

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 12, 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 May 12, 2011. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:36 pm CDT (6:36 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 S Hansen  
James Meisner  
Robert L Petersen  
Bob Peterson  
Dennis Schilz  
Douglas L Stack  
Joe Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver  
John W Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shane Storer  
Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

William Barger, Water Broker  
Jason Bode, Producer  
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation  
Jeff Shafer, NPPD  
Doug Whisenhunt, Prescribed Burn Task Force

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Schilz 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. Schilz reported that the current Open Meeting Act was in the back of the

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meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Schilz 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. Schilz reported that Mr. Storer and Mr. Wiseman notified the office they would be absent and are therefore excused.

Information Packet and Notebook available for the Public – Mr. Schilz reported that on the shelf in the back of the room is a copy of the Board Meeting Notebook and the Board Meeting Information Packet that each Board member has that are available for viewing by the public attending the Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Schilz reported that there are also copies of some of the items in the Board Meeting Notebook available for the public to take.

Other Announcements – None presented.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schilz opened the Public Forum. There were no comments. Mr. Schilz closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Programs Information Reports - Range Program - Prescribed Burning – Mr. Carhart, Range Programs Coordinator and Doug Whisenhunt, NRCS Nebraska Prescribed Burn/Grazing Specialist, reported on prescribed burning activities in the TPNRD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for April 14, 2011 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the April 14, 2011 Board of Directors meeting were available for the Directors' and he asked if there were any corrections or additions for the minutes.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the April 14, 2011 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Wahlgren, Weaver, Williams  
Nay: Peterson  
Absent & Excused: Storer, Wiseman  
Out of Room: Stack

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.

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Water Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairman, presented a report for the Water Resources Subcommittee meeting held on May 12, 2011.

Ground Water Management – Variances – University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center (WCREC) – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from the University of Nebraska WCREC. 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 University of Nebraska West Central Research and Extension Center to drill a new supplemental irrigation well in the SWNE of Section 11, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Williams

Nay: Peterson

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wiseman

Ground Water Management – Variances – Paulsen Inc – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Paulsen 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 Paulsen Inc to drill a new commercial/industrial well that pumps 300 gpm in the SWNE of Section 11, Township 13 North, Range 30 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska conditioned on a flow meter being installed on the new commercial/industrial well that will be properly maintained at all times, will be periodically checked by the TPNRD, and annual reports will be provided to the TPNRD and conditioned on the decommissioning of wells # G-070100 and # G-060611 located in SENW of Section

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33, Township 14 North, Range 30 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska which are owned by Paulsen Inc. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren,  
Weaver, Williams

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wiseman

Ground Water Management – 2011 Aerial Photography – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – IMP and Rules & Regulations Revisions - No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water – 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 2011 was available for the Directors’.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meismer reported that the Accounts Payable report was available for the Directors’ 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 2011 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on May 12, 2011 in the amount of \$21,279.37. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren,  
Weaver, Williams

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Wiseman

Budget Status – Mr. Meismer reported that the Budget Status report was available for the Directors’.

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

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Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the June 9, 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 June 9, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – No report presented.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – NRD Basin Tour, June 13-15, 2011 – Mr. Meismer reported that information was available for the Directors’ for the NRD Basin Tour which will be June 13-15, 2011.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported that the recent Federal Budget cuts eliminated all RC&Ds. Mr. Hansen reported that the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council was considering options for continuing without federal funding.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors’ and \$188.93 was available for funding contracts.

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors’ and \$1,479.91 was available for new contracts.

Tree Program – No report presented.

Range Programs – No report presented.

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.

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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 reported that NARD Legislative reports were available for the Directors’.

Mr. Miller reported that Legislative Resolution 218, which would create the Water Sustainability Funding Task Force to study all possible sources of revenue that could be used to establish a dedicated funding source for water management activities, was available for the Directors’.

Mr. Wahlgren moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the TPNRD recommend that Jim Meismer be appointed to the Water Sustainability Funding Task Force. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

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

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were available for the Directors’.

BUDGET FOR 2012 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule - Mr. Miller reported that a schedule for preparing the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget for the TPNRD was available for the Directors’. Mr. Miller reported that the schedule for preparing the 2012 Fiscal Year Budget is the same schedule followed the last 13 years and provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

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The meeting adjourned at 8:58 pm CDT (7:58 pm MDT).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary