

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 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 November 10, 2011. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm CST (2:05 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 Meismer
Robert L Petersen
Bob Peterson
Dennis Schilz
Douglas L Stack
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
John W Williams
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Bob Meyer, RJ Meyer & Associates
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 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.

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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 all Directors were present.

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.

AUDIT

2011 Fiscal Year – Mr. Miller reported that the Audit for the TPNRD 2011 Fiscal Year was mailed to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Miller reported that Bob Meyer prepared the Audit for the TPNRD and that he was present.

Mr. Meyer reviewed the Audit and answered questions from the Board members.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Audit for the 2011 Fiscal Year be received. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: None

GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for October 13, 2011 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the October 13, 2011 Board of Directors meeting was available for the Directors' and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

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Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the October 13, 2011 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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’.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources SubCommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Water Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Meisner, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on November 10, 2011.

Ground Water Management – Chemigation Program – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD will offer to producers next spring the option of requesting Chemigation inspections in April and May.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Lake Maloney Golf Association – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from the Lake Maloney Golf Association. 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 the Lake Maloney Golf Association to certify 81.11 irrigated acres in Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 30 West and in Section 1, Township 12 North, Range 31 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

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Ground Water Management – Variances – J & L Livestock & Supply – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from J & L Livestock & Supply. 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 J & L Livestock & Supply to certify 121.502 irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 19, Township 15 North, Range 32 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Bayside Golf Course – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Bayside Golf Course. 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 Bayside Golf Course to certify 69.303 irrigated acres in Section 22, Township 15 North, Range 40 West; and Section 26, Township 15 North, Range 40 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Brule Watershed – Maintenance - No report presented.

Legislature - Legislative Resolution 314 Interim Study – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water - Mr. Meisner reported that the General Managers of the CPNRD and the TPNRD, with a recommendation from Don Blankenau, Legal Counsel for the CPNRD, sought a proposal from The Thought District in Lincoln, Nebraska to develop a plan for informing the public of what conjunctive management of ground water and surface water is and the benefits of conjunctive management of ground water and surface water for the water resources of the Platte River Basin in the CPNRD and the TPNRD. Mr. Meisner reported that the cost for the proposal from The Thought District is \$52,200.00.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the TPNRD, participating with the CPNRD, to utilize The Thought District, to develop a plan for informing the public of what conjunctive management of ground water and surface water is and the benefits of conjunctive management of ground water and surface water for the water resources of the Platte River Basin in the CPNRD and the TPNRD, and to approve the TPNRD providing 50% of the costs to utilize The Thought District up to a maximum of \$26,100.00. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

ELECTION SUB-DISTRICTS

2010 Census – Mr. Schilz reported that the TPNRD needed to revise Operating Policy Number 3 – Board of Directors Election Sub-Districts, based on the 2010 census. Mr. Schilz asked Mr. Miller to present a report.

Mr. Miller reported that Nebraska Statutes 2-3214 provides that the board shall strive to divide the TPNRD into sub-districts of substantially equal population, except that no sub-district shall have a population greater than three times the population of any other sub-district within the TPNRD and such sub-districts shall be established with due regard to all factors including, but not limited to, the location of works of improvement and the distribution of population and taxable values within the district

Mr. Miller presented a draft revision for Operating Policy Number 3 with the following 2010 census population:

Sub-District	2010 Census	Target	Difference
1	8,917	8,866	51
2	8,973	8,866	107
3	9,253	8,866	387
4	8,820	8,866	-46
5	8,368	8,866	-498
Total	44,331		

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Mr. Stack moved to approve the following revised Operating Policy #3: Board of Directors Election Sub-Districts:

The District shall have equally populated sub-districts and the members of the Board shall be elected by sub-districts. The ten members of the Board of Directors representing sub-districts shall be elected by the voters in the sub-district and the one at-large member of the Board of Directors shall be elected by the voters of the District.

The election sub-district boundaries for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District are:

Sub-District 1 (Population 2010 Census 8,917)

VOTING PRECINCT

McPherson County

McPherson County (Part)

The precinct area west of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District eastern boundary (west of the township line between Range 31 West and Range 32 West)

Arthur County

Arthur County

Lincoln County

Hall

North Platte - 1

North Platte - 2

North Platte - 4

North Platte - 16

Sub-District 2 (Population 2010 Census – 8,973)

VOTING PRECINCT

Lincoln County

Brady (Part)

The precinct area north of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District southern boundary (north of the north border of Sections 22, 23 and 24, Township 9 North, Range 26 West; east of the east border of Sections 4, 9 and 16, Township 9 North, Range 26 West; north of the north border of Sections 4, 5 and 6, Township 9 North, Range 26 West; east of the east border of Sections 24, 25 and 36, Township 10 North, Range 27 West; north of the north border of Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Township 10 North, Range 27 West; east of the east border of Sections 1, 12, and 13, Township 10 North, Range 28 West; east of the east border of Sections 24, 25 and 36, Township 11 North, Range 28 West; and north of the north border of Sections 23 and 24, Township 11 North, Range 28 West)

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Maxwell (Part)

The precinct area north of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District southern boundary (north of the north border of Sections 19, 20, 21 and 22, Township 11, North, Range 28 West)

Sellers (Part)

The precinct area north of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District southern boundary (north of the north border of Sections 19, 20 and 21, Township 11 North, Range 29 West; north of the north border of Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Township 11 North, Range 30 West; and north of the north border of Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Township 11 North, Range 31 West)

Osgood (Part)

The precinct area north of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District southern boundary (north of the north border of Sections 22, 23 and 24, Township 11 North, Range 29 West)

North Platte - 7

North Platte - 8

North Platte - 9

Sub-District 3 (Population 2010 Census – 9,253)

VOTING PRECINCT

Lincoln County

North Platte - 3

North Platte - 5

North Platte - 6

North Platte - 10

North Platte - 12

Sub-District 4 (Population 2010 Census – 8,820)

VOTING PRECINCT

Lincoln County

Hinman

Hershey

Sutherland

Wallace (Part)

The precinct area north of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District southern boundary (north of the north border of Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Township 11 North, Range 33 West; and north of the north border of Sections 19, 20, 21, 22, 23 and 24, Township 11 North, Range 34 West)

North Platte - 13

North Platte - 15

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Sub-District 5 (Population 2010 Census – 8,368)
VOTING PRECINCT
Keith County

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for October 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 October 2011 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on November 10, 2011 in the amount of \$20,166.92. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

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

Bids/Proposals - Vehicle – Mr. Miller reported that during the October 13, 2011 Board meeting, the General Manager reported, per TPNRD policy, that bids/proposals would be presented 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.

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the low bid from Bill Summers Ford, North Platte, NE for the purchase of an F-150 pickup and to trade the 1998 pickup for a total cost for the TPNRD of \$21,790.00. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

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Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the December 13, 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 December 13, 2011 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Board of Directors meeting held on November 7, 2011.

Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council – Mr. Hansen presented a report on the current status of the Sandhills Resources, Conservation & Development Council.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were presented.

Computers for Board Members – Mr. Miller reported the cost for preparing and mailing paper packets and preparing paper notebooks is \$100/year/Board member

Mr. Williams moved to approve the TPNRD providing to Directors, who desire to use a computer or electronic tablet for Board meetings, a computer or electronic tablet or \$400 to purchase a computer or electronic tablet, that would be the property of the Director, the Director would agree to maintain and use the computer or electronic tablet while serving on the Board, and the TPNRD would update or provide the funds to update the computer or electronic tablet every four years. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that in the Director’s notebook was a report and \$44,400.55 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the November 10, 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>
12.007	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 3,910.08	<u>\$ 3,910.08</u>
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 3,910.08
	FUNDS AVAILABLE	Practice NC-12, Windbreaks		\$ 21,047.60
		Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing		\$ 4,919.50
		Practice NC-17, Irrig Water Mgt		\$ 18,417.60
		Other available practices		\$ 15.85

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Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

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

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors' and \$7,779.78 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 was 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 participated 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.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – NARD Washington D.C. Meetings, March 12-14, 2012 – Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD policy provides that Board authorization is required for all staff or Director expenses for travel outside a 300-mile radius of the District.

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Mr. Miller reported that he was requesting authorization to participate in the 2012 NARD annual meetings in Washington, D.C. March 12-14, 2012.

Mr. Meismer moved to authorize Kent O. Miller, General Manager, to participate in the NARD meetings in Washington, D.C. March 12-14, 2012. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

Nay: Peterson, Weaver

Absent & Excused: None

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’.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary