

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 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 April 11, 2013. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:40 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
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
John W Williams
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Eric S Hansen
Shane Storer

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Mike Graham, Producer
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.

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 and Mr. Storer 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. Mike Graham, Producer, talked to the Board concerning his property. Mr. Schilz closed the Public Forum.

AGENDA MODIFICATION

None presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for March 14, 2013 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the March 14, 2013 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 March 14, 2013 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Margritz, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren, Weaver, Williams, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Hansen, Storer

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mr. Miller reported that a written report, prepared by the NRCS, 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 April 11, 2013.

Ground Water Management – Variances – City of Ogallala – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from the City of Ogallala. 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 City of Ogallala to modify their certified irrigated acres and certify 15.25 additional irrigated acres in the SW¼ Section 7, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Dennis Schilz – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Dennis Schilz. 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 Dennis Schilz to certify 126.7 irrigated acres in the SE¼, Section 31, Township 13 North, Range 39 West, Keith County. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Ed Hahn (Edna Inc) – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Ed Hahn (Edna Inc). Mr. Meismer 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 Ed Hahn (Edna Inc) to transfer a total of 9.0 acres from removing his end gun in the SE¼ Section 27, Township 13 North, Range 36 West, Keith County, to allow him to swing his pivot farther around on the same field. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

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 #5)

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

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 132.0 acres from his flood irrigated acres in the NE¼ Section 4, and NW¼ Section 3, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County, to a location under a new pivot in the NW¼ Section 29, Township 13 North, Range 37 West, Keith County. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Leon Weinman – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Leon Weinman. Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the request.

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

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Directors to approve granting a variance to Leon Weinman to transfer 2.8 acres of his 32.84 total certified flood irrigated acres that he is no longer irrigating in the SE¼ Section 2, Township 12 North, Range 26 West, Lincoln County, to a location under a new pivot on the same field, with the remaining 30.04 acres placed in the TPNRD water bank. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – JK Bode – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from JK Bode. 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 JK Bode Farms to transfer a total of 10.0 acres from their flood irrigated acres which will no longer be irrigated once they install a new pivot in the SE¼ Section 3, Township 13 North, Range 38 West, Keith County, and transfer those 10.0 acres to a pivot they are still working to find enough certified acres to complete in the SE¼ Section 16, Township 13 North, Range 32 West, Lincoln County. Mr. Williams seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Ground Water Management – Variances – Jeannine Lane – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD received a request for a variance from Jeannine Lane. 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 Jeannine Lane to transfer 11.0 acres of certified irrigated acres that she is no longer irrigating in the S½ Section 11, Township 14 North, Range 37 West, Keith County, to a location under an existing pivot on the same field. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Ground Water Management – Aerial Photography – No report presented.

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Ground Water Management – Ground Water Management Plan – No report presented.

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

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. Mr. Weaver reported on the N-CORPE Board meeting held on April 5, 2013.

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 March 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 March 2013 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on April 11, 2013 in the amount of \$21,422.52. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

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, 2013 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported that the District Policy provides that “The staff will

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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 May meeting.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

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 \$3,080.00 was available.

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors’. Mr. Miller reported that \$3,366.47 was available.

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’.

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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 8:37 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary