

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 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 October 11, 2007. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:37 p.m. CDT (6:37 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
Robert Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Dennis Schilz
Doug Stack
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Wiseman

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Traci Bates

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O. Miller, General Manager
Dave Slattery, Conservation Coordinator

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for September 13, 2007 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the September 13, 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 September 13, 2007 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Wiseman

Absent: None

Out of Room: Hansen

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

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No requests for assistance were presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report - Traci Bates distributed and reviewed a written report.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Hansen, Land Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the subcommittee meeting held on October 11, 2007.

Tree Program - 2007 Report - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a report showing a history of the tree planting program from 1973 to present. Mr. Hansen explained how higher fuel prices and mechanical repairs contributed negatively to the financial bottom line in 2007. Mr. Hansen also noted that in recent years the reduced demand for machine and hand planted trees has also affected the net returns negatively.

Tree Program - 2008 Planning - Policies - Mr. Hansen reported that no policy changes were recommended.

Tree Program - 2008 Planning - Tree Stock – Mr. Hansen reported that the tree stock quality at Halsey and Colorado State's nursery recently looked good during site visits by Mr. Slattery and supplies of bare root and potted stock looked adequate from those two sources.

Tree Program - 2008 Planning - Machine Planting Charges - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook were reports showing the District's tree program funds for 2007. Mr. Hansen reported that due to an estimated increase of expenses projected for 2008, the Land Resources Subcommittee was recommending that planting charges would need to increase. Mr. Hansen reported that the tree planting charge for planting by the District's machine crew was \$0.62 for 2007.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the District's tree stock charges be set by the General Manager based on the nursery charges to the District and that the District's machine planting charges be set at \$0.74 per tree for 2008. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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Absent: None

Mr. Hansen reported that the tree stock charges are \$0.71 per tree for 2008.

Tree Program - 2008 Planning - Water Conservation Mulch Services - Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a report of water conservation mulch installed in the District from 1991 to present. Mr. Hansen reported that Mike Ekdahl, the mulch contractor, has reported to the staff that costs were expected to remain the same for that service and the 2007 price of \$0.80 per foot of mulch installed would be used for 2008.

Range Program – Interseeding Program – 2007 Report - Mr. Hansen reported that the range interseeder has been with the District since being purchased new in 1972, and though it has seen better days, still provides a useful service occasionally on District grasslands. Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' notebooks was information for expenses and income from the machine for the last three years. Mr. Hansen reported that 150 acres were interseeded in 2005 and 15 acres in 2006 using the District's machine. Mr. Hansen reported that in 2007, one cooperater was planning to use the machine to seed grasses until it was learned that roots of small tress were going to interfere with the machine's use on that site. Mr. Hansen reported that the \$3.00 per acre rental fee charged by the District has been generally covering the cost of parts needed to keep the machine running the last three years. Mr. Hansen reported that efforts are being made to find cheaper alternatives to the more expensive original parts on the interseeder when they break down.

Range Program – Interseeding Program – 2008 Planning - Mr. Hansen reported that at this time there are no requests to use the interseeder. Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee agreed that the District's machine does provide a needed service that should continue at least until it becomes economically unfeasible to keep the interseeder working.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting held on October 11, 2007.

Ground Water Management – Certifying Irrigated Acres – Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the status of certifying irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a report of irrigated acres within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and a report of the bankable irrigated acres from variances approved by the District and held by landowners.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Mr. Meismer reported on the status of the request from Tim Holzfafter to use an irrigation well to fill a newly constructed wetland.

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Mr. Meismer reported that the staff of the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the District are continuing to develop procedures for determining if this would be a new depletion and if it is a new depletion, the amount of the new depletion.

Mr. Meismer reported on the status of the variance the Board approved during the August 9, 2007 Board of Directors meeting for Kathleen Hoatson if a land acquisition is completed.

Ground Water Management – Ethanol Plant at Sutherland – Mr. Meismer reported that the Midwest Renewable Energy Ethanol Plant at Sutherland currently uses 136,889,600 gallons / year and the planned expansion will cause the plant to use an additional 445,785,450 gallons / year. Mr. Meismer reported that during the September 13, 2007 Water Resources Subcommittee meeting, the Subcommittee agreed that Mr. Miller should send a letter to KL Process Design Group in regard to the Midwest Renewable Energy Ethanol Plant at Sutherland and that the Subcommittee had suggested that the letter make it clear that Nebraska law allows the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, with implementation of the Integrated Management Plan, to adopt controls that require those commercial and industrial water users who use more than twenty-five million (25,000,000) gallons of water annually to mitigate any new or expanded water usage and that the General Manager expected that such Integrated Management Plan controls would be adopted that would require, at a minimum, that the Sutherland Ethanol Plant offset (mitigate) the increased consumptive use of ground water. Mr. Meismer reported that a letter to KL Process Design Group in regard to the Midwest Renewable Energy Ethanol Plant at Sutherland, prepared by Twin Platte Natural Resources District legal counsel, Harriet Hageman, was in the Directors' Board meeting notebook and that Mr. Miller planned to send the letter tomorrow.

Ground Water Management – Village of Sutherland Well Field – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Shores at Lake McConaughy – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Rules & Regulations – Mrs. Meismer reported that personnel from the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service had requested that the Board of Directors consider not allowing transfers of water use when new land will be sod busted. Mr. Meismer reported that the Central Platte Natural Resources District's Rules and Regulations only allow transfers of water use for row crops on land with Class I, Class II, Class III, Class IVw, and Class IVs soils. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebooks were excerpts from the Central Platte Natural Resources District's Rules and Regulations and a list of soils within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that they did not wish to revise the Twin Platte Natural Resources District's Rules and Regulations at this time.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders

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Meetings – Mr. Meisner reported that the next meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be October 15, 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. Meisner reported that Steve Krajewski, City Manager for Ogallala and a member of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District stakeholders representing municipalities, has resigned as City Manager for the City of Ogallala to take a new position with Cabela's as a Real Estate Site Acquisition Manager. Mr. Meisner reported that Mr. Miller had asked Mr. Krajewski if he would be willing to continue as a member of the stakeholders representing municipalities and that Mr. Krajewski declined as he would not have time with the requirements for his new job. Mr. Meisner reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District stakeholders have another member representing municipalities, Jim Hawks, City Administrator for the City of North Platte. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee members agreed to not recommend to the Board of Directors to appoint another representative for municipalities.

Integrated Management Plan – Platte River Basin – Mr. Miller reported that during the Platte River Basin Stakeholders meeting held June 20, 2007, 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 for a Basin Integrated Management Plan. Mr. Miller reported that the Subcommittee has met on July 17, 2007, August 7, 2007, and September 14, 2007 and has scheduled an additional meeting for October 23, 2007. Mr. Miller reported that these subcommittee meetings are being facilitated by Jonathan Bartsch. Mr. Miller reported that following each meeting, Jonathan has distributed drafts for discussion at the next meeting. Mr. Miller reported that following the July 17, 2007 meeting, that he had the Twin Platte Natural Resources District legal counsel, Harriet Hageman, review the draft and that Ms. Hageman and he had worked up a proposal that was presented and used for the discussion during the August 7, 2007 meeting. Mr. Miller reported that following the August 7, 2007 meeting, Mr. Bartsch again distributed a draft that was substantially different from the draft Ms. Hageman and he prepared. Mr. Miller reported that on September 4, 2007, the Managers for each of the Natural Resources Districts met and prepared a draft that was presented for consideration during the September 14, 2007 meeting. Mr. Miller reported that during the September 14, 2007 meeting that discussions were put on hold and a Subcommittee of the Subcommittee was selected and requested to prepare a recommendation for consideration by the Subcommittee of criteria for determining fully appropriated.

South Platte River Coalition – Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Mr. Miller 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

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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. Miller reported that the South Platte River Coalition sponsors are the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, the Twin 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 Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors on March 15, 2007 approved an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the Nebraska Public Power District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and the Western Irrigation Canal collectively referred to as the “South Platte River Compact Coalition” for the purpose to provide the authority, resources, services, studies, and facilities needed to pursue, apply for, obtain, and hold all necessary permits and/or water rights for exercising the rights and entitlements granted by the South Platte River Compact prepared by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District legal counsel and to include revisions as directed by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors, and to present the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement to the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the Nebraska Public Power District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, and the Western Irrigation Canal for their consideration to participate.

Mr. Miller reported that the South Platte River Coalition sponsors on October 2, 2007, informally agreed to a revised draft Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the Nebraska Public Power District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and the Western Irrigation Canal collectively referred to as the “South Platte River Compact Coalition” for the purpose to provide the authority, resources, services, studies, and facilities needed to pursue, apply for, obtain, and hold all necessary permits and/or water rights for exercising the rights and entitlements granted by the South Platte River Compact, to present to the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the Nebraska Public Power District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and the Western Irrigation Canal for their consideration to participate.

Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet was the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement approved by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors on March 15, 2007, the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement approved by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors on March 15, 2007 with the revisions informally agreed to by the South Platte River Coalition sponsors on October 2, 2007, and the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement informally agreed to by the South Platte River Coalition sponsors on October 2, 2007.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement by and between the Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District, the Central Platte Natural Resources District, the Nebraska Public Power District, the South Platte Natural Resources District, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, and the Western Irrigation Canal collectively referred to as the “South Platte River Compact Coalition” for the purpose to provide the authority, resources, services, studies, and facilities needed to pursue, apply for, obtain, and hold all necessary permits and/or water rights for exercising the rights and entitlements granted by the South Platte River Compact informally agreed to by the South Platte River Coalition sponsors on October 2, 2007 and to authorize the General Manager to sign the Interlocal Cooperation Agreement for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

South Platte River Coalition – Hydrologic Assessment – Mr. Miller reported on the status of the hydrologic assessment being done by the Flatwater Group.

Cooperative Hydrology Study (COHYST) - Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet was a brochure titled “Conclusions from the Cooperative Hydrology Study (COHYST) presented at the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Fall Conference – September 25, 2007”. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook was a news article titled “NRDs, power provider at odds on irrigation analysis” from the September 30, 2007 Lincoln Journal Star and a draft Letter to the Editor for Platte Basin Natural Resources Districts General Managers to consider submitting to the Lincoln Journal Star in regard to the news article. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee members agreed that Mr. Miller should sign the Letter to the Editor provided the General Manager for the Central Platte Natural Resources District also signs the Letter to the Editor.

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program - North Platte River Restoration and Enhancement Project – Mr. Miller reported on the status of the North Platte River Restoration and Enhancement Project. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook for information was an aerial photo showing the phragmite removal areas and an aerial photo showing the island to be removed.

Legislation - Protection of NRD Acquired Water – Mr. Miller reported on the status of the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts developing legislation in regard to the protection of Natural Resources Districts acquired water.

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Miscellaneous - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a Ground Water Level Changes in Nebraska – Predevelopment to Spring 2007 map, a Ground Water Level Changes in Nebraska – Spring 2006 to Spring 2007 map, and a Ground Water Level Changes in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Spring 2006 to Spring 2007 map.

Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet for information was an Omaha World Herald article titled "More irrigation fees eyed – Central Nebraska Public Power and Irrigation District may need additional income to survive, directors are told"

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meisner reported that the Financial Statement for September 2007 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout for information.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meisner reported that the Accounts Payable report was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout, and that he had reviewed the Accounts Payable and found the report to be in order.

Mr. Meisner moved that the Financial Statement for September 2007 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on October 11, 2007 in the amount of \$16,262.40. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Wiseman

Absent: None

Budget Status – Mr. Meisner reported that the Budget Status report was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

Bids/Proposals – Mr. Miller reported that during the September 13, 2007 Board meeting, the staff reported, per District policy, that bids/proposals would be presented for consideration during the October 11, 2007 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of computer equipment. Mr. Miller reported that the computer equipment is a laptop

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computer for the Ground Water Modeler. Mr. Miller reported that the Ground Water Modeler needs a laptop for his use when working with the other Cooperative Hydrology Study (COHYST) Ground Water Modelers and when working within the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District (25%) and within the Central Platte Natural Resources District (15%). Mr. Miller reported that COHYST funds will reimburse the Twin Platte Natural Resources District the cost for this purchase. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet for information was a letter dated September 28, 2007 showing a comparison of proposals received, minimum specifications, and a table comparing proposals. Mr. Miller reported that following the mailing of the Directors' Board meeting packet, an additional proposal was received. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook for information was a letter dated October 11, 2007 showing a comparison of proposals received and a table comparing proposals.

Mr. Meismer moved to accept the proposal from Integrated Computers Systems in North Platte of \$2,770.00 for a new laptop computer for the Ground Water Modeler. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Bids/Proposals Scheduled To Be Presented for Consideration During the November 8, 2007 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the November 8, 2007 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources District – Annual Conference – September 24-25, 2007 – Mr. Meismer reported on the annual conference. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Rubenthaler, Mr. Miller, and he attended the annual conference. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet for information were the resolutions adopted during the annual conference.

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

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported on the Annual Conference for the Nebraska Resources, Conservation & Development Councils held in Ogallala, Nebraska October 2-4, 2007.

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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 for information was the monthly report. Mr Miller reported that \$78,021.58 was available, and there were no requests for new contracts to present.

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 \$8,191.35 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 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.

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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 – 2007 Awards Program – Presentation November 13, 2007 – Mr. Miller reported that the District's 2007 Grassland Conservation Award for Lincoln / McPherson Counties will be presented November 13, 2007 to Edna Peterson of Brady 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 – 2007 Awards Program – Presentation December 11, 2007 – Mr. Miller reported that the District's 2007 Tree Award for Keith / Arthur Counties will be presented December 11, 2007 to Tom Kalkowski of Ogallala 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 Kingsley Eagle Viewing Facility and the Awards Banquet will be at 6:00 pm MST (7:00 pm CST) at the Haythorn Ranch.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests 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.

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 8, 2007 at 3:00 pm CST (2:00 pm MST) in North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m. CDT (7:55 p.m. MDT).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary