

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
October 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 October 13, 2011. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:34 pm CDT (6:34 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
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
John W Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Brad Johnson, 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 which may be 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 on the counter in the back of the meeting room and accessible to members of the public.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Schilz reported that Operating Policy Number 4: BOARD

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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. Weaver 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.

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

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for September 15, 2011 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the September 15, 2011 Board of Directors meeting was available for the Directors' and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the September 15, 2011 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Williams

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Weaver, Wiseman

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece presented a written report which was available for the Directors'.

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SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Land Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Hansen, Land Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on October 13, 2011.

Tree Program - 2011 Report – Mr. Hansen reviewed information available for the Directors’.

Tree Program - 2012 Planning - Mr. Hansen reviewed information available for the Directors. Mr. Hansen reported that the tree planting charges in 2007 was \$0.62/tree, in 2008 was \$0.74/tree, in 2009 was \$0.75/tree, in 2010 was \$0.77/tree, and in 2011 was \$0.77/tree.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the TPNRD’s tree stock charges be set by the General Manager based on the nursery charges to the TPNRD and that the TPNRD’s machine planting charges be set at \$0.77/tree for 2012. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on October 13, 2011.

Ground Water Management – Chemigation Program – Mr. Meismer reported that a Chemigation Programs survey of NRDs showing when inspections begin and are completed each year and the frequency of renewal inspections for each NRD was available for the Directors’. Mr. Meismer reported that The Subcommittee agreed that they would like the staff to offer to producers the option of requesting inspections in April and May

Ground Water Management – Variances – Mike Thomsen – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Mike Thomsen. 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 Mike Thomsen to certify 29.2 irrigated acres in the SW¼ Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 30 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Williams
Nay: None

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Absent & Excused: Weaver, Wiseman

Ground Water Management – Variances – Marcus Thomsen #1 – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Marcus Thomsen. 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 Marcus Thomsen to certify 37.0 additional irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 30 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Weaver, Wiseman

Ground Water Management – Variances – Marcus Thomsen #2 – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for another variance from Marcus Thomsen. 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 Marcus Thomsen to de-certify and transfer a total of 22.16 certified ground water irrigated acres from the NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 30 West, Lincoln County; to be relocated in the same NE¼ Section 12, Township 12 North, Range 30 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Nay: Peterson

Absent & Excused: Weaver, Wiseman

Ground Water Management – Variances – Susan Bender #1 – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Susan Bender. 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 Susan Bender to certify 19.0 additional irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 21, Township 13 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Weaver, Wiseman

Ground Water Management – Variances – Susan Bender #2 – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for another variance from Susan Bender. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve granting a variance to Susan Bender to certify 15.0 additional irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 21, Township 13 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Jerry Steffes – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from the Jerry Steffes. 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 Jerry Steffes to certify 34.5 irrigated acres in the SW¼ Section 5, Township 15 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Craig and David Smith #1 – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Craig and David Smith. 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 Craig and David Smith to drill a new irrigation well in the SE¼ Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 27 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Craig and David Smith #2 – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for another variance from Craig and David Smith. 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 Craig and David Smith to transfer a total of 105.934 certified ground water irrigated acres that have been placed in the water bank from the S½ Section 14, Township 14 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County; to be relocated in the NE¼ Section 16, Township 16 North, Range 27 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr.

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Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Jeff Brittan – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Jeff Brittan. 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 Jeff Brittan to transfer a total of 4.0 certified ground water irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 19, Township 13 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County; to be relocated in the same NW¼ Section 19, Township 13 North, Range 29 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Brule Watershed – Maintenance - No report presented.

Legislature - Legislative Resolution 314 Interim Study – Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Miller to report on the Legislative Resolution 314 interim study. Mr. Miller reported on the status of the Legislative Resolution 314 interim study.

Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management - No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water - Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to review a Timeline / Information Diagram for the TPNRD IMP that she had developed which was available for the Directors’. Mrs. Dimmitt reviewed the Timeline / Information Diagram for the TPNRD IMP.

Mr. Meismer reported on the expansion of the area within the Platte-Republican Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP). Mr. Meismer reported that an FSA News Release and a map of the area were available for the Directors’.

Integrated Management Plan - Occupation Tax – Mr. Meismer reported that a decision handed down September 16, 2011 by the Nebraska Supreme Court allows NRDs in fully and over-appropriated areas to utilize an occupation tax.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

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No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for September 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 September 2011 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on October 13, 2011 in the amount of \$14,848.37. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

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

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the November 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 he plans to present bids/proposals for consideration during the November 10, 2011 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of a vehicle, a ½ ton pickup, for the Water Programs Field Coordinator, Glen Bowers. Mr. Miller reported that the Budget provides for this purchase.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Board of Directors meeting held on September 27, 2011.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Annual Conference, September 26-

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27, 2011, Kearney, NE – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Annual Conference held on September 26-27, 2011. Mr. Meismer reported that information was available for the Directors’.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Foundation – Mr. Meismer reported on activities for the NARD Foundation that occurs each year during the annual conference. Mr. Meismer reported that information was available for the Directors’.

Mr. Meismer moved that the TPNRD be an NARD Foundation supporter at the \$200-\$399 level beginning with the 2012 NARD Annual Conference. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #13)

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

Mr. Hansen requested that whenever possible, the TPNRD funds be used to purchase items that are locally produced in the TPNRD area.

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 Director’s notebook was a report and \$53,632.07 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Stack moved to approve the October 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>
12.004	NC-17	Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	\$ 600.00
12.005	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 1,214.36	\$ 1,214.36
12.006	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 3,507.08	\$ 3,507.08
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 5,321.44

FUNDS AVAILABLE	Practice NC-12, Windbreaks	\$ 21,047.60
	Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing	\$ 8,829.58
	Practice NC-17, Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 18,417.60
	Other available practices	\$ 15.85

Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #14)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Williams
 Nay: None

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Absent & Excused: Weaver, Wiseman

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors' and \$8,579.78 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 – Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD 2011 Tree Award for Lincoln/McPherson Counties will be presented November 7, 2011 to Stuart and Kathy Allen of North Platte, during the North Platte Chamber Farmer/Rancher Appreciation Banquet. Mr. Miller reported that the Board Chairperson, Mr. Schilz, and TPNRD staff will participate in the award presentation.

Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD 2011 Conservation Award for Keith/Arthur Counties will be presented December 13, 2011 to Gerard and Shari Kraus of Ogallala, during the District's Awards Banquet. Mr. Miller reported that the Board of Directors meeting will be at 4:30 pm MST and the Awards Banquet will be at 6:00 pm MST at the Haythorn Ranch Figure 4 Traditions.

Brule Watershed – No report presented.

Interlocal Cooperation Agreements – No report presented.

Legislature - No report presented.

Election Sub-Districts - No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests 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'.

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary