

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
March 14, 2013

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 March 14, 2013. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 3:06 pm. 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

Dale Margritz  
James Meisner  
Robert L Petersen  
Dennis Schilz  
Douglas L Stack  
Shane Storer  
Joe Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric S Hansen  
John W Williams  
Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Adam Kester, NE Game & Parks Commission  
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. Hansen, Mr. Williams, 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 February 7, 2013 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the February 7, 2013 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 February 7, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mary Reece distributed and presented a report.

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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 March 14, 2013.

Ground Water Management – Variances – Pat Struckman – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Pat Struckman. 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 Pat Struckman to modify his certified irrigated acres and certify 23.4 additional irrigated acres in the SW¼ Section 33, Township 13 North, Range 40 West, Keith County. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Darrel & Darlene Armstrong – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Darrel & Darlene Armstrong. 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 Darrel & Darlene Armstrong to drill a new supplemental irrigation well in the SE¼ Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 41 West, Keith County. This well is being requested at the location of an existing irrigation well and 135.53 irrigated acres. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Delores Gengenbach – Mr. Meisner reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Delores Gengenbach. 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 Delores Gengenbach to transfer a total of 1.5

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acres from her flood irrigated corners to a small piece of ground that is under the pivot but not certified as it was full of trees and a pond in the NWSW Section 14, Township 12 North, Range 28 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – LU Partnership – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from LU Partnership. 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 LU Partnership to transfer a total of 61.0 acres from their flood irrigated acres in the N½ Section 32, Township 13 North, Range 27 West, Lincoln County, to a location under a new pivot, with half of it in the same section and the other half in the section just to the north. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – LU Partnership – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received another request for a variance from LU Partnership. 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 LU Partnership to drill a new irrigation well in the NW¼ Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 27 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Arden Krugerud – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Arden Krugerud. 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 Arden Krugerud to modify his certified irrigated acres and certify 11.2 additional irrigated acres in the SE¼ Section 7, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Arden Krugerud – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received another request for a variance from Arden Krugerud. 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 Arden Krugerud to transfer a total of 14.85 acres from his flood irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 18, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, to a location under a new pivot on the same field. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Hazel Olson – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Hazel Olson. 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 Hazel Olson to certify 398.7 irrigated acres in the NE¼, SE¼, and SW¼, Section 20, Township 18 North, Range 35 West, McPherson County. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Ward David – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Ward David. 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 Ward David to transfer a total of 5.95 acres from his flood irrigated acres in the NESE Section 27, Township 12 North, Range 27 West, Lincoln County, to a location under a new pivot that used to be trees on the same field. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

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

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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 Kenneth Ensz to transfer a total of 6.0 acres from the west side of his pivot in the SE¼ Section 14, Township 13 North, Range 34 West, Keith County, to a location under the same pivot. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Neal C Hansen – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Pat Stokey on behalf of Neal C. Hansen. 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 Neal C. Hansen to transfer a total of 18.7 acres from the SE¼ Section 32, and the SW¼ Section 33, Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County, to a pivot located in the SE¼ Section 31, Township 14 North, Range 34 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Whitetail Farms – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Whitetail 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 Whitetail Farms to transfer a total of 36.33 acres from a small pivot in the NE¼ Section 1, Township 13 North, Range 35 West, Keith County, to a location under a pivot they transferred acres to last spring. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #13)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Demonstrations Cost-Share – NE Water Balance Alliance – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from the Nebraska Water Balance Alliance (NEWBA). Mr. Meismer asked Mr. Wahlgren to report on the request.

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Mr. Wahlgren reported that the TPNRD had received a request from the NEWBA to provide cost-share assistance for NEWBA demonstration projects. Mr. Wahlgren reported that available for the Directors was a summary report for the “NEWBA Water for Generations 2013 Demonstration Project”

Mr. Wahlgren moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve providing \$5,000.00 to the Nebraska Water Balance Alliance (NEWBA) for cost-share assistance for NEWBA demonstration projects in 2013. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #14)

Aye: Margritz, Meisner, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Hansen, Williams, Wiseman

Integrated Management Plan - Rules and Regulations – Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee was continuing review of the Integrated Management Plan Rules and Regulations. Mr. Meisner reported that the Subcommittee plans to present to the Board of Directors recommendations for revisions.

Integrated Management Plan – Industrial Reporting – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan - Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (N-CORPE) – Mr. Miller reported on the status of the N-CORPE project.

Integrated Management Plan - Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Platte River Recovery Implementation Program - Mrs. Dimmitt reported on the status of a test by the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program that is planned to occur in April when Environmental Account water is released from Lake McConaughy. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that as much of the Environmental Account water as possible will flow through the K&L, Platte Valley, and Suburban Irrigation Districts canals from the North Platte River to the South Platte River. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that this test will determine an amount of water that can bypass the choke point on the North Platte River at the City of North Platte.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT  
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

Mr. Petersen, Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on March 14, 2013.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – WILD Nebraska Program –Mr. Petersen asked Mr. Carhart to report on the WILD Nebraska Program.

Mr. Carhart reported that information was available for the Directors’ and he reviewed the information.

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Mr. Petersen moved the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the following WILD Nebraska agreements:

<u>Cooperator</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Project Acres</u>	<u>TPNRD funds</u>
Murphy	Lincoln	26	\$ 819.57
Anschutz	Lincoln	2	\$ 131.00

Mr. Stack seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #15)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Hansen, Williams, Wiseman

Wildlife Habitat Programs – Nebraska Legacy Program – Mr. Petersen asked Mr. Carhart to report on the Nebraska Legacy Program.

Mr. Carhart reported that information was available for the Directors’ and he reviewed the information.

Wildlife Habitat Programs – Corners for Wildlife Program – Mr. Petersen asked Mr. Carhart to report on the Corners for Wildlife Program.

Mr. Carhart reported that information was available for the Directors’ and he reviewed the information.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT

Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for February 2013 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 February 2013 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on March 14, 2013 in the amount of \$66,154.09. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #16)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Hansen, Williams, Wiseman



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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 April 11, 2013 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 there are no bids to be presented at the April meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Board of Directors meeting held on March 4, 2013.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Legislation – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD weekly Legislative Updates and Bill Summary were available for the Directors’.

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

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests were 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 \$17,883.47 was available for funding contracts.

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Mr. Petersen moved to approve the March 14, 2013 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>
13.029	NC-20	Brush Mgt	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
13.030	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,257.00	\$ 1,257.00
13.031	NC-12	Trees	\$ 879.90	\$ 879.90
13.032	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,005.60	\$ 1,005.60
13.033	NC-17	Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 4,060.00	\$ 4,060.00
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$14,702.50
FUNDS AVAILABLE				\$ 3,180.97

Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #17)

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

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that a report was available for the Directors’. Mr. Miller reported that \$3,286.55 was available for new contracts.

Habitat Programs – No report presented.

Information & Education Programs – No report presented.

Legislation – 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’.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:23 pm.

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary