

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
June 14, 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 June 14, 2012. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:35 pm CDT (6:35 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
Jerry Weaver
John W Williams

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Carhart, Grasslands Stewardship Coordinator
Ann Dimmitt, IMP Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O Miller, General Manager
Dave Slattery, Conservation Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cannia, USGS
Brad Johnson, Sargent Irrigation

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 Mr. Wiseman had notified the office that 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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for May 9, 2012 Joint Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the May 9, 2012 Joint Board of Directors meeting with the Central Platte Natural Resources District was available for the Directors’ and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the May 9, 2012 Joint Board of Directors meeting with the Central Platte Natural Resources District be approved. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

Minutes for May 9, 2012 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the May 9, 2012 Board of Directors meeting was available for the Directors’ and he asked if there were any

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corrections or additions.

Mr. Meismer moved that the Minutes of the May 9, 2012 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report –
Mr. Miller reported that Mary Reece, District Conservationist, was unable to attend the Board meeting. Mr. Miller reported that a written report prepared by Mrs. Reece was available for the Directors’.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Land Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Hansen, Land Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on June 14, 2012.

Awards Program – Conservation Award for 2012 – Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee agreed to select Roric and Deb Paulman of Sutherland to receive the 2012 Conservation Award for Lincoln / McPherson Counties.

Awards Program – Grassland Award for 2012 – Mr. Hansen reported that the Subcommittee agreed to select the Otter Creek Ranch – KC Peterson, Manager of Ogallala to receive the 2012 Grassland Award for Keith / Arthur Counties.

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. Mr. Meismer, chair of the Water Resources Subcommittee, 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.

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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. Mr. Meismer, chair of the Water Resources Subcommittee, reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee agreed to recommend to the Board of Directors to continue the current policy.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land 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 TPNRD for July 1, 2012 – June 30, 2013:

- For Practice NC-12, Windbreaks, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2012 to January 30, 2013
- For Practice NC-14, Planned Grazing Systems, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2012 to January 30, 2013
- For Practice NC-17, Irrigation Water Management, that 30% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2012 to January 30, 2013
- For the other eligible practices that 10% of available funds be reserved from July 1, 2012 to January 30, 2013
- Any funds available after January 30, 2013 may be used for any eligible practice.

Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Wiseman

Tree Program – Mr. Hansen reported that the current Interlocal Agreement between the TPNRD and other participating NRDs and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts to obtain seedling trees and shrubs from the USDA Forest Service for the TPNRD and other participating NRDs expires on September 30, 2012. Mr. Hansen reported that the TPNRD has a draft agreement to cover the period October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2015 that is unmodified from the agreement currently in place.

Mr. Hansen moved the Land Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the draft Interlocal Agreement between the TPNRD and other participating NRDs and the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts to obtain seedling trees and shrubs from the USDA Forest Service for the TPNRD to cover the period October 1, 2012 to September 30, 2015 and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement for the TPNRD. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Wiseman

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

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Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meismer, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on June 14, 2012.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Fred Perlinger – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Fred Perlinger. 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 Fred Perlinger to transfer 9.25 (TP-TRANS-12.28) irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 18, Township 12 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to be re-located under the end gun on the pivot in the same section conditioned on physical stops being installed to prevent the pivot from going over any area that does not have certified ground water irrigated acres. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – CTJ LLC – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from CTJ LLC. 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 CTJ LLC for a new de-watering well in the SE¼ Section 31, Township 14 North, Range 31 West, Lincoln County, Nebraska and the de-watering well may be used for longer than the 90 day limit. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Cliff Welsh – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Cliff Welsh. 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 Cliff Welsh to transfer 15.0 of his 124.89 certified irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 7 and the SW¼ Section 6, Township 12 North, Range 40 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to be placed under a pivot that will go over land that has not previously been irrigated in Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 40 West, Keith County, Nebraska. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Cliff Welsh – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Cliff Welsh. 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 Cliff Welsh to transfer 1.66 certified irrigated acres from the NW¼ Section 7, Township 12 North, Range 40 West, Keith County, Nebraska, to be placed under a pivot that will go over land that has not previously been irrigated in the SE¼ Section 31, Township 13 North, Range 40 West, Keith County, Nebraska, where a tree windbreak has been removed. Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented

Cost-Share Programs - Nebraska Soil & Water Conservation Program – Reported on during Land Resources Subcommittee report.

Integrated Management Plan – Industrial Reporting – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Rules & Regulations - No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water – Funding (LB229 Funds) – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors’ was information in regard to the Platte Basin Water Management Action Initiative. Mr. Meismer reported that Nebraska funds are available for the NRDs in the upper Platte River Basin. Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors’ was a draft Platte Basin Water Project Coalition Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and a draft Financial Management Agreement.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the draft Platte Basin Water Project Coalition Interlocal Cooperation Agreement and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement for the TPNRD and to designate Kent O. Miller as the TPNRD administrator and Ann Dimmitt as the TPNRD alternate administrator as provided for in the agreement. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

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Nay: Peterson
Absent & Excused: Wiseman

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the draft Financial Management Agreement and authorize the General Manager to execute the agreement for the TPNRD. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

Nay: Peterson
Absent & Excused: Wiseman

Integrated Management Plan – Offset Water – J2 Re-regulating Reservoir – Mr. Meismer reported that the Board of Directors on August 11, 2011 approved the TPNRD entering into an agreement with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources for 5,000 ac-ft of water annually for 2012-2019 for the TPNRD available for Nebraska in the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program J2 Re-regulating Reservoir. Mr. Meismer reported that the agreement is nearing completion and should be executed this month and the initial payments will be due July 15, 2012. Mr. Meismer reported that the initial payment by the TPNRD will be \$380,000 and the remaining payment for the TPNRD of \$554,800 is anticipated to be due June 30, 2013.

Over Appropriated Basin Plan - TPNRD Report for Annual Meeting - Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors’ was the 2011 Annual Report of Water Use Activities in the TPNRD.

Brule Watershed – Maintenance - No report presented.

Legislature - Legislative Resolution 314 Interim Study – No report presented

Irrigation Districts – Tours – Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the tours.

Mrs. Dimmitt reviewed the following schedule for the Board of Directors tour of the irrigation districts in Lincoln County on 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)• NRCS State Conservationist (Graig Derickson) and NRCS District Conservationist (Mary Reece)
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

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Mrs. Dimmitt reviewed the following schedule for the Board of Directors tour of Birdwood Creek schedule on 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

Airborne Geophysical Data Collection and Analysis – Jim Cannia, US Geological Survey, presented a status report of the Airborne Geophysical data collection and analysis project in the North Platte NRD, the South Platte NRD and the TPNRD.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve funding of up to \$30,000.00 for three test holes in the TPNRD north of the North Platte River in Keith County needed to verify the Airborne Geophysical data collection. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

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

Nay: Hansen, Peterson, Stack

Absent & Excused: Wiseman

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

Mr. Stack, Executive Subcommittee member, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on June 14, 2012.

Personnel Salaries for 2013 Fiscal Year – Mr. Stack 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. Stack moved the Executive Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve authorizing an Administrative Secretary position in the North Platte NRCS Field Office and eliminate the Secretary position in the North Platte NRCS Field Office. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

Mr. Stack moved the Executive Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve that the Salary Schedule steps for each position be increased 2.0% for the 2013 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 \$83,000 for the 2013 Fiscal Year. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #13)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for May 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 May 2012 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on June 14, 2012 in the amount of \$83,361.74. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #14)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Peterson, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren,
Weaver, Williams
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: 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 July 12, 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 July 12, 2012 Board of Directors meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Board of Directors meeting held on June 11, 2012.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – NRD Basin Tour, June 11-12, 2012 – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Basin Tour held on June 11-12, 2012.

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 – Mr. Miller reported that the annual inspection of the Brule Watershed occurred on June 5, 2012 and that the report of the inspection was available for the Directors.

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 \$2,574.03 was available for funding contracts.

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 - No report presented.

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'.

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BUDGET FOR 2013 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule – Mr. Miller reported that a schedule for preparing the 2013 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 2013 Fiscal Year.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, July 12, 2012 at 7:30 pm at the Great Western Bank Center Meeting Room, 111 South Dewey Street, Second Floor, North Platte, Nebraska.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 9:07 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary