

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
January 10, 2019

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 10, 2019. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 3:01 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 Brown
David Colvin
Eric S Hansen
James Meisner
Robert L Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Shane Storer
Jake Tiedeman
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, IMP Manager
Phil Heimann, GIS Coordinator
Kent Miller, General Manager
Amy Oberst, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Ken Anderson
Lynn Frederick
Doug Hallum, UNL WCREC
Jim Schneider, Olsson Associates

ANNOUNCEMENTS

New Directors Elected in 2018 – Mr. Schilz welcomed new Directors Eric Brown and Jake Tiedeman. Mr. Schilz reported that Mr. Brown and Mr. Tiedeman signed the Oath of Office before the meeting began. Mr. Schilz reported that Mr. Brown and Mr. Tiedeman attended an

orientation with Mr. Miller, Mrs. Dimmitt, and he on December 19, 2018.

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Schilz reported the Nebraska Open Meeting Act requires public bodies to make available the current Open Meeting Act which is available for viewing by the public in the meeting room. Mr. Schilz reported that the legal notice for the meeting was published in the North Platte Telegraph on January 1, 2019.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Schilz reported the TPNRD Operating Policy Number 4 provides that a Director will be considered excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting that they will be absent. Mr. Schilz reported all directors were present.

Board Meeting Information Available for the Public – Mr. Schilz reported on the table along the north wall of the meeting room is a notebook containing information each Board member has electronically and is available for viewing by the public attending the Board of Directors meeting. Mr. Schilz reported this information is also available on the TPNRD website, and public internet access is available in the room.

Other Announcements – None presented.

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schilz opened the Public Forum.

Mr. Schilz stated that the public is provided an opportunity to speak to the Board during the public forum at the beginning of each Board meeting and the public is only allowed to speak during the Public Forum. Mr. Schilz stated that the Chairman may limit the time for each person speaking to the Board.

There were no comments.

Mr. Schilz closed the Public Forum.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None requested.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for the December 13, 2018 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported the Minutes for the December 13, 2018 Board of Directors meeting were available and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Meismer moved the Minutes of the December 13, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved as corrected. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Schilz, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver,
Wiseman

Nay: None

Abstain: Brown, Petersen, Tiedeman

Absent & Excused: None

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported the Financial Statement for December 2018 was available for the Directors.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meismer reported the Accounts Payable report was available and he had reviewed the Accounts Payable and found the report to be in order.

Mr. Meismer moved the Financial Statement for December 2018 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on January 10, 2019 in the amount of \$57,143.73. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: None

Budget Status – Mr. Meismer reported the Budget Status report was available.

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the February 7, 2019 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported the District Policy provides “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 no bids/proposals would be presented for the February 7, 2019 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 10, 2019.

Presentations - Jim Schneider, Olsson Associates – Calculation of Benefits Analysis for Cody-Dillon Irrigation District – Mr. Schneider presented a report on his Calculation of Benefits Analysis for Cody-Dillon Irrigation District.

Presentations - Jim Schneider, Olsson Associates – Ground Water Evaluation Tool (GET) - Mr. Schneider presented a report on GET, that he originally presented during the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) Annual Conference in September 2018.

Variance Request - Mr. Meismer asked Mrs. Dimmitt to report on the requests for variances.

Variance Request – TP-TRANS-19.01 – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-TRANS-19.01.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-TRANS-19.01. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: None

Violations – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – Timeline – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was a schedule for preparing the TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment. Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was an Upper Platte Basin Plan Development Timeline for the Platte Basin Plan & Individual NRDs IMPs 2nd Increment that was updated December 5, 2018.

Mr. Meismer reported on the following schedule of the TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment:

June 13, 2019	TPNRD Board Approval of Draft TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment to take to Public Hearing
July 16, 2019	Public Hearing for TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment (2:00 pm CT at the Best Western)
August 8, 2019	TPNRD Board Final Approval for TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment
September 11, 2019	TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment Begins

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Mr. Meismer reported that the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NE DNR) also must jointly approve with TPNRD the TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – TPNRD Stakeholders Meetings –

Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD Stakeholders meetings are being held at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte at 7:00 pm Central Time and the following is the schedule for the TPNRD Stakeholders meetings:

- June 5, 2018
- August 14, 2018
- September 19, 2018
- November 13, 2018
- February 26, 2019

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.

Platte Basin Over-Appropriated Plan – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was a schedule for preparing the Platte Basin Plan. Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was an Upper Platte Basin Plan Development Timeline for the Platte Basin Plan that was updated December 5, 2018.

Mr. Meismer reported on the following schedule of the Platte Basin Plan:

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| April 18, 2019 | Public Meeting for Basin Plan (1:30 pm CT at the Best Western) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stations will be set up for individual discussions.• No presentation planned.• Not intended as another Stakeholders meeting. |
| June 13, 2019 | TPNRD Board Approval of Draft Basin Plan to take to Public Hearing |
| July 16, 2019 | Public Hearing for Basin Plan (2:00 pm CT at the Best Western) |
| August 8, 2019 | TPNRD Board Final Approval for Basin Plan |

Mrs. Meismer reported that NE DNR also must jointly approve with TPNRD and the other NRDs the Basin Plan.

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Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Operations – Mr. Meisner reported that available for the Directors is the NE DNR 2019 Forecast of Allowable Depletions in the Republican River Basin, December 2018. Mr. Meisner reported that pumping of water to the Republican River is not presently occurring, Kansas did not call for water in 2018, and pumping may not be needed in 2019 for the Republican River. Mr. Meisner reported that the NE DNR 2019 Forecast reports that Kansas could in 2019 call for the total obligation each NRD has, which is 9,300 acre-feet as shown in Table 7 of the forecast.

Mr. Meisner reported that pumping of water to the Platte River is not planned to occur until calendar year 2020 as provided in the TPNRD IMP.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Ground Water Levels – Mr. Meisner 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 – Board Meetings – Mr. Weaver reported that the last NCORPE Board meeting was held on December 12, 2018. Mr. Weaver reported that the next NCORPE Board meeting would be on February 20, 2019 at the LRNRD in Alma.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Western Pilot Project – No report presented.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Cody-Dillon Instream Flows – No report presented.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – K&L, Paxon-Hershey, Platte Valley, Suburban – No report presented.

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

Offset Water - Channel Incision Below Lake McConaughy – No report presented.

Offset Water – Non-Irrigated Certified Acres – 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.

Regulations – 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 (NARD) – Board of Directors – No report presented.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Legislative Conference, January 29-30, 2019 – Mr. Meismer reported the NARD annual Legislative Conference will be held January 29-30, 2019 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a tentative conference schedule was available.

Sandhills Task Force – Mr. Hansen presented a report.

Requests for Authorization to Travel – No requests presented.

DISTRICT REPORT

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported the monthly report was available for the Directors, \$25,492.26 was available, and there were six new applications to present.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the January 10, 2019 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>
19.011	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
19.012	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
19.013	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
19.014	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
19.015	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
19.016	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 1,050.00
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 7,700.00
FUNDS AVAILABLE				\$ 17,792.26

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: None

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported the monthly report was available for the Directors, and \$6,901.21 was available.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported 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 – Mr. Schilz was nominated.

Mr. Wahlgren moved that nominations closed and to elect Mr. Schilz Chairperson. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman,
Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: None

Vice Chairperson – Mr. Wahlgren was nominated.

Mr. Wiseman moved that nominations closed and to elect Mr. Wahlgren Vice-Chairperson. Mr. Schilz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman,
Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Abstain: Wahlgren
Absent & Excused: None

Secretary – Mr. Weaver was nominated.

Mr. Meismer moved that nominations closed and to elect Mr. Weaver Secretary. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman,
Wahlgren, Wiseman
Nay: None
Abstain: Weaver
Absent & Excused: None

Treasurer – Mr. Meismer was nominated.

Mr. Schilz moved that nominations closed and to elect Mr. Meismer Treasurer. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Abstain: Meismer
Absent & Excused: None

Mr. Schilz resumed chairing the meeting.

SELECTION OF NEBRASKA ASSOCIATION
OF RESOURCES DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE

Mr. Storer moved the TPNRD 2019 Representative for the Nebraska Association of Resources Districts Board of Directors be Mr. Meismer. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

Aye: Brown, Colvin, Hansen, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: None
Abstain: Meismer
Absent & Excused: None

SUBCOMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Mr. Schilz announced the following appointments for the Subcommittees for 2019:

Water Resources Subcommittee

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

Land Resources Subcommittee

Eric S Hansen – Chairperson
David Colvin
Shane Storer

Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee

Robert L Petersen – Chairperson
Eric Brown
Jake Tiedeman

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OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, February 7, 2019 at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:13 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary