

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
January 12, 2017

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 January 12, 2017. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 3:02 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

Eric S Hansen
James Meismer
Judy Pederson
Robert L Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Douglas L Stack
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Margritz
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Glen Bowers, Water Programs Field Coordinator
Ann Dimmitt, IMP Manager
Kent O Miller, General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Phil Luebbert, JEO Consulting
Robert Meyer, RJ Meyer & Associates
Chris Miller, Miller & Associates
Mike Wheeler, 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 wall in the front of the meeting room which is 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. Margritz, Mr. Storer, and Mr. Wahlgren 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 table along the north wall of the meeting room is a notebook containing information that each Board member has electronically. Mr. Schilz reported that the notebook is available for viewing by the public attending the Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Schilz reported that this information is also available on the TPNRD website and that internet access is available in the room.

Other Announcements – None presented.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schilz opened the Public Forum. There were no comments. Mr. Schilz closed the Public Forum.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

AUDIT

2016 Fiscal Year – Mr. Miller reported that the Audit for the TPNRD 2016 Fiscal Year was available to each member of the Board of Directors prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Miller reported that Bob Meyer prepared the Audit and that he was present. Mr. Meyer reviewed the Audit and answered questions from the Board members.

Mr. Meyer recommended that the TPNRD Board have a Capitalization Policy. Mr. Meyer reported that he would provide the staff with an example. Mr. Miller reported that a Capitalization Policy would be presented to the Board on February 9, 2016.

Mr. Wiseman moved that the Audit for the 2016 Fiscal Year be received. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Bids/Proposals – NCORPE Project - North Pipeline Bids – Chris Miller, Miller & Associates, reported that information was available for the Directors’ on the bids received and opened on January 11, 2017 for construction of the North Pipeline. Chris Miller recommended the low bid for Ductile Iron pipe from BRB Contractors, Inc.

Mr. Weaver moved that the bids be accepted and the contract awarded to BRB Contractors, Inc. in the amount of \$8,015,370.00 and authorization given to Kent O. Miller, General Manager and the TPNRD authorized representative, to execute agreements. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mary Reece reported that information was available for the Directors’ and she presented a report.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Brule Watershed – No report presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

TPNRD Hazard Mitigation Plan – Phil Luebbert, JEO Consulting, presented a report on the TPNRD Hazard Mitigation Plan recently updated.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for the December 8, 2016 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the December 8, 2016 Board of Directors meeting were available for the Directors’ and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Petersen moved that the Minutes of the December 8, 2016 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Margritz, Storer, Wahlgren
Out of Room: Hansen

FINANCIAL REPORT (Continued)

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for December 2016 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 December 2016 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on January 12, 2017 in the amount of \$200,195.68. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Margritz, Storer, Wahlgren
Out of Room: Hansen

Budget Status – Mr. Meismer reported that the Budget Status report was available for the Directors’

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the February 9, 2017 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 February 9, 2017 Board of Directors meeting.

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 January 12, 2017.

Variances – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-NP-17.03.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-NP-17.03. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

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Variances – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-TRANS-17.02.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-TRANS-17.02. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Weaver,
Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz, Storer, Wahlgren

Violations – No report presented.

Offset Water – NCORPE Project – North Pipeline - Mr. Meismer reported that on the Board meeting Financial Report for the Accounts Payable was the final payment to Van Kirk Construction for the North Pipeline Structure at the NPPD Canal, in the amount of \$54,968.00 of the total \$131,225.00.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Financing – Mr. Weaver reported that a new Series 2016 Bond will not occur.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Wellfield Operation – Mr. Weaver reported that pumping began in December 2016 and that 20,000 AF is needed for the Republican River. Mr. Weaver reported that approximately 5,000 AF will be from agreements with Irrigation Districts in the Republican Basin, approximately 5,000 AF will be from Rock Creek, and approximately 10,000 AF will be from NCORPE.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Ground Water Levels – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors’ was an aerial photo of the NCORPE property showing the locations of ground water monitoring wells, and graphs for the monitoring wells.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Model – No report presented.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Sponsors Meetings – Mr. Weaver reported that the next sponsors meeting would be on January 26, 2016 at Curtis.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Excess Flows – No report presented.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Management Agreements – No report presented.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Engineering Analysis – No report presented.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Instream Flows – Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD is offering agreements to land owners with Cody-Dillon Irrigation District water rights for long-term 30 years relinquishments of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD for

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\$510.00 / acre and for short-term 10 years relinquishments of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD for \$110.00 / acre. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the landowner or TPNRD applies surface water to the land for one year prior to approval of a contract. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in 2015 there were three contracts approved for long-term 30 years relinquishments of 199.5 acres of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD and the landowner applied the surface water to the land. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that in 2016 there are 15 contracts approved for relinquishments of 496.5 acres of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD applied the surface water to the land for 330.6 acres and the landowner applied the surface water to the land for 165.9 acres. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Cody-Dillon Annual Meeting would be January 31, 2017 at the TPNRD offices. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD will offer in 2017 agreements to land owners with Cody-Dillon Irrigation District water rights for long-term 30 years relinquishments of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD for \$510.00 / acre and for short-term 10 years relinquishments of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD for \$110.00 / acre that the landowner or TPNRD will apply surface water to the land for one year prior to approval of a contract.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Calculator – No report presented.

Offset Water – Non-Irrigated Certified Acres – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on the interest in this program.

Offset Water - Storage Analysis – No report presented.

Offset Water – J2 Project – No report presented.

Offset Water – CPNRD Agreement – No report presented.

Offset Water – Conservation Tillage Measures – No report presented.

Ground Water Management Plan – No report presented.

Subcommittee Priorities – Mr. Meismer reported that the following is the current list of the Subcommittee priorities for offset water.

- 1 Irrigation Districts in TPNRD (2016FY Budget)
- 2 N-CORPE Project (2016FY Budget)
- 3 CPNRD Agreement (2016FY Budget)
- 4 J-2 Project (2016FY Budget)
- 5 Non-Irrigated Certified Acres (2016FY Budget)
- 6 Conservation tillage measures (2016FY Budget)
- 7 South Platte River Compact Coalition (2016FY Budget)

Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors' was the IMP accounting shown on a graph and a chart.

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Platte Basin Over-Appropriated Plan –Mr. Meismer reported that the next stakeholders meeting will be March 15, 2017 at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, Nebraska.

COHYST – No report presented.

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – No report presented.

South Platte River Compact Coalition – No report presented

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

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

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Legislative Conference, January 24-25, 2017 – Mr. Meismer reported that the NARD annual Legislative Conference will be held January 24-25, 2017 in Lincoln, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer reported that information was available for the Directors’.

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

Sandhills Task Force – No report presented.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors’. Mr. Miller reported that \$51,801.51 was available. Mr. Miller reported that there were four new applications to present.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the January 12, 2017 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>
17.012	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00
17.013	NC-12	Trees	\$ 690.00	\$ 690.00

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17.014	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,380.00	\$ 1,380.00
17.015	NC-12	Trees	\$ 897.00	\$ 897.00
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 4,347.00

FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$ 45,584.81

Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Weaver,
Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz, Storer, Wahlgren

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors. Mr. Miller reported that \$7,480.00 was available.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Shaw will be leaving the TPNRD January 20, 2017. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Shaw will be joining TC Engineering in North Platte. Mr. Miller reported that he does not plan to fill the position at this time and will evaluate the need for the position. Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD is in a much different situation than 4 ½ years ago as there are numerous options to hire consultants, including Mr. Shaw. Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD will miss Mr. Shaw’s representation for some groups which he will pick up.

Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were available for the Directors’.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Mr. Schilz asked Mr. Miller to Chair the meeting for the election of officers.

Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer – The Board agreed that they would like to consider a motion to elect the current Chairperson, Vice-Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Mr. Petersen moved to elect Mr. Schilz Chairperson, Mr. Stack Vice-Chairperson, Mr. Weaver Secretary, and Mr. Meismer Treasurer. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Weaver,
Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz, Storer, Wahlgren

Mr. Schilz resumed chairing the meeting.

SELECTION OF NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION
OF RESOURCES DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Weaver moved that the TPNRD 2017 Representative for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors be Mr. Meismer. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Schilz announced the following appointments for the Subcommittees for 2017:

Water Resources Subcommittee

James Meismer – Chairperson
Dennis Schilz
Joe S Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

Land Resources Subcommittee

Eric S Hansen – Chairperson
Dale Margritz
Shane Storer

Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

Robert L Petersen – Chairperson
Douglas L Stack
Judy Pederson

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, February 9, 2017 at 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:12 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary