 Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County to a 121.05 acre dryland field in Section 25 Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Miller reported that this would be pending land acquisition and that if the land could not be acquired, then the transfer would not be used. Mr. Miller reported that currently the site she wants to move her pivot to is dryland, and if the pivot is moved, she would dry up the existing irrigated acres and abandon the well. Mr. Miller reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ notebook was a map of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Kathleen Hoatson to transfer 121.05 certified irrigated acres in Section 15 Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County to a 121.05 acre dryland field in Section 25 Township 13 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County if the land acquisition is completed. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders Meetings – Mr. Meismer reported that the next meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be August 20, 2007 at 7:00 pm CDT and would be held at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte.

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders - Mr. Meismer reported that Lisa Dominisse, Executive Director for the Development Corporation of North Platte, and a member to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District stakeholders representing Economic Development, has resigned as Executive Director to take a new position in North Platte with the Great Plains Regional Medical Center. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed that he should invite Ms. Dominisse to continue as a member of the stakeholders representing Economic

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Development.

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District Resolution - Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District resolution. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebooks was a letter received August 8, 2007 from Don Kraus, General Manager, Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, a resolution included with the letter approved by the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District Board of Directors on August 6, 2007, and a Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District news release in regard to the resolution. Mr. Miller reported that he had provided the letter, resolution, and news release to Harriet Hageman, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District legal counsel on August 8, 2007 and had asked her to provide an opinion and that she has not had an opportunity to adequately review and respond. Mr. Miller reported that Ms. Hageman recommended that discussion not occur during the August 9, 2007 Water Resources Subcommittee meeting and the August 9, 2007 Board of Directors meeting to allow her time to adequately review the issues and provide guidance and that discussion could occur during the September 13, 2007 Board meeting. There was no objection and no discussion occurred.

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Extension - Mr. Meismer reported that Neb.Rev.Stat., Section 46-715, provides that whenever the Department of Natural Resources has designated a river basin, subbasin, or reach as overappropriated, or has made a final determination that a river basin, subbasin, or reach is fully appropriated, the Natural Resources Districts encompassing such river basin, subbasin, or reach and the Department of Natural Resources shall jointly develop an integrated management plan for such river basin, subbasin, or reach. Mr. Meismer reported that this statutory provision also provides that any such plan shall be completed, adopted, and take effect within three years after such designation or final determination unless the Department of Natural Resources and the Natural Resources District jointly agree to an extension of not more than two additional years. Mr. Meismer reported that on September 15, 2004, the Department of Natural Resources designated a portion (i.e., the "28/40 area") of the Platte River Basin within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as overappropriated and on September 30, 2004, the Department of Natural Resources made a final determination that the Platte River Basin within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District was fully appropriated. Mr. Meismer reported that as a result, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District stakeholders have been meeting on a monthly basis since March 2005, and have been working diligently toward developing a recommended Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan to be presented to the District Board of Directors and to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Meismer reported that the stakeholders have now reported to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors that they do not have the ability to present such a recommendation to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources by September 2007, which is three years after the "overappropriated" designation and the "fully appropriated" determinations were made.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors that considering the current situation, and considering the fact that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has made substantial progress towards the development of the required Integrated Management Plan and pursuant to Neb.Rev.Stat., Section 46-715(4)(a), to approve extending the three-year period by one additional year to complete and adopt an Integrated Management Plan and to request that the Department of Natural Resources jointly agree to extending by one year the period for adopting an Integrated Management Plan for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Integrated Management Plan - Platte River Basin – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of the Platte River Basin Over Appropriated Integrated Management Plan. Mr. Miller reported that during the Platte River Basin Stakeholders meeting held June 20, 2007, that a subcommittee of Natural Resources District managers, Irrigation District representatives, and the Director of the Department of Natural Resources was formed to prepare a recommendation for the stakeholders. Mr. Miller reported that the Subcommittee met on July 17, 2007 and he reviewed the discussion that occurred. Mr. Miller reported that the meeting of the Platte River Basin Stakeholders scheduled for August 7, 2007 was cancelled and that the subcommittee met again at that time and he reviewed the discussion that occurred. Mr. Miller reported that the subcommittee has scheduled additional meetings for September 14, 2007 and October 23, 2007.

Integrated Management Plan - Surface Water Model for COHYST - Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of the Surface Water Model for COHYST. Mr. Miller reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors had approved the Twin Platte Natural Resources District participating in the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the Nebraska Public Power District, and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for a Conjunctive Management Project for portions of Dawson and Buffalo Counties for an expansion of the Surface Water Model to include the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and to support the technical committee recommendation that HDR Engineering, Inc. be selected for the project and to authorize \$65,280.00 to fund the costs for an expansion of the Surface Water Model to include the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that the sponsors had selected HDR Engineering, Inc. for the project and that the sponsors are working on revising the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to include the Twin Platte Natural Resources District.

South Platte River Compact - Water Right – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of seeking a water right as provided for in the South Platte River Compact. Mr.

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Miller reported on the South Platte River Coalition sponsors meeting held on July 18, 2007 to discuss the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement. Mr. Miller reported that the South Platte River Coalition sponsors would be meeting on August 15, 2007 (conference call) and September 10, 2007 to continue discussion of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement.

South Platte River Compact - Hydrologic Assessment – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of the hydrologic assessment. Mr. Miller reported on the hydrologic assessment being done by the Flatwater Group.

Cost-Share Programs - District Conservation Program – Sealing Abandoned Wells - Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Wahlgren had requested during the July 12, 2007 Board of Directors meeting that the Board of Directors review the policy for the cost-share provided for the Water Well Decommissioning program and that Mr. Rubenthaler had requested the Water Resources Subcommittee to review the Water Well Decommissioning program and the cost-share provided.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' notebooks were information from the Department of Natural Resources for the Nebraska Water Well Decommissioning Fund, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Title 259 Rules and Regulations Governing the Administration of the Water Well Decommissioning Fund, the Nebraska Water Well Decommissioning Fund Payment Claim and Agreement form, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Well Decommissioning Cost-Share application, and reports for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District program for 2005, 2006, and 2007. Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District program provides cost-share of 65% of the actual cost up to \$300.00 for a well diameter of 0-18 inches, up to \$400.00 for a well diameter over 18 inches, and up to \$700.00 for a hand-dug well.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve revising the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Conservation Program for Sealing Abandoned Wells to provide cost-share of 65% of the actual cost up to \$500.00 for a well diameter of 0-18 inches, up to \$600.00 for a well diameter over 18 inches, and up to \$700.00 for a hand-dug well. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program - North Platte River Restoration and Enhancement Project - Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program - North Platte River Restoration and Enhancement

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Project. Mr. Miller reported on a public meeting held in North Platte on July 31, 2007 for the North Platte River Restoration and Enhancement Project.

Legislation - Legislative Resolution 198 – Mr. Meisner asked Mr. Miller to report on Legislative Resolution 198. Mr. Miller reported that the Legislature’s Natural Resources Committee held a hearing in North Platte on July 31, 2007 in regard to Legislative Resolution 198. Mr. Miller reported that Legislative Resolution 198 was an interim study to examine information collected from flow meters installed to measure ground water use and surface water use. Mr. Miller reported that he presented testimony that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District opposes the Legislature mandating flow meters to measure ground water. Mr. Miller reported that he told the Committee that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District recognize that water meters are a necessary management tool in some areas of Nebraska and that we support Natural Resources Districts who require them, but that in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, we believe that management of consumptive use would be more effective and a lower cost to administer than water meters.

Nebraska Department of Natural Resources - Water Resources Cash Fund – Mr. Meisner asked Mr. Miller to report on the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources - Water Resources Cash Fund. Mr. Miller reported that he attended the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Public Hearing for the proposed Rules and Regulations for administration of the Water Resources Cash Fund on July 23, 2007 and presented testimony. Mr. Miller reported that the concern and objection to the draft Rules and Regulations were in Chapter 2, Section 001 – Primary Allocations and Distribution of Funds specifically in regard to “purpose of attaining state compliance with the Republican River Compact”. Mr. Miller reported that those of us in the Platte River Basin understand that the Legislature in 2007 intended that 100% of the funds for 2007 go to the Republican Basin this year for which we have no objection, but that we do not believe that Rules and Regulations should specify a river basin and thereby possibly giving that basin a priority.

Mr. Miller reported that he proposed that Chapter 2, Section 001 be amended as follows:
Subject to the Director’s discretion, up to one hundred percent (100%) of the money appropriated to the Fund for a state fiscal year may be utilized by the Department to fund activities for the purpose of attaining state compliance with the Republican River Compact—reducing consumptive uses of water in river basins, subbasins, or reaches which are deemed by the department over appropriated pursuant to section 46-713 or fully appropriated pursuant to section 46-714 or are bound by an interstate compact or decree or a formal state contract or agreement.

Mr. Miller reported that testimony was necessary, as the Department of Natural Resources can effectively suggest change of the published written rule based only on hearing testimony. Mr. Miller reported that following the hearing, the Department of Natural Resources must request such a change through the Attorney General and they may not support it for fear of an impermissible “substantive difference” from what was

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noticed. Mr. Miller reported that it is hoped that the Attorney General will determine that the suggested change is not substantive, and clearly authorized in 701, but if that fails, the Department will need to fail to adopt a rule it proposed, and start the regulation process over again.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

Mr. Stack, Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the subcommittee held on August 9, 2007.

Urban Forestry Program - Program Report – Mr. Stack reported that in the Directors’ notebooks was information in regard to the District’s Urban Forestry Program.

Urban Forestry Program - Approved Community Programs & Applications for Community Programs - Mr. Slattery reviewed the past levels of utilization for Sutherland, which began in fiscal year 1997. Mr. Slattery reported that the current three-year program for Sutherland began in fiscal year 2006 and continues to June 30, 2008. Mr. Stack reported that the Subcommittee was recommending that \$1,681.58, the maximum allowed by District policy, be allocated for fiscal year 2008.

Mr. Slattery reviewed the past levels of utilization for North Platte, which began in fiscal year 1995. Mr. Slattery reported that the current three-year program for North Platte began in fiscal year 2007 and continues to June 30, 2009. Mr. Stack reported that the Subcommittee was recommending that \$2,000.00, the maximum allowed by District policy, be allocated for fiscal year 2008.

Mr. Slattery reviewed the past levels of utilization for Ogallala, which began in fiscal year 1995. Mr. Slattery reported that the current three-year program for Ogallala began in fiscal year 2007 and continues to June 30, 2009. Mr. Stack reported that the Subcommittee was recommending that \$2,000.00, the maximum allowed by District policy, be allocated for fiscal year 2008.

Mr. Stack moved the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize \$1,681.58 for funding the Sutherland Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the North Platte Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008, and to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the Ogallala Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for July 2007 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 July 2007 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on August 9, 2007 in the amount of \$19,599.35. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer

Absent: None

Budget Status – No report presented.

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the September 13, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the September 13, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Annual Conference, September 24-25, 2007, Kearney – Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts annual conference will be held September 24-25, 2007 in Kearney, Nebraska and that in the Directors' notebook for information was the program for the conference.

Mr. Meismer, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Rubenthaler, and Mr. Miller reported that they were planning to attend. Mr. Miller reported that if other Directors would like to attend, to

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please notify the office to be registered for the conference and for lodging reservations.

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

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

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program – Eligible Practices – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook for information was the monthly report. Mr. Miller reported that \$78,021.58 was available.

Mr. Miller reported that there were no requests for new contracts to present.

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs - Well Abandonment Contracts – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a report for information. Mr. Miller reported that \$9,700.00 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 – 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

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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.

Information & Education Programs – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ notebook was a newsletter.

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

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.

BUDGET FOR 2008 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ packet was a schedule for preparing the 2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the District. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule provides for Board review of the first draft of the Budget during the June Board meeting and provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

Review Draft #3 – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ packet was the third draft of a budget for the 2008 fiscal year. Mr. Miller reviewed the information for the proposed budget for the 2008 fiscal year.

Mr. Stack moved to approve for Public Hearings a 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as proposed in Draft #3 with a property tax requirement of \$743,199.92 and a total requirement of \$1,367,511.47, and to set the

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Public Hearings for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget for September 13, 2007 to be held at 7:30 p.m. CDT (6:30 p.m. MDT) in the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room located at 111 South Dewey Street in North Platte, Nebraska for the Board of Directors to hear and consider public comments prior to action for approval of a 2007-2008 Fiscal Year Budget, and for setting the final property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Stack, Wahlgren,
Wiseman
Nay: Hansen
Absent & Excused: Schilz, Storer
Absent: None
Out of Room: Weaver

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, September 13, 2007 at 7:30 pm CDT (6:30 pm MDT) in North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:19 p.m. CDT (8:19 p.m. MDT).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary

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