

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
May 9, 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 May 9, 2012. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm CDT (5:33 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

James Meisner
Robert L Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Douglas L Stack
Shane Storer
Jerry Weaver
John W Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric S Hansen
Bob Peterson
Joe Wahlgren
Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

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 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.

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Hansen, Mr. Peterson, Mr. Wahlgren, and Mr. Wiseman 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 April 12, 2012 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the April 12, 2012 Board of Directors meeting was available for the Directors’ and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the April 12, 2012 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Weaver, Williams

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Hansen, Peterson, Wahlgren, 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

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources SubCommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on May 9, 2012.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Paxton Mennonite Church – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from the Paxton Mennonite Church. 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 Paxton Mennonite Church to _____ Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

Ground Water Management – Aerial Photography –

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Industrial Reporting – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Rules & Regulations –

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Brule Watershed – Maintenance - No report presented.

Legislature - Legislative Resolution 314 Interim Study – No report presented

Irrigation Districts – Tour –

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 2012 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 2012 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on May 9, 2012 in the amount of \$79,370.87. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Weaver, Williams

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Hansen, Peterson, Wahlgren, Wiseman

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Budget Status – Mr. Meisner 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 June 14, 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 June 14, 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 - Mr. Williams reported that

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.

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 \$1,004.37 was available for funding contracts.

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Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors'. Mr. Miller reported that \$1,741.31 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 Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 7:30 pm CDT (6:30 pm MDT) at the Great Western Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary