

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
February 14, 2008

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 14, 2008. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 3:04 p.m. CST (2:04 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

Eric Hansen
Dale Margritz
Jim Meismer
Bob Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Dennis Schilz
Doug Stack
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shane Storer

OTHERS PRESENT

Neil Betty, West Central Water Coalition
Ron Bishop, Central Platte NRD
Tina Kurtz, NDNR
Frank Kwapnioski, NPPD
Lorre McKeone, IMP Facilitator
Roric Paulman, IMP Stakeholder
Doug Teaford, IMP Stakeholder
Glen Waltemath, McChesney Martin Sagehorn
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation - Ogallala

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Roger Hammer, Soil Scientist
Mary Reece, District Conservationist

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 Meeting

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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.

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.

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

No agenda modification.

AUDIT

2007 Fiscal Year – Mr. Meismer reported that the Audit for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for the 2007 Fiscal Year was mailed to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the Board meeting.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Audit for the 2007 Fiscal Year be received. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

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Mr. Meismer reported that Glen Waltemath prepared the Audit for the District and that he was present and available for questions.

Mr. Wahlgren moved that the Audit for the 2007 Fiscal Year be allowed and to approve the Financial Statements for the 2007 Fiscal Year as acceptable and settled. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: None

GENERAL INFORMATION

Water Banking – Ron Bishop, General Manager, Central Platte Natural Resources District reported on the Central Platte Natural Resources District Water Banking Program.

Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' board meeting packet was information from the Central Platte Natural Resources District Web Site and a copy of the Central Platte Natural Resources District Deed of Conservation Easement.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for January 10, 2008 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the January 10, 2008 meeting were in the Directors packet and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the January 10, 2008 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: None

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece distributed and reviewed a written report for information.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Soil Survey Report – Mr. Hammer reported on the status of soil survey work in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District.

Other Agencies – No reports presented.

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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 14, 2008.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Frank Fleecs - Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Frank Fleecs. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District received a request from Frank Fleecs to transfer 6.0 certified irrigated acres located in the NW¼ Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska to the NE¼ Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in March of 2007, Mr. Fleecs requested to transfer 125.9 irrigated acres to the NE¼ Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska, which the board approved. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that now Mr. Fleecs would like to move 6.0 acres from the pivot directly to the east in the NW¼ Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska to the NE¼ Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Fleecs would like to take the end gun off of this pivot to the east and transfer those acres to the new location so that he can install an end gun. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a map of the area and an application for a new well request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to approve granting a variance to approve the variance request from Frank Fleecs to transfer 6.0 certified irrigated acres located in the NW¼ Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska to the NE¼ Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska subject to providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Tony Beckler – Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Tony Beckler. Mr.

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Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District received a request from Tony Beckler to transfer a portion of 285.0 certified irrigated acres from the S½ of Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska to the NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 39 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that these locations are within a half mile of each other and have been run through COHYST cycle well. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the new location Mr. Beckler wants to transfer the acres to is an area of less depletion so he will be transferring the acres at a one-to-one ratio. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Beckler is also requesting to be able to drill a new irrigation well at the new location so he can install a pivot and water using this new well. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Beckler is drying up the entire 285.0 acres as he would like to bank the extra acres until next year when he can purchase another quarter and transfer the remaining acres there. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Beckler will provide a location and size of acres to be transferred at a later time. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Beckler will abandon the old irrigation wells currently irrigating the certified irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a map of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to approve the variance request from Tony Beckler to transfer a portion of 285.0 certified irrigated acres from the S½ of Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska to the NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 39 West, Keith County, Nebraska, subject to that when the pivot has been installed in the NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 39 West, Keith County, Nebraska and this project is complete Tony Beckler provides the Twin Platte Natural Resources District a report of the irrigated acres and subject to providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership and subject to Tony Beckler properly decommission the irrigation wells located in the S½ of Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska and that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District will bank the additional certified irrigated acres from the S½ of Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska not used in the NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 39 West, Keith County, Nebraska for Tony Beckler and that the banked certified irrigated acres will be subject to the depletion factor for the new location compared to the S½ of Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska and Twin Platte Natural Resources District policies regarding transfers. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Don Colvin – Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Don Colvin. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the

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Twin Platte Natural Resources District received a variance request from Don Colvin to dry up 153.57 certified ground water irrigated acres, and to use strictly surface water rights on these acres one in five years so that he may transfer the ground water acres to a new location to irrigate 127.28 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reviewed the Twin Platte Natural Resources District policy which is intended to not allow an increase in consumptive use of water (no new depletions). Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the policy provides that the landowner shall agree to maintain the surface water right at the current location, to use the surface water historically available one year per five year time frame at the current location, and not apply ground water at the current location and that the new acres irrigated by ground water will be the percentage of the current irrigated acres calculated as $(100\%) - ((\text{___}\% \text{ historic average surface water available}) / 5)$. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that for the request by Mr. Colvin, the percentage is 82.88%. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Colvin has worked with staff and had agreed to permanently dry up the 153.62 certified irrigated acres at multiple locations close to the river so that he may be allowed to transfer those 127.28 acres to one location a further distance from the river upon purchasing, and providing the documentation of ownership on all properties in question. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that all locations have been run using the COHYST cycle well to determine the depletion factors at all locations. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information were the Twin Platte Natural Resources District transfers from surface irrigated acres policy, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District ownership policy, the agreement previously approved for Hoover's in Keith County, and a map of the certified acres to be transferred.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to approve the variance request from Don Colvin to transfer 153.57 certified irrigated acres from the following described locations (SW¹/₄ Section 8, Township 14 North, Range 31 West -38.1 acres; NE¹/₄ Section 16, Township 14 North, Range 31 West – 6.97 acres; SW¹/₄ Section 9, Township 14 North, Range 31 West – 105.55 acres; and NW¹/₄ NE¹/₄ Section 16, Township 14 North, Range 31 West – 3.0 acres for a total of 153.62 acres), reduced by the required 82.88% for a total of 127.28 acres to a new location which is farther from the river, subject to that when the pivot has been installed in the new location and this project is complete Don Colvin providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District a report of the irrigated acres and subject to providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership and subject to Don Colvin properly decommission the irrigation wells located in the original certified irrigated acres and subject to Don Colvin executing an agreement with the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as required by policy. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Ground Water Management – Certifying Irrigated Acres – Mr. Meisner asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the status of certifying irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that forms have been mailed to land owners for certifying new irrigated acres for 2005, 2006,

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and 2007.

Ground Water Management – Platte River Conjunctive Management Study – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the status of the Platte River Conjunctive Management Study. Mr. Miller reported that on July 12, 2007, the Board of Directors 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 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 on the status of the Platte River Conjunctive Management Study.

Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Schilz, who is also a member of the Western Irrigation Board of Directors, had presented to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District IMP Stakeholders a proposal that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District consider a study to see if there could be offsets available for the basin by intentionally recharging some of the surface water diversion of the Western Irrigation District. Mr. Miller reported that the sponsors for the Conjunctive Management Project for portions of Dawson and Buffalo Counties have agreed that the project could include the Western Irrigation District and agreed to assist in seeking State Funding to include the Western Irrigation District. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was a summary of the presentation Mr. Schilz made to the Stakeholders and a cost estimate from HDR for the Western Irrigation District.

Ground Water Management – EvapoTranspiration Mapping with SEBAL and METRIC – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Offsets for New Depletions – No report presented.

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 March 17, 2008 at 7:00 pm CDT and would be held at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee ran out of time for the remainder of the agenda and he asked Mr. Miller to report on the remaining items.

Integrated Management Plan – Platte River Basin – Mr. Miller reported that during the last 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, September 14, 2007, December

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5, 2007, and February 8, 2008. Mr. Miller reported that the next meeting will be March 19, 2008 with another meeting scheduled for March 31, 2008. Mr. Miller reported that on February 8, 2008, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources presented a proposed draft which is to be the basis for discussions on March 19, 2008 and March 31, 2008. Mr. Miller reported that the Managers for each of the Natural Resources Districts plan to meet and prepare a draft to be presented for consideration during the March 19, 2008 meeting.

South Platte River Coalition - Interlocal Cooperation Agreement – Mr. Miller reported that the NEW South Platte River Coalition sponsors on November 20, 2007, signed 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. Mr. Miller reported that the first meeting of this new coalition was held January 21, 2008 and that Dennis Schilz was elected Chair, Kent O. Miller was elected Vice-Chair, and Rod Horn was elected Secretary/Treasurer. Mr. Miller reported that the members agreed to request the Executive Subcommittee to prepare a draft budget. Mr. Miller reported that since the Coalition had no Budget, that it was decided to not select a legal counsel for the Coalition at this time. Mr. Miller reported that the members agreed that Harriet Hageman should coordinate legal representation at this time working with legal counsel for each of the sponsors for preparation of seeking a water right for the winter provision of the South Platte River Compact. Mr. Miller reported that the next meeting of the NEW South Platte River Coalition sponsors is March 20, 2008.

South Platte River Coalition - Hydrologic Assessment – Mr. Miller reported that the Flatwater Group presented a preliminary report of the hydrologic assessment they are preparing to the ORIGINAL South Platte River Coalition sponsors on November 20, 2007. Mr. Miller reported that the Flatwater Group participated in discussion of a follow-up report of the hydrologic assessment with the ORIGINAL South Platte River Coalition sponsors on January 21, 2008. Mr. Miller reported that the ORIGINAL South Platte River Coalition sponsors hope to finalize the report during the next meeting of the sponsors on March 20, 2008.

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – No report presented.

Legislation – Mr. Miller reported on Legislative Bill 801 and a proposed amendment by Senator Loudon that would require flow meters on all irrigation wells. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ board meeting notebook for information was a report prepared by the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts of Natural Resources Districts Well Monitoring Programs. Mr. Miller reported that he estimates it would

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require \$4 million to install flow meters on the 3,100 irrigation wells in the District and 2.5 full time staff to read and maintain the flow meters based on the experience of the Upper Republican Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that he testified during the hearing before the Natural Resources Committee on February 6, 2008 in opposition to the amendment to require flow meters. Mr. Miller reported on Legislative Bill 800 that would change the definition for intentional recharge. Mr. Miller reported that conjunctive management projects such as are being considered in Dawson and Buffalo Counties by the Central Platte Natural Resources District and being considered for the Western Irrigation District by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District would need a change in definition for intentional recharge. Mr. Miller reported that he testified during the hearing before the Natural Resources Committee on February 6, 2008 that amendments were needed to insure that the proposed definition for intentional recharge didn't allow a back door in for current irrigation districts to charge for incidental recharge.

Natural Resources Districts - Water Management Activities Summary – Mr. Miller reported that each year, the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts prepares a Natural Resources Districts Water Management Activities Summary. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' board meeting packet for information was the Natural Resources Districts Water Management Activities Summary as of January 2008.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for January 2008 was in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout.

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 2008 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented in the Accounts Payable report on February 14, 2008 in the amount of \$28,072.27. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

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Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Storer
Absent: None
Out of Room: Stack

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

Bids/Proposals – No bids or proposals were presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled To Be Presented for Consideration During the March 13, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the March 13, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Legislative Conference, February 4-6, 2008 – Mr. Meismer reported on the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Legislative Conference held on February 4-6, 2008. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' packet for information was a Legislative Bill Summary with NARD positions and the minutes for the Business Sessions. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Hansen, Mr. Petersen, Mr. Rubenthaler, Mr. Stack, Mr. Wahlgren, Mr. Weaver, Mr. Wiseman, 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 February 19, 2008 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported that in the Directors' board meeting notebook for information was the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council Annual Report for 2007.

Board of Directors Elections 2008 – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the deadline for Incumbents filing for re-election is February 15 and the deadline for Non-Office Holders filing for election is March 3. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Directors seats up for election in 2008 are Subdistrict 1 (Shane Storer), Subdistrict 2 (Robert Petersen), Subdistrict 3 (Jerry Weaver), Subdistrict 4 (Robert Wiseman), and Subdistrict 5 (Dennis Schilz).

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 that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the monthly report. Mr. Miller reported that \$56,948.68 was available.

Mr. Wiseman moved to approve the February 14, 2008 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>
8.020	NC-12	Trees	\$ 647.00	\$ 647.00
8.021	NC-12	Trees	\$ 945.00	\$ 945.00
8.022	NC-12	Trees	\$ 945.00	\$ 945.00
8.023	NC-12	Trees	\$ 876.00	\$ 876.00
8.024	NC-12	Trees	\$ 685.00	\$ 685.00
8.025	NC-12	Trees	\$ 883.25	\$ 883.25
8.026	NC-12	Trees	\$ 799.63	\$ 799.63
8.027	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
8.028	NC-12	Trees	\$ 945.00	\$ 945.00
8.029	NC-12	Trees	\$ 843.25	\$ 843.25
8.030	NC-12	Trees	\$ 945.00	\$ 945.00
8.031	NC-17	Irrig Water Management	\$ 3,962.00	\$ 3,962.00
8.032	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 3,575.00	\$ 3,575.00
8.033	NC-17	Irrig Water Management	\$ 2,230.20	\$ 2,230.20
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 25,781.33

FUNDS AVAILABLE:	Practice NC-12, Windbreaks	\$ 5,231.34
	Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing	\$ 8,190.19
	Practice NC-17, Irrigation	\$ 9,943.68
	Other available practices	\$ 7,802.14

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

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer

Absent: None

Out of Room: Stack

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.

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- 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 \$31,167.35 of un-obligated funds is available for funding additional contracts. Mr. Miller reported that any un-obligated funds on March 1, 2008 are required to be returned to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for redistribution to Natural Resources Districts.

Mr. Wahlgren moved 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 1, 2008 for any eligible practices available for cost share within the Twin Platte Natural Resources District up to and not to exceed the funds available. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Cost-Share Programs – Well Abandonment Contracts – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a report for information, and \$4,058.53 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 – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' board meeting notebook for information were the minutes for the

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Governance Committee meeting held on February 12-13, 2008.

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 –

Water Programs – Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – Nebraska Habitat Conservation Coalition – No report presented.

Water Programs – South Platte 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.

Hazard Mitigation - No report presented.

Trails – No report presented.

Legislation – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – Awards Program – Mr. Miller reported that Operating Policy Number 8: BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS provides that “Unless otherwise designated by the Board, the regularly scheduled monthly meetings of the Board of Directors will be held in North Platte with the exception of the December meetings, which will be held in the western part of the District” and “The meeting of the Board shall be held on the second Thursday of each month with the exception of the December meeting of the Board, which shall be held on the second Tuesday of December”. Mr. Miller reported that the December Board of Directors meetings are scheduled in the evening to coincide with the District’s Awards Dinner held in the western portion of the District and is held on the second Tuesday to facilitate news coverage in the Keith County News of the Awards presented. Mr. Miller reported that the Keith County News is published twice a week on Monday and Wednesday. Mr. Miller reported that the Keith County News article for the District’s 2007 Tree Award for Keith/Arthur Counties presented December 11, 2007 was in the December 12, 2007

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edition of the Keith County News. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet for information was the Keith County News article.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests 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 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 13, 2008 at 3:00 pm CDT (2:00 pm MDT) at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m. CST (4:25 p.m. MST).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary