

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
May 8, 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 May 8, 2008. 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

Dale Margritz
Jim Meisner
Bob Petersen
Jim Rubenthaler
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Bob Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric Hansen
Dennis Schilz
Doug Stack

OTHERS PRESENT

Dr. Gary Hergert, University of Nebraska
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation - Ogallala
Steve Van Boening, TPNRD Stakeholder Member

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

None

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 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 was posted on the wall of the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Operating Policy Number

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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. Stack had contacted the office prior to the meeting that they would be absent and were therefore excused.

Distribution of Information – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that handouts were 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

EvapoTranspiration Mapping with SEBAL and METRIC - Mr. Miller reported that on June 14, 2007, Dr. Gary Hergert, University of Nebraska Panhandle Research & Extension Center, had invited the Twin Platte Natural Resources District to participate in a project titled “Developing Consumptive Water Use Maps to Improve Groundwater Irrigation Management” using SEBAL and METRIC with the North Platte Natural Resources District and the South Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors on June 14, 2007 approved the Twin Platte Natural Resources District participating in the project and authorized up to \$40,000.00 annually for the three years planned for the project.

Dr. Hergert presented a report on the project titled “Developing Consumptive Water Use Maps to Improve Groundwater Irrigation Management” using SEBAL and METRIC with the North Platte Natural Resources District and the South Platte Natural Resources District.

Dr. Hergert reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District was not able to be included in the project titled “Developing Consumptive Water Use Maps to Improve Groundwater Irrigation Management” using SEBAL and METRIC and he explained why the Twin Platte Natural Resources District was not able to be included and why an alternative of doing an individual project for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District was not able to begin.

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Dr. Hergert presented a proposal for a project titled “Developing Consumptive Water Use Maps to Improve Groundwater Irrigation Management” using SEBAL and METRIC for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Dr. Hergert reported that the project could still be done for the \$40,000.00 annually for a three-year project. Dr. Hergert reported that one set of satellite photos would need to be obtained for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District project and the satellite photos obtained for the North Platte Natural Resources District and the South Platte Natural Resources District project could be used where they overlap the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for no additional charge. Dr. Hergert reported that there would be better coverage of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District if an additional set of satellite photos could be obtained for the southern portion of the District, but that additional set of satellite photos would increase the cost of the project \$5,000.00 annually for the three years planned for the project.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for March 13, 2008 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the March 13, 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 March 13, 2008 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA NRCS – District Conservationist Report – A written report from the NRCS was distributed for information.

Other Agencies – No reports presented.

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 May 8, 2008.

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Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Water Budget –
Mr. Meisner asked Mr. Miller to report on a proposal for a water budget for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that during the April 21, 2008 meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders, the Stakeholders agreed to request that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District develop a water budget for the District. Mr. Miller reported that the Stakeholders requested that the water budget be developed similar to the water budget prepared by Matt Lindburg (Brown and Caldwell Engineering Consultants) for the West Central Nebraska Ground Water Coalition for an area in northern Perkins County. Mr. Miller reported that the Stakeholders agreed to suspend meeting until July or August at which time they hope that a water budget will be available. Mr. Miller reported that immediately following the April 21, 2008 Stakeholders meeting, that the District staff met with Matt Lindburg, Brown and Caldwell and Frank Kwapnioski, NPPD, to prepare a proposal for consideration by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors on May 8, 2008. Mr. Miller reported that a water budget could be available by late July if the Board of Directors were to take action this evening to approve the proposal prepared by Brown and Caldwell. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook for information was an e-mail from Mr. Lindburg and the proposal from Brown and Caldwell. Mr. Miller reported that the proposal utilizes Kevin Spelts. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg participated in the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting by phone to review the proposal and answer questions Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that the proposal is for development of a water budget for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that for convenience, the proposal is presented in a form that can be accepted and signed as an agreement between Brown and Caldwell and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that the overall objective of this project is to develop a water budget that will be used as a basis for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan currently being developed. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that the concept of management using a water budget strives to allocate water resources based on a certain amount of allowable consumptive use based on available water supplies derived from local sources (precipitation), diverted sources (surface water diversions), and/or stored sources (surface water reservoirs or the ground water aquifer). Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that Brown and Caldwell understands that time is of the essence for this study and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District needs to develop an understanding of their water budget sometime within the next 2 to 3 months to allow for the timely completion of their Integrated Management Plan. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that in addition, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has made available the services of Mr. Spelts to assist in the development of the water budget. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that Brown and Caldwell would work closely with Mr. Spelts in order to maximize his involvement and to complete this work in the most cost and time efficient manner as possible. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that Brown and Caldwell

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propose to conduct this study in a series of steps, which are outlined in the proposal and that these steps form the Scope of Services that Brown and Caldwell will conduct. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that his cost estimate is \$24,000 for using Mr. Spelts for two days per week and \$21,000 for using Mr. Spelts for three days per week. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Lindburg reported to the Subcommittee that if Mr. Spelts works on these two days per week, the project will probably take a little over two months and if Mr. Spelts works on it three days per week, it will probably take a little less than 2 months.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to approve the proposal from Brown and Caldwell for development of a water budget for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District utilizing the assistance of Mr. Spelts for two days per week with compensation for services on a time-and-expense basis not to exceed \$24,000.00 and to authorize Mr. Miller as the Twin Platte Natural Resources District representative to execute an agreement with Brown and Caldwell. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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 over appropriated, 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 over appropriated 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 recommendation to be presented to the District Board of Directors and to the Director of the Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Meismer reported that during September 2007, the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District reached an agreement on an eight-month extension. Mr. Meismer reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District stakeholders have reported that they do not

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currently have the ability to submit a recommended integrated management plan to the District and the Department by the end of the current eight month agreed to extension.

Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a letter from Brian Dunnigan, Acting Director of the Department of Natural Resources, within which the Department is proposing to extend the integrated management planning process through the end of the two-year extension period which would be September 15, 2009.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to approve that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District agrees to extend the integrated management planning process through the end of the two year extension period which would be September 15, 2009 and to authorize Mr. Miller to transmit a letter to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources stating that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District agrees to extending the integrated management planning process through the end of the two year extension period which would be September 15, 2009 as proposed by Mr. Dunnigan in his April 10, 2008 letter to the District. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Municipalities –
Mr. Meismer reported that Mrs. Dimmitt and Tina Kurtz from the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources had held an information meeting for municipalities within the District.

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders –
Mr. Meismer reported that the stakeholders agreed to cancel the May 19, 2008 and June 16, 2008 meetings of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders. Mr. Meismer reported that the stakeholders felt they needed more information to continue which would be available from a water budget they requested and that information in regard to what the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources believes fully appropriated is should be available in July 2008. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that the July 21, 2008 stakeholders meeting should also be cancelled as the Brown and Caldwell Water Budget report is not expected to be available till July 2008. Mr. Meismer reported that the next meeting of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Stakeholders would be August 18, 2008 at 7:00 pm CDT and would be held at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte. Mr. Meismer reported that the stakeholders meetings in September and October would be on Tuesday nights, September 16, 2008 and October 21, 2008 due to scheduling conflicts with the facilitator, Lorre McKeone.

Integrated Management Plan - Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Draft Fully Appropriated Integrated Management Plan – Mr. Meismer reported that no discussion

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occurred.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests - Ed Steele - Mr. Meismer reported that the District has received a request from Ed Steele. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District has received a request from Ed Steele to transfer 20.5 certified ground water irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Steele would like to transfer five acres northeast of the pivot on Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 26 West and 15.5 acres southwest of the pivot on Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 26 West, so that he may add 20.5 acres to the pivot on Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 26 West. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Steele is maintaining his total number of irrigated acres on Section 3, Township 15 North, Range 26 West and not increasing irrigated acres. Mr. Steele will be breaking out sod that has not been irrigated before.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to approve granting a variance to Ed Steele to transfer 20.5 certified irrigated acres within Section 3 Township 15 North, Range 26 West, Keith County subject to Ed Steele providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Ground Water Management – Variance Request – Jud Baldrige - Mr. Meismer reported that the District has received a variance request from Jud Baldrige. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that on March 13, 2008, the staff presented a request to the Subcommittee from Jud Baldrige to dry up 299.69 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 266.76 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Baldrige planned to maintain his surface water rights for the entire five years, but only use them one time over the five years. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that following the March 13, 2008 Board of Director's meeting during which the Board approved Mr. Baldrige's request, Mr. Baldrige decided not to enter into an agreement based on the March 13, 2008 Board of Director's action. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Baldrige then requested to dry up 406.48 certified ground water irrigated acres, and to use strictly surface water rights on these acres each year, so that he may transfer the ground water acres to a new location to irrigate 217.17 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Baldrige would maintain his surface water rights.

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Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebooks for information were the District's policy for transfers from surface water irrigated acres, the District policy in regard to ownership policy, the agreement with Jud Baldrige approved on March 13, 2008, a proposed new agreement with Jud Baldrige, a map of the certified acres to be transferred, a map showing depletion factors, and irrigation districts information.

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 at the current location, and not apply ground water at the current location. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that since Mr. Baldrige desires to use the surface water each year instead of one in five years, and that the new acres irrigated by ground water will be the percentage of the current irrigated acres calculated as $(100\%) - (\text{___}\% \text{ historic average surface water available})$. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that for the request by Mr. Baldrige, the percentage factor is 14.40% for the certified ground water irrigated acres under the Platte Valley Ditch and the percentage factor is 77.41% for the certified ground water irrigated acres under the Cody-Dillon Ditch. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Baldrige has worked with staff and has agreed to permanently dry up 153.86 certified ground water irrigated acres under the Platte Valley Ditch so that he may be allowed to transfer 22.16 acres and to permanently dry up 252.62 certified ground water irrigated acres under the Cody-Dillon Ditch so that he may be allowed to transfer 195.55 acres for a total of 217.17 acres transferred to one location a further distance from the river. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that all locations have been run using the COHYST cycle well to determine the depletion factors at all locations.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to approve the variance request from Jud Baldrige to transfer 153.86 certified irrigated acres under the Platte Valley Irrigation Ditch, described as the SE¼ Section 23 - T14N-R31W – 153.86 acres, factored by the required 14.4% to 22.16 acres and to transfer 252.62 certified irrigated acres under the Cody-Dillon Irrigation Ditch, described as the W½ Section 13 - T14N-R31W – 252.62 acres, factored by the required 77.41% to 195.55 acres for a total of 406.48 ground water acres, reduced to a total of 217.71 acres from the current locations to new locations which are south of Hershey, NE and farther from the river, subject to:

- Jud Baldrige executing an agreement with the Twin Platte Natural Resources District as required by policy
- Jud Baldrige providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership
- Jud Baldrige providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District a report of the irrigated acres when the irrigation systems have been installed in the new locations and this project is complete
- Jud Baldrige properly decommissioning or modification to pump less than 50

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gpm of the current ground water irrigation wells located in the original certified irrigated acres

Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. (Motion #5)

During discussion, there was a concern expressed that some of the land currently irrigated with surface water and certified as ground water irrigated acres may have not been irrigated with ground water.

Mr. Miller reported, that for certifying ground water irrigated acres, the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Rules and Regulations provide that:

Well Use Documentation -- Any ground water user, landowner, or operator who owns or controls a registered irrigation well, and who intends to use such well, must provide documentation proving an irrigated crop history if the acres involved were not irrigated within the last five (5) years but were irrigated at least one time within the last fifteen (15) consecutive years, and the nonuse in the last five (5) years was a result of one or more of the following: (a) federal, state, or local laws, rules or regulations temporarily prevented or restricted such use; (b) use of water was unnecessary because of climatic conditions; (c) circumstances were such that a prudent person, following the principles of good husbandry, would not have been expected to use the water; (d) the owner of the land was in active involuntary service in the armed forces of the United States or was in active voluntary service during a time of crisis; (e) legal proceedings prevented or restricted use of the water; (f) the land has been under an acreage reserve program or production quota, or was otherwise withdrawn from use as required for participation in any federal or state program, and there have been not more than five consecutive years of nonuse on that land since that land was last under that program. Such documentation may include, but is not limited to, crop insurance, Farm Service Agency records, or well registration records. Any ground water user, landowner, or operator may also obtain certification for the use of the well if the intended use is for purposes other than for irrigation.

Mr. Miller reported that the land was certified as ground water irrigated acres based on aerial photography, the presence of an irrigation well, and the signature of the land owner on the certification forms and that the District personnel did not do an on site investigation.

Discussion occurred that the Board of Directors needs to be assured, if it grants this application, there will be no negative consequences to the District or to other water users that are located within the District boundaries,

Mr. Wiseman moved to amend motion #5 to include in the agreement that Mr. Baldrige recognizes and acknowledges his individual obligation to mitigate the impacts, if any, of transferring certified ground water irrigated acres and acknowledges that if he is unable to mitigate such impacts (if any), he will cease irrigating with ground water the lands at

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the transferred location. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Motion #5 carried.

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Policy - Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors to rescind the following policy approved December 12, 2006:

To approve the Water Resources Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the following policy that is intended to not allow an increase in consumptive use of water (no new depletions) which will sunset when an Integrated Management Plan is implemented unless the Integrated Management Plan includes the same provisions of this policy:

- 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 one year out of future five year time frames at the current location
 - Not apply ground water at the current location
- The new acres irrigated by ground water will be the percentage of the current irrigated acres calculated as follows:
 $(100\%) - ((\text{ } ______ \% \text{ historic average surface water available}) / 5)$
and that all transfers allowed by this policy will be allowed to be maintained when an Integrated Management Plan is implemented.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee considered that this policy would have ended when an Integrated Management Plan is implemented unless the Integrated Management Plan includes the same provisions of this policy and that all transfers allowed by this policy would be allowed to be maintained when an Integrated Management Plan is implemented. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee considered that this policy had the intention to not allow an increase in consumptive use of water and no new depletions. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water

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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 both March 2008 and April 2008 were in the Directors' notebook and available as handouts.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meismer reported that the Accounts Payable reports were in the Directors' notebook and available as handouts, and the report appeared to be in order.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Financial Statements for March 2008 and April 2008 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented in the Accounts Payable reports on May 8, 2008 in the amount of \$23,954.26 and \$49,104.73 respectively. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

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 June 12, 2008 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the June 12, 2008 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Water Policy Task Force – No report presented.

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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 – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook and available as a handout was the monthly report. Mr. Miller reported that \$22,368.58 was available for funding.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the May 8, 2008 report as presented and previously approved by the General Manager as follows:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt to Fund</u>
8.046	NC-12	Trees	\$ 945.00	\$ 945.00
8.047	NC-17	Irrig Water Management	\$ 2,395.40	\$ 2,395.40
8.048	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 1,358.50	\$ 1,358.50
8.049	NC-14	Planned Grazing System	\$ 2,287.50	\$ 2,287.50
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 6,986.40
FUNDS AVAILABLE:		Practice NC-12, Windbreaks	\$ 557.78	
		Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing	\$ 9,259.47	
		Practice NC-17, Irrigation	\$ 5,583.68	
		Other available practices	\$ 0.00	

Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

Cost-Share Programs – Well Abandonment Contracts – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a report for information, and \$2,520.65 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Programs – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – No report presented.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program – No report presented.

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Wildlife Habitat Programs – Corners for Wildlife Program – No report presented.

Water Programs – Ground Water Management – 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 –

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 Plans – No report presented.

Trails – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs - No report presented.

Legislation – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet for information was the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts final report for the 2008 Legislative Session prepared by Dean Edson, Executive Directive.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests presented.

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

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were in the Directors' Board meeting packet.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items were in the Directors' Board meeting packet and in the Directors' Board meeting notebook.

BUDGET FOR 2009 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was a schedule for preparing the 2009 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 which is the same schedule followed the last 10 years. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule provides the Board an opportunity to view the first draft of a Budget one-month earlier than the schedule that had been followed prior to 1999. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule for preparing the 2009 Fiscal Year Budget provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, June 12, 2008 at 7:30 pm CDT (6:30 pm MDT) at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:09 p.m. CDT (8:09 p.m. MDT).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary