

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
May 10, 2018

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 May 10, 2018. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:35 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

David Colvin
Eric S Hansen
James Meisner
Judy Pederson
Robert L Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Shane Storer
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Douglas L Stack
Joe Wahlgren

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Miles Anderson, Range Technician

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, IMP Manager
Kent Miller, General Manager
Amy Oberst, Administrative Assistant

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cannia, AEM
Kevin Gustafson, NRCS
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Schilz reported 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 the current Open Meeting Act was on the wall in the front of the meeting room which is accessible to members of the public.

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Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Schilz reported Operating Policy Number 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENCES provides a Director will be considered excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting that he or she will be absent and the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Schilz reported Mr. Stack and Mr. Wahlgren notified the office they would be absent and are therefore excused.

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, the notebook is available for viewing by the public attending the meeting, the information is available on the TPNRD website, and 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

There were no requests for assistance.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Brule Watershed – Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors was the Notice of Grant and Agreement Award for the NRCS to provide assistance to the TPNRD for the remedial construction of the Brule Watershed Dam. Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors was the original Brule Watershed Work Plan dated May 1965. Mr. Miller reported that the Brule Site 1-A is a high hazard structure and the Brule Watershed contains 13.58 square miles or 6,640 acres. Mr. Miller reported that the Brule Watershed structure was built in 1965.

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Kevin (Gus) Gustafson, Assistant State Conservation Engineer, reported that the NRCS in 2015 prepared a Site Assessment of the Brule Watershed and that assessment showed a need for a full rehabilitation as the structure has structural cracks that formed in the embankment. Mr. Gustafson reviewed the process and reported that they are closing in on being able to move forward with hiring an A/E firm to provide design services. Mr. Gustafson reported that in the 2017 Fiscal Year, the Nebraska NRCS received funding for Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations and will fund 100% for both design and construction for the Brule Watershed Dam. Mr. Gustafson reported that the NRCS will select a private contractor for both the design and construction. Mr. Gustafson reported that the NRCS will pay the contractor for the design directly and the TPNRD will pay the contractor for the construction and the NRCS will reimburse the TPNRD. Mr. Gustafson reported that he expects construction to begin in September 2019 and take one year to complete.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Airborne Electromagnetic (AEM) Project Report – James Cannia, Aqua Geo Frameworks, reported on the AEM Project he has completed for the CPNRD & the TPNRD. Mr. Cannia reported that the area in the TPNRD is the North Platte River below Lake McConaughy, the South Platte River, the Platte River, northeast Lincoln County, and NCORPE.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for the April 12, 2018 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported the Minutes for the April 12, 2018 Board of Directors meeting were available for the Directors and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Petersen moved the Minutes of the April 12, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meisner reported the Financial Statement for April 2018 was available for the Directors.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Meisner reported the Accounts Payable report was available for the Directors and he had reviewed the report and found it to be in order.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Financial Statement for April 2018 be received, placed on file for audit, and to approve payment of the invoices presented on May 10, 2018 in the amount of \$44,265.16. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Weaver,
Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Stack, Wahlgren

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

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the June 14, 2018 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 June 14, 2018 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 May 10, 2018.

Variances – None presented.

Violations – No report presented.

Offset Water - Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – Timeline – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was a Basin NRDs Second Increment Timeline.

Offset Water - Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – TPNRD Stakeholders Meetings – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was the TPNRD Stakeholders meetings schedule which will be held at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte at 7:00 pm Central Time. Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was a listing of the TPNRD Stakeholders and a letter sent to each Stakeholder. Mr. Meismer reported that the Water Resources Subcommittee is recommending that the TPNRD use Stephanie White, HDR,

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for facilitation of the TPNRD Stakeholders meetings. Mr. Meisner reported that Mrs. White is facilitating the Basin Stakeholders meetings. Mr. Meisner reported that the South Platte NRD, the North Platte NRD, and the Central Platte NRD will be using Mrs. White to facilitate their Stakeholders meetings. Mr. Meisner reported that available for the Directors was the HDR Facilitation Services Scope of Work and Fee for Upper Platte NRDs IMP Stakeholders meetings. Mr. Meisner reported that the NRDs using Mrs. White for facilitation have agreed to have one contract with HDR through the Platte Basin Coalition. Mr. Meisner reported that the following is the facilitation fee for the NRDs, TPNRD, and NE DNR:

NRDs	\$ 82,890.50 – Meetings & 50% of Management/Travel/Direct Expenses
NE DNR	\$ 19,920.50 – 50% of Management/Travel/Direct Expenses
Total	\$102,811.00

TPNRD \$ 24,498.13 – Meetings & ¼ of 50% of Management/Travel/Direct Expenses

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve Stephanie White, HDR, for facilitation services for the TPNRD Stakeholders meetings. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Colvin, Hansen, Meisner, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Stack, Wahlgren

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

Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (NCORPE) – North Pipeline – No report presented.

Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (NCORPE) – Wellfield Operation – Mr. Meisner reported that pumping of water to the Republican River is not presently occurring. Mr. Meisner reported that Kansas will not call for water before October 2018 and pumping may not be needed in 2018.

Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (NCORPE) – 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 - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (NCORPE) – Board Meetings – Mr. Weaver reported on the NCORPE Board meeting held on April 18, 2018 at Curtis, NE. Mr. Weaver reported that the next NCORPE Board meeting would be on June 20, 2018 at the TPNRD office.

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

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Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Cody-Dillon Instream Flows – Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD is working with two land owners for the TPNRD to irrigate their land this summer for the TPNRD to obtain leases for the land. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD is continuing to encourage NE DNR to process transfers to an instream flow for the existing leases the TPNRD has obtained.

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

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

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

Offset Water – Non-Irrigated Certified Acres – Mr. Meismer reported that the program will continue to be offered and that the TPNRD has received some new contracts.

Offset Water – J2 Project – No report presented.

Offset Water – CPNRD Agreement – No report presented.

Offset Water – Conservation Tillage Measures – 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.

Regulations - No report presented.

Platte Basin Over-Appropriated Plan – Mr. Meismer reported that the last stakeholders meeting was held on March 21, 2018. Mr. Meismer reported that the next stakeholders meeting will be May 16, 2018 at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, Nebraska. Mr. Meismer reported that the July 18, 2018 meeting will be cancelled.

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) – 2018 Southeast Nebraska NRD Basin Tour, June 11-12, 2018 – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was information of the 2018 Southeast Nebraska NRD Basin Tour that will be held June 11-12, 2018.

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 the monthly report was available for the Directors, \$4,879.42 was available, and there are no new applications to present.

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors, and \$3,923.63 was available.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported that various items of information were available for the Directors.

BUDGET FOR 2019 FISCAL YEAR

Preparation Schedule - Mr. Miller reported a schedule for preparing the 2019 Fiscal Year Budget for the TPNRD was available for the Directors, and is the same schedule followed the last 19 years. Mr. Miller reported the schedule provides for Board review of the first draft of

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the Budget during the June Board meeting, and provides the Board four opportunities to review and discuss the Budget prior to final approval.

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, June 14, 2018 at 7:30 pm. Mr. Schilz reminded the Directors the July Board meeting is on the third Thursday, July 19, 2018, which is one week later than normal.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary