

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
May 14, 2009

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) Board of Directors meeting was held at the TierOne Bank Center Meeting Room, Second Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on May 14, 2009. Mr. Rubenthaler called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm CDT (6:37 pm MDT). A legal notice of the meeting was published in the NORTH PLATTE TELEGRAPH. A news release containing the agenda for the meeting and including the time and place was sent to the news media in the District.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shane Storer
Bob Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Glen Bowers, Water Programs Field Coordinator
Bill Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator
Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent Miller, General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Frank Kwapnioski, NPPD
Bart Nichols, Sargent Irrigation – Gothenburg
Rich Walters, TNC

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 in the back of the meeting room and accessible to members of the

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

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 will be absent and that the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Rubenthaler reported that Mr. Storer and Mr. Wiseman notified the office that they would be absent and are 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 Natural Resources Conservation Service 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

West Central Weed Management Area - Request for Financial Assistance - Rich Walters, Project Coordinator, West Central Weed Management Area, presented a power point presentation. Mr. Walters reported that the West Central Weed Management Area is requesting \$20,000.00 from the Twin Platte NRD to assist with phragmites control efforts during the 2010 Fiscal Year. Mr. Walters reported that this money will be used with other funding sources to match the \$80,000.00 obligated from the Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program.

Programs Information Reports - Ground Water Program - Ground Water Monitoring at the Gerald Gentlemen Power Station – Glen Bowers, Water Programs Field Coordinator, and Frank Kwapnioski, Nebraska Public Power District, reported on the Ground Water Monitoring at the Gerald Gentlemen Power Station.

Programs Information Reports - Information Program - Web Page – No report presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

Minutes for April 9, 2009 Meeting – Mr. Rubenthaler reported that the Minutes for the April 9, 2009 meeting were in the Directors’ packet and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the April 9, 2009 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece distributed and reviewed a written report 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 14, 2009.

General Information - Soil Moisture Monitoring – Mr. Meismer reported that Steven R. Melvin, UNL Extension Educator, Frontier County, reported to the Subcommittee on the use of soil moisture sensors and data readers and the cost-share program available in the Middle Republican Natural Resources District.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Eligible Practices – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee discussed the TPNRD Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program, Irrigation Water Management Practice (NC-17), that allows cost-share on soil moisture sensors and data readers for three applications based on Natural Resources Commission Advisory No. 26 per year per producer and to require that an end of season report by the producer be submitted to the Twin Platte Natural

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

Resources District for ten years which was added to the TPNRD program by Board action on November 13, 2008. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that they would like this to be an agenda item for the June 4, 2009 Subcommittee meeting.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Funding – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed that they would like this to be an agenda item for the June 4, 2009 Subcommittee meeting.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Joe Bourge – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Joe Bourge. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Joe Bourge that he be allowed to walk his pivot over what use to be a home site located in the SE¼ Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that this request would increase Mr. Bourge’s irrigated acres by 2.13 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Bourge is in agreement to dry up the 2.13 acres from the SE¼ Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the transfer would be in the same section and therefore the same stream depletion factor. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting notebook was an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Joe Bourge to transfer 2.13 certified irrigated acres within the SE¼ Section 15, Township 12 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska, as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream, subject to Joe Bourge providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Sadle Cattle Co – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for two variances from Sadle Cattle Co. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the requests.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received two variance requests from Sadle Cattle Co.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the first variance request from Sadle Cattle Co. is to put a wiper pivot on an existing flood field located in the SW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, and to transfer the remainder of their ground water certified irrigated acres from the SW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North,

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to an existing, not quite complete, pivot located in the NW¼ Section 19, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that by putting a wiper pivot on the SW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, 1.0 new acre will be brought into production, and a total of 7.0 acres will be taken out. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that 6.0 acres are eligible to be transferred to the NW¼ Section 19, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the current location of certified irrigated acres are farther from the river than where Sadle Cattle Co. wants to move the acres, so they will not be allowed a one-to-one for the 6.0 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the average stream depletion factor of the current location is 85% and the average stream depletion factor of the proposed location is 88.5%. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Sadle Cattle Co. will only be allowed to transfer 5.79 for the 6.0 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a map and an aerial photo of the area.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the second variance request from Sadle Cattle Co. is to put a wiper pivot on an existing flood field located in the NW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, and to transfer the remainder of their ground water certified irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to an existing, not quite complete, pivot located in the NW¼ Section 19, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that by putting a wiper pivot on the NW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, 1.0 new acre will be brought into production, and a total of 4.0 acres will be taken out. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that 3.0 acres are eligible to be transferred to the NW¼ Section 19, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the current location of certified irrigated acres are farther from the river than where Sadle Cattle Co. wants to move the acres, so they will not be allowed a one-to-one for the 3.0 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the average stream depletion factor of the current location is 85% and the average stream depletion factor of the proposed location is 88.5%. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Sadle Cattle Co. will only be allowed to transfer 2.90 for the 3.0 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that there would be no new irrigated acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a map and an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting two variances to Sadle Cattle Co. with the first variance to transfer 1.0 certified irrigated acres within the SW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream and to approve granting a variance to Sadle Cattle Co. to transfer 5.79 certified irrigated acres from the SW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to the NW¼ Section 19, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream, subject to Sadle Cattle Co. providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership; and with the second variance to transfer 1.0 certified irrigated acres within the NW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

West, Keith County, Nebraska, as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream and to approve granting a variance to Sadle Cattle Co. to transfer 2.90 certified irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 30, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to the NW¼ Section 19, Township 14 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, as there would be no new irrigated acres and no new depletions to the stream, subject to Sadle Cattle Co. providing the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proof of ownership. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Requests – Marty Keller and Neil Williams –
Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Marty Keller and Neil Williams. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD received a variance request from Marty Keller to transfer his already certified 24.79 ground water irrigated acres in the SE¼ Section 6, Township 13 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District water bank under Neil Williams name. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Keller has sold his irrigated water rights to Mr. Williams. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the land is in the process of being sold for a housing development on the outskirts of Paxton, Nebraska. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that Mr. Williams would like to bank his water rights so that he does not lose his certified irrigated acres while the housing development gets under way. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was an aerial photo of the area.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to transfer Marty Keller's certified 24.79 ground water irrigated acres in the SE¼ Section 6, Township 13 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska to the Twin Platte Natural Resources District water bank under Neil Williams name. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Certified Irrigated Acres – Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the status for obtaining a required signature on the certification form. Mrs. Dimmitt reported on the status.

Integrated Management Plan – Schedule - Mr. Meismer reviewed the following timeline

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

for approval of a TPNRD IMP by the September 15, 2009 deadline:

Twin Platte Natural Resources District
Integrated Management Plan (IMP)
Approval / Implementation

Task	Dates
Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve IMP to submit DNR Exchange Letters – NRD/DNR agreement	May 14 May 15 – June 3
Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve IMP for Pub. Hearing Water Subcomm. – Rules & Reg. Rev. Publish Legal Notice in NP Telegraph	June 4 * June 4 * June 9, 16, 23
Public Hearing - IMP Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg.–Approve IMP to submit to DNR Water Subcomm. – Rules & Reg. Rev. Exchange Letters – Implement the plan	July 2 July 9 July 9 July 10 – Aug 12
Water Subcomm./Bd. Meeting – Approve IMP & Adopt Order Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg.–Approve Rules & Reg. Rev. for Pub. Hearing <i>Water Subcomm. – Offsets Options</i> Publish Legal Notice in NP Telegraph Publish Order in NP Telegraph	Aug 13 Aug 13 <i>Aug 13</i> Aug 18, 25, Sept.1 Aug 18, 25 ,Sept.1
Public Hearing - Rules & Reg. Rev. Water Subcomm./Bd. Meeting – Approve Rules & Reg. Rev. <i>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Approve Offsets Options</i>	Sept. 10 Sept. 10 <i>Sept. 10</i>
Effective Date of IMP Effective Date for Rules & Reg. Rev.	Sept. 15 Sept. 15
<i>Water Subcomm./Bd. Mtg. – Additional Offsets Options</i>	<i>Oc. 8, Nov 12</i>

* Denotes a change in the regularly scheduled Board Meeting dates.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Stakeholders Recommendation – Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet were the meeting notes for the April 20, 2009 stakeholders meeting which included recommendations.

Integrated Management Plan – Twin Platte Natural Resources District – Integrated Management Plan (IMP) – Mr. Meisner reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

packet was a draft of the TPNRD IMP with revisions recommended by Harriet Hageman, Legal Counsel. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was a draft letter to Brian Dunnigan, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, prepared by Harriet Hageman, Legal Counsel. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a draft of the TPNRD IMP with the revisions recommended by Harriet Hageman, Legal Counsel, accepted and additional revisions recommended by the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed with the latest draft of a TPNRD IMP that was in the Directors' Board meeting notebook and that the following motions are for this latest draft.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a motion signifying that the District has reached agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources related to the following items: (1) the proposed goals and objectives of the Integrated Management Plan for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District; (2) the proposed geographic area subject to the controls; and (3) the surface water and ground water controls and incentive programs that are identified in the Integrated Management Plan and proposed for adoption and implementation. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a motion that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District recommends that the District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources schedule a joint hearing on the proposed Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan, which hearing should coincide with the joint hearing on the Basin-Wide Plan, and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proposes that such hearing be held in North Platte, Nebraska on July 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. CDT. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee's recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a motion to send the letter prepared by Harriet Hageman, Legal Counsel, to Brian Dunnigan, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Hansen, Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Rubenthaler, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver
Nay: None

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wiseman

Integrated Management Plan – Platte River Basin – Over Appropriated IMP – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet was the latest draft of a Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of Overappropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet was a draft letter to Brian Dunnigan, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, prepared by Harriet Hageman, Legal Counsel.

Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee agreed with the latest draft of a Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of Overappropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin, Nebraska that was in the Directors’ Board meeting packet and that the following motions are for this latest draft.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a motion signifying that the District has reached agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources on the Basin-Wide Plan for the over appropriated portion of the Platte River Basin. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a motion that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District recommends that the District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources schedule a joint hearing on the proposed Basin-Wide Plan, which hearing should coincide with the joint hearing on the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Integrated Management Plan, and the Twin Platte Natural Resources District proposes that such hearing be held in North Platte, Nebraska on July 2, 2009 at 7:30 p.m. CDT. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a motion to send the letter prepared by Harriet Hageman, Legal Counsel, to Brian Dunnigan, Director, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

Interlocal Cooperation Agreements - Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project – No report presented

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 April 2009 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 April 2009 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on the Accounts Payable report on May 14, 2009 in the amount of \$16,472.62. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

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

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

Bids/Proposals – Mr. Miller reported that during the April 9, 2009 Board meeting, he reported, per District policy, that bids/proposals would be presented for consideration during the May 14, 2009 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of a vehicle. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet were the 2009 Fiscal Year Vehicle Schedule for Replacement and the specifications for the vehicle and that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a summary of proposals received. Mr. Miller reported that the Budget provides for this purchase. Mr. Miller reported that the vehicle will be assigned to Ann Dimmitt, Water Programs Regulatory Coordinator and that the vehicle will also be the primary vehicle used by Kevin Spelts, Ground Water Modeler.

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the low bid of \$19,311.00 from Premier Toyota, North

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

Platte, Nebraska, for the purchase of a 2009 Toyota Camry. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wiseman

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the June 4, 2009 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals were scheduled to be presented for consideration during the June 4, 2009 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts – Legislation – Mr. Meismer reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet and the Directors' Board meeting notebook were NARD Legislative Update reports.

Water Policy Task Force – Mr. Meismer reported that it is not likely the Water Policy Task Force will continue beyond the 2009 calendar year, as there is not any legislation pending to continue the Task Force.

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 was a report and that \$1,838.70 was available for funding contracts. Mr. Miller reported that there were no new contracts to present.

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting notebook was a report, and that \$3,501.45 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Program – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – No report presented.

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

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

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.

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.

Information & Education Programs – Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD policy provides for seven scholarships annually for the Nebraska Range Youth Camp. Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors’ Board meeting packet for information was the application and a brochure for the 2009 Nebraska Range Youth Camp.

Legislation – No report presented.

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

Meetings and Dates of Interest – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors’ packet.

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes – May 14, 2009

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were in the Directors packet and in the Directors’ notebook.

BUDGET FOR 2010 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was a schedule for preparing the 2010 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 11 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 2010 Fiscal Year Budget provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

Requests - Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board meeting packet was a letter to the Board of Directors from Rich Walters, Project Coordinator, West Central Weed Management Area, requesting \$20,000.00 from the TPNRD to assist with phragmites control efforts during the 2010 Fiscal Year. The Board of Directors agreed to request Mr. Miller to include in the first draft of the 2010 Fiscal Year Budget \$20,000.00 to assist the West Central Weed Management Area with phragmites control efforts.

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 4, 2009 (ONE WEEK EARLY) 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 9:22 pm CDT (8:22 pm MDT).

Jerry Weaver, Secretary