

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 9, 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 June 9, 2011. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:43 pm. 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  
Shane Storer  
Joe Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver  
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

John W Williams

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  
Dave Slattery, Conservation Programs Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Bart Nichols, Sargent Irrigation  
Jeff Shafer, NPPD

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 meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

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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. Williams notified the office he would be absent and is 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.

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.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for May 12, 2011 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the May 12, 2011 Board of Directors meeting were available for the Directors' and he asked if there were any corrections or additions for the minutes.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the May 12, 2011 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

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Land Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Hansen, Land Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the subcommittee meeting held on June 10, 2010.

Awards Program – Conservation Award for 2011 – Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee agreed to select the Gerard and Shari Kraus of Ogallala to receive the 2011 Conservation Award for Keith / Arthur Counties.

Awards Program – Tree Award for 2011 – Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee agreed to select Stuart and Cindy Allen of North Platte to receive the 2011 Tree Award for Lincoln / McPherson Counties.

Range Program – Interseeder

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a permanent transfer of the TPNRD interseeder to the Upper Loup NRD. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Williams

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Eligible Practices – Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors to continue the current policy.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Funding – Mr. Hansen reported that the Land Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors to continue the current policy.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Water Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Meisner, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairman, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on June 9, 2011.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Paul Reed Construction & Supply Inc – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Paul Reed Construction & Supply Inc. Mr. Meisner asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Paul Reed Construction & Supply Inc to drill a new industrial well with the capacity to pump 500 gpm in the NE¼ Section 8, Township 13

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North, Range 37 West, Keith County, Nebraska, conditioned on; (1) if there are contracts for state or federal programs requiring previously irrigated lands to not be irrigated, it is the responsibility of Paul Reed Construction & Supply Inc and not the TPNRD to be in compliance with those contracts; (2) Paul Reed Construction & Supply Inc paying the \$50.00 new well application fee to be collected when the transfer form is completed; and (3) Paul Reed Construction & Supply Inc installing a flow meter and providing the TPNRD usage reports. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Williams

Ground Water Management – Variances – Placer Development Corporation – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Placer Development Corporation. Mr. Meisner asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Placer Development Corporation to modify the certified irrigated acres in the SE¼ Section 7, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: Peterson

Absent & Excused: Williams

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Eligible Practices – Mr. Meisner reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors to continue the current policy.

Mr. Miller reported that no Board of Directors action is needed to continue the current policy.

No action occurred.

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program - Funding – Mr. Meisner reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors to continue the current policy.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the following allocation of the funds for the Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program in the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012:

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- For Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2011 to January 30, 2012
- For Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2011 to January 30, 2012
- For Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2011 to January 30, 2012
- For the other eligible practices that 10% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2011 to January 30, 2012
- Any funds available after January 30, 2012 may be used for any eligible practice

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

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

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water – No report presented.

Legislature - Legislative Resolution 314 – Mr. Meismer reported that Legislative Resolution 314, which would 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’.

Future Meetings - Mr. Meismer reported that the Annual Meeting Related to the Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of over appropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin will be held on July 21, 2011 at the CPNRD offices in Grand Island, Nebraska.

Mr. Meismer reported that a joint meeting of the Water Resources Subcommittee of the CPNRD, the Water Resources Subcommittee of the TPNRD, and the Executive Subcommittee of the Tri-Basin Natural Resources District will be held on September 7, 2011 in Kearney, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD September Board meeting is scheduled for September 8, 2011. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee recommends that the TPNRD September Board meeting be held on September 15, 2011.

The Board of Directors agreed that the TPNRD September Board meeting be held on September 15, 2011.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Executive Subcommittee

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Mr. Schilz, Executive Subcommittee Chairman, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on June 9, 2011.

Personnel Salaries for 2012 Fiscal Year – Mr. Schilz reported that the Subcommittee reviewed the authorized positions, reviewed the salary schedules, reviewed the cost-of-living, and reviewed the General Manager’s salary.

Mr. Schilz moved the Executive Sub-Committees recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize a GIS Programs Coordinator position and eliminate the Technician position for GIS, to add steps 12-18 to the Administrative Assistant Salary Schedule, to add steps 12-18 to the Programs Coordinators Salary Schedule, that the Salary Schedule steps for each position not be changed for the 2012 Fiscal Year in recognition of the cost-of-living to maintain the value of the salary compensation, and to set the General Manager’s salary at \$80,000 for the 2012 Fiscal Year. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for May 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 May 2011 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on June 9, 2011 in the amount of \$89,920.57. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

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 July 14, 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 July 14, 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) – Legislation – Mr. Meismer reported that information from the NARD Executive Director, for the 2011 Legislative Session, which has ended, was available for the Directors’.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen reported that the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council was continuing to consider 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 \$5,565.05 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the June 9, 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>
11.055	NC-17	Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 600.00

FUNDS AVAILABLE: \$ 4,965.05

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

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

Nay: None

Out of Room: Stack

Absent & Excused: Williams

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors’ and \$1,998.32 was available for new contracts.

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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.

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 – No report presented.

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 provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

Review Draft #1 – Mr. Miller distributed and reviewed the first draft of a budget for the 2012 Fiscal Year.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.



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ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 pm.

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary