

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
April 12, 2012

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 April 12, 2012. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:37 pm CDT (6:37 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
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shane Storer
Jerry Weaver
John W Williams

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, IMP Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O Miller, General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Jason Bode, Producer
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.

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

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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, Mr. Weaver, and Mr. Williams had notified the office that 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 March 8, 2012 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the March 8, 2012 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 March 8, 2012 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece presented a written report which was available for the Directors’. Mrs. Reece reported that the NRCS 2012 Fiscal Year Business Plan for the TPNRD was available for the Directors’.

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 Subcommittee meeting held on April 12, 2012.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Tom Kalkowski – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Tom Kalkowski. 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 Tom Kalkowski to transfer 7.35 irrigated acres from the NESW Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 41 West, Keith County, to be re-located under a wiper pivot in the same section. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Tom Kalkowski – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received another request for a variance from Tom Kalkowski. 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 another variance to Tom Kalkowski to transfer 7.05 irrigated acres from the SW¼ Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 41 West, Keith County, to be re-located under flood irrigation in the SW¼ Section 25, Township 13 North, Range 41 West, Keith County. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Dan Meismer – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Dan Meismer. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs.

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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 Dan Meisner to modify his certified irrigated acres, and to certify an additional 9.6 irrigated acres in the SE¼ Section 17, Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Weaver, Williams

Ground Water Management – Variances – Sadle Cattle Company – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Sadle Cattle Company. 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 Sadle Cattle Company to transfer 12.0 acres from the S½ Section 17, Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, to offset 12.0 “new” ground water irrigated acres in three separate locations; in the SE¼ Section 20, Township 14 North, Range 36 West; SE¼ Section 21, Township 14 North, Range 36 West; and NE¼ Section 24, Township 14 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Weaver, Williams

Ground Water Management – Variances – Jason Bode – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Jason Bode. 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 Jason Bode to transfer a total of 65.0 certified irrigated acres from the S½ Section 22, Township 13 North, Range 31 West, to be re-located to a newly developed pivot location in the SE¼ Section 35, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Nay: Peterson

Absent & Excused: Storer, Weaver, Williams

Ground Water Management – Variances – Glenn Tidyman – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Glenn Tidyman. Mr. Meisner 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 Glenn Tidyman to transfer a total of 2.0 certified irrigated acres from the SE¼ Section 8, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, to be re-located under the pivot in the SW¼ Section 9, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County.

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

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Martin Flaming – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Martin 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 Martin Flaming to transfer a total of 2.8 certified irrigated acres from the SW¼ Section 26, Township 13 North, Range 40 West, Keith County to be re-located within the same section. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Matt Wilson – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Matt 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 Matt Wilson to transfer 7.65 irrigated acres from the SE¼ Section 5, Township 11 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County, to be re-located under a pivot in the same section. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Claude Hoatson – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Claude Hoatson. 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 Claude Hoatson to transfer 2.5 irrigated acres from the SE¼ Section 34, Township 15 North, Range 33 West, Lincoln County, to be re-located under a pivot in the same section. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Wm J Finch Farms – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD 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 transfer a total of 100.72 certified irrigated acres from the S½ Section 3 & 4, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County to be re-located under a newly developed pivot in the SE¼ Section 30, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Frank Fleecs – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Frank Fleecs. 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 Frank Fleecs to drill a new irrigation well on the NW¼ Section 13, Township 12 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

Ground Water Management – Aerial Photography – Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors’ was information from Cornerstone Mapping for the aerial photography of the TPNRD in 2012.

Ground Water Management – Nebraska Water Balance Alliance – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – ET Gages – Mr. Meismer reported that UNL Extension Educator, Chuck Burr, who has recently been assigned to the West Central Research & Extension Center, has proposed working with the TPNRD to provide ET Gages to cooperators within the TPNRD for demonstration.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of

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Directors to approve that the TPNRD purchase up to 5 ET Gages at a cost not to exceed \$1,800.00 and provide the ET Gages to cooperators for demonstration at 5 locations within the TPNRD selected by the TPNRD and UNL Extension Educator Chuck Burr. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #13)

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

Integrated Management Plan – Industrial Reporting – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Rules & Regulations - Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee is reviewing the Rules & Regulations which they would like to update by the end of calendar year 2013. Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors’ was a listing of all revisions that have been discussed for the Rules and Regulations.

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water – Conjunctive Management of Ground Water and Surface Water – Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittee has been meeting with the Water Resources Subcommittee of the Central Platte Natural Resources District (CPNRD) discussing opportunities for Conjunctive Management of Ground Water and Surface Water. Mr. Meismer reported that the Subcommittees of the CPNRD and the TPNRD would now like to provide a report during a joint Board meeting of the CPNRD and the TPNRD.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the TPNRD Board of Directors participate in a joint Board of Directors meeting with the CPNRD Board of Directors at 1:00 pm on May 9, 2012 in Kearney, Nebraska, to hear a presentation by Brown & Caldwell of their investigation of the benefits for conjunctive management of ground water and surface water, to hear a presentation by The Thought District on the polling results of conjunctive management of ground water and surface water, and to consider a recommendation from a joint subcommittee of the TPNRD Water Resources Subcommittee and members of the CPNRD Board of Directors for conjunctive management of ground water and surface water. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #14)

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

The Board of Directors agreed to schedule the regular May TPNRD Board of Directors meeting for May 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm at the TPNRD offices.

Brule Watershed – Maintenance - No report presented.

Legislature - Legislative Resolution 314 Interim Study – No report presented

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Irrigation Districts – Tour - Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee requested the staff to organize a tour for the day of the July Board of Directors meeting of the irrigation districts in Lincoln County. Mr. Meisner reported that the following is the schedule for July 12, 2012:

Noon	Lunch at TPNRD office
12:30 – 6:00 pm	Tour of Lincoln County Irrigation Districts <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Directors• Staff (Glen Bowers, Ann Dimmitt, Phil Heimann, Kent Miller)
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Dinner at TPNRD office
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Water Resources Subcommittee meeting
7:30 pm	Board of Directors meeting

Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee requested the staff to organize a tour for the day of the October Board of Directors meeting for Birdwood Creek. Mr. Meisner reported that the following is the schedule for October 11, 2012:

1:00 – 1:30 pm	Lunch at TPNRD office
1:30 – 6:00 pm	Tour of Birdwood Creek <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Board of Directors• Staff (Glen Bowers, Ann Dimmitt, Phil Heimann, Kent Miller)
6:00 – 6:30 pm	Dinner at TPNRD office
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Water Resources Subcommittee meeting
6:30 – 7:30 pm	Land Resources Subcommittee meeting
7:30 pm	Board of Directors meeting

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meisner reported that the Financial Statement for March 2012 was available for the Directors’.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meisner reported that the Accounts Payable report was available for

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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 March 2012 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on April 12, 2012 in the amount of \$33,406.47. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #15)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren,
Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Storer, Weaver, Williams

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 May 9, 2012 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 May 9, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Washington DC Annual Conference – No report presented.

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

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Water Programs – Integrated Management Plan – No report presented.

Water Programs – Regulatory – No report presented.

Brule Watershed – No report presented.

Conservation Programs - Trees – No report presented.

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Conservation Programs - Regulatory – No report presented.

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors’. Mr. Miller reported that \$1,109.00 was available for funding contracts.

Mr. Wiseman moved to approve the April 12, 2012 report and to approve the following new contract:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt to Fund</u>
12.047	NC-17	Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 600.00	<u>\$ 600.00</u>
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 600.00
				FUNDS AVAILABLE
				\$ 509.00

Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #16)

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

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors’. Mr. Miller reported that \$2,401.31 was available for new contracts.

Habitat Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Legislature - Mr. Miller reported that various items of information from the NARD were available for the Directors’.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – 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’.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Wednesday,

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May 9, 2012 at 6:30 pm CDT (5:30 pm MDT) at the Great Western Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary