

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
January 13, 2011

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) Board of Directors meeting was held at the Great Western Bank Meeting Room, Second Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on January 13, 2011. Mr. Weaver called the meeting to order at 3:04 pm CST (2:04 pm 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 S Hansen  
James Meisner  
Bob Peterson  
Dennis Schilz  
Douglas L Stack  
Shane Storer  
Joe S Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver  
John W Williams  
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert L Petersen

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

William M Barger  
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation  
Bart Nichols, Sargent Irrigation  
Jeff Shafer, NPPD

Mr. Weaver, as Secretary of the Board of Directors, acted as Chair due to the Chair position being vacant and the Vice-Chair reporting that he would be late arriving for the Board meeting.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Weaver reported that the Nebraska Open Meeting Act requires public bodies to make available at least one current copy of the Open Meeting Act

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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. Weaver reported that the current Open Meeting Act was in the back of the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Weaver 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. Weaver reported that Mr. Robert L. Petersen notified the office that he would be absent and is therefore excused.

Distribution of Information – Mr. Weaver reported that handouts were available for the public in the back of the meeting room.

Other Announcements – Mr. Weaver 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. Weaver opened the Public Forum. There were no comments. Mr. Weaver closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for December 14, 2010 Meeting – Mr. Weaver reported that the Minutes for the December 14, 2010 meeting were in the Directors’ packet and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the December 14, 2010 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

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None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece distributed and reviewed a report.

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 January 13, 2011.

Ground Water Management – Variances – C Maxine Anderson Trust – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from the C Maxine Anderson Trust. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to the C Maxine Anderson Trust to de-certify and transfer 6.10 certified ground water irrigated acres from the NE¼ Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to the NW¼ Section 22, Township 13 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Peterson, Schilz, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver, Williams, Wiseman

Nay: None

Out of Room: Stack

Absent & Excused: Petersen

Ground Water Management – Variances – Kurt Pieper – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Kurt Pieper. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Kurt Pieper to de-certify and transfer 10.27 certified ground water irrigated acres from the W½ Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska, to be relocated in the same W½ of the section. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Peterson, Schilz, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver,

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Williams, Wiseman  
Nay: None  
Out of Room: Stack  
Absent & Excused: Petersen

Ground Water Management – Variances – Wm J Finch Farms – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Wm J Finch Farms. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Wm J Finch Farms to drill a new irrigation well on the SE¼ Section 30, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska and to de-certify and to transfer 26.3 certified ground water irrigated acres, including 21.4 acres in the SENE Section 5, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County, Nebraska, and 4.9 acres in the SENE Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to be relocated to the SE¼ Section 30, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska under a new pivot. Mr. Wahlgren second the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Pete Baumgartner – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Pete Baumgartner. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Pete Baumgartner to drill a new well in the NW¼ Section 15, Township 16 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Chuck Flaming – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Chuck Flaming. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Chuck Flaming to de-certify and transfer 6.0 certified ground water irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 20, Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to be relocated within the same section. Mr. Wiseman

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seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Deweese Sand & Gravel – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Deweese Sand & Gravel. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to deny granting a variance to Deweese Sand & Gravel to drill a new industrial well with the capacity to pump 400 gpm in the SENE Section 8, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Dan & Barry Carl, and Billy Wilson – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Dan & Barry Carl, and Billy Wilson. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Dan & Barry Carl, and Billy Wilson to drill a new irrigation well on the NW¼ Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska, and to de-certify and transfer 112 certified ground water irrigated acres from the W½ Section 3, Township 12 North, Range 27 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska, to be relocated to the NW¼ Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Koch Feedlots Inc – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD has received a request for a variance from Koch Feedlots Inc. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Koch Feedlots Inc (Steve Koch) to transfer the use of 10.0 acres of feedlot to 10.0 acres of irrigated corn in the SWNW Section 18, Township 14 North, Range 32 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Proposal from Ted Tiegen November 18, 2010 Board Meeting – Mr. Meismer reported that during the Public Forum of the November 18, 2010 Board Meeting, Ted Tiegen presented a proposal to demonstrate the use of terraces for aquifer recharge.

Proposal from Bard Rathje November 18, 2010 Board Meeting – Mr. Meismer reported that during the Public Forum of the November 18, 2010 Board Meeting, Brad Rathje of AquaSpy presented an Irrigation Strategy Proposal for the TPNRD.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to deny the proposal from Ted Tiegen to demonstrate the use of terraces for aquifer recharge and to deny the Irrigation Strategy proposal for the TPNRD from Brad Rathje. Mr. Peterson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

Integrated Management Plan – CNPPID vs. TPNRD - No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Reporting Requirements - No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Basin Plan - No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water - Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee continued discussion of potential options for offset water.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

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Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

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FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for December 2010 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 December 2010 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on January 13, 2011 in the amount of \$50,187.13. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

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

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

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the February 10, 2011 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that the District Policy provides that “The staff will notify the Board during the Board meeting immediately prior to the Board meeting at which bids will be presented for consideration”. Mr. Miller reported that no bids/proposals would be presented for the February 10, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Legislative Conference, January 25-26, 2011 – Mr. Meismer reported that the NARD annual Legislative Conference will be held January 25-26, 2011 in Lincoln, Nebraska.

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

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' notebook was a report and \$36,669.49 was available for funding contracts.

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Mr. Wiseman moved to approve the January 13, 2011 report 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>
11.016	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,107.00	\$ 1,107.00
11.017	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
11.018	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 2,616.97	\$ 2,616.97
11.019	NC-12	Trees	\$ 78.50	\$ 78.50
11.020	NC-12	Trees	\$ 597.00	\$ 597.00
11.021	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
11.022	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
11.023	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
11.024	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
11.025	NC-12	Trees	\$ 857.93	\$ 857.93
11.026	NC-12	Trees	\$ 802.58	\$ 802.58
11.027	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,051.65	\$ 1,051.65
11.028	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,107.00	\$ 1,107.00
11.029	NC-12	Trees	\$ 719.55	\$ 719.55
11.030	NC-12	Trees	\$ 462.68	\$ 462.68
11.031	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
11.032	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
11.033	NC-17	Irrigation Water Mgt	\$ 300.00	\$ 300.00
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 13,600.86

FUNDS AVAILABLE:	Practice NC-12, Windbreaks	\$ 6,468.48
	Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing	\$ 115.81
	Practice NC-17, Irrigation	\$ 11,363.27
	Other available practices	\$ 5,606.85

Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that in the Directors' Board notebook was a report and \$5,797.63 was available for new contracts.

Tree Programs – No report presented.

Range Programs – Ranch Practicum – Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska Ranch Practicum is a University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center program conducted at the West Central Research and Extension Center in North Platte and at the



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Gudmunsen Sandhills Lab. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors on March 18, 2010 approved authorizing up to four - \$175 scholarships for the 2010 Nebraska Ranch Practicum. Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD has requests for five scholarships from producers in the TPNRD.

Mr. Schilz moved to authorize a 5<sup>th</sup> - \$175 scholarship for the 2010 Nebraska Ranch Practicum. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #13)

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

Water Programs – No report presented.

Soil Conservation Programs – No report presented.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – No report presented.

Regulatory Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs - No report presented.

Brule Watershed – No report presented.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – No report presented.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests presented.

Legislature – Mr. Miller presented a report.

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

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairperson - Mr. Wahlgren nominated Mr. Schilz. There were no other nominations.

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Mr. Wiseman moved that nominations cease and to elect Mr. Schilz Chairperson. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #14)

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

Vice Chairperson, Secretary, Treasurer - The Board agreed that they would like to consider a motion to elect the current Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to elect Mr. Stack Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Weaver Secretary, and Mr. Meismer Treasurer. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #15)

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

Mr. Schilz began chairing the meeting.

SELECTION OF NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION  
OF RESOURCES DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Schilz moved that the TPNRD 2011 Representative for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors be Mr. Meismer. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #16)

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

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Schilz announced the following appointments for the Subcommittees for 2011:

Water Resources Subcommittee  
James Meismer – Chairperson  
Dennis Schilz  
Joe S Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver

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Robert Wiseman

Land Resources Subcommittee

Eric S Hansen – Chairperson  
Bob Peterson  
Shane Storer

Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

Douglas L Stack – Chairperson  
Robert L Petersen  
John W Williams

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at 3:00 pm CST (2:00 pm MST) at the Great Western Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:22 pm CST (3:22 pm MST).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary