

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
September 8, 2016

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 September 8, 2016. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:33 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 Meisner
Judy Pederson
Robert L Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Douglas L Stack
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dale Margritz

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
Dave Slattery, Conservation Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug Hallum, UNL WCREC
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 to

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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 notified the office that he would be absent and is therefore excused.

Board Meeting Information 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 HEARING - Budget

Open Proceedings – Dennis Schilz, Chairperson of the TPNRD Board of Directors and Presiding Officer, opened the Public Hearing at 7:35 pm.

Appointment of Hearing Examiner - Mr. Schilz appointed Kent O. Miller, General Manager of the TPNRD, Hearing Examiner.

Review of Purpose by Hearing Examiner – Mr. Miller reported that the purpose of the public hearing was for hearing testimony in regard to support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed TPNRD 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Miller reported that copies of an informational packet for the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget were available for the public in the back of the meeting room and had been provided to the Board of Directors. Mr. Miller reported that the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget has been available for the public to view in the TPNRD office. Mr. Miller reported that a legal notice was published in the North Platte Telegraph on August 28, 2016 and he reported that a copy of the proof of publication was on file and available to view by the public and the Board of Directors.

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Mr. Miller reviewed the following for the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget:

2014-2015 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 3,487,814.72
2015-2016 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 3,364,793.34
2016-2017 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 23,099,161.86
2016-2017 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 200,000.00
2016-2017 Total Resources Available	\$ 23,299,161.86
Total 2016-2017 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 2,632,300.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 622,953.76

Breakdown of Property Tax:

Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Non-Bond Purposes	\$ 2,632,300.00
Personal and Real Property Tax Required for Bonds	\$ -

Public Testimony - Mr. Miller opened the Hearing for Public Testimony.

No testimony was offered.

Informal Questions – Mr. Miller asked if there were questions in regard to the Budget.

There were no questions.

Close Proceedings - Mr. Miller turned the Hearing back to the Presiding Officer, Mr. Schilz.

Mr. Schilz declared the hearing closed at 7:37 pm.

PUBLIC HEARING - Setting Final Tax Request

Open Proceedings – Dennis Schilz, Chairperson of the TPNRD Board of Directors and Presiding Officer, opened the Public Hearing at 7:38 pm.

Appointment of Hearing Examiner - Mr. Schilz appointed Kent O. Miller, General Manager of the TPNRD Hearing Examiner.

Review of Purpose by Hearing Examiner – Mr. Miller reported that the purpose of the public hearing was for hearing testimony in regard to support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request to fund the proposed TPNRD 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Miller reported that the final tax request is the same amount as the prior year tax request to fund the proposed TPNRD 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Miller reported that copies of an informational packet for the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget were available for the public in the back of the meeting room and had been provided to the Board of Directors. Mr. Miller reported that the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget has been available for the public to view in the TPNRD office. Mr. Miller reported that a legal notice was published

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in the North Platte Telegraph on August 28, 2016 and he reported that a copy of the proof of publication was on file and available to view by the public and the Board of Directors.

Mr. Miller reviewed the following for the proposed 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget:

2015-2016 Property Tax Request	\$ 2,632,300.00
2015 Tax Rate	0.046305
Property Tax Rate (2015-2016 Request/2016 Valuation)	0.042978
2016-2017 Proposed Property Tax Request	\$ 2,632,300.00
Proposed 2016 Tax Rate	0.042978

Mr. Miller reported that the proposed 2016 Tax Rate is down 7.18% from the 2015 Tax Rate.

Public Testimony - Mr. Miller opened the Hearing for Public Testimony.

No testimony was offered.

Informal Questions – Mr. Miller asked if there were questions in regard to the Budget.

There were no questions.

Close Proceedings - Mr. Miller turned the Hearing back to the Presiding Officer, Mr. Schilz.

Mr. Schilz declared the hearing closed at 7:39 pm.

2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Final Approval

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 1-090816

WHEREAS, a legal notice of budget hearing and budget summary was published in the North Platte Telegraph on August 28, 2016, for a hearing scheduled for September 8, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the TPNRD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the TPNRD on September 8, 2016 held a public hearing for the purpose of hearing support, opposition, criticism, suggestions and observations of taxpayers relating to the proposed budget;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the TPNRD Board of Directors approves the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget as presented for public hearing.

Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Nebraska Statutes requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors present to approve the budget.) (Motion #1)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz

2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Set Property Tax Request for General Fund Budget

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 2-090816

WHEREAS, Nebraska Statutes provide that the property tax request for the prior year shall be the property tax request for the current year unless the Board of Directors passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request at a different amount; and

WHEREAS, a legal notice of special hearing to set final tax request was published in the North Platte Telegraph on August 28, 2016, for a hearing scheduled for September 8, 2016 by the Board of Directors of the TPNRD; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the TPNRD on September 8, 2016 held a public hearing for the purpose of hearing testimony in regard to support, opposition, criticism, suggestions or observations of taxpayers relating to setting the final tax request at a different amount than the prior year tax request to fund the proposed TPNRD 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2015-2016 Fiscal Year property tax request for the TPNRD was \$2,632,300.00 and the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget requires a property tax request for the TPNRD of \$2,632,300.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the TPNRD Board of Directors sets the final property tax request for the TPNRD for the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget at \$2,632,300.00.

Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Nebraska Statutes requires that the Board of Directors passes by a majority vote a resolution setting the tax request at a different amount from the property tax request for the prior year. The State Auditor's office has interpreted a majority vote to be a majority of the Board of Directors which would require 6 affirmative votes.) (Motion #2)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz

2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Restricted Funds Authority

No action occurred.

2016-2017 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Set Occupation Tax for NCORPE Project

Mr. Weaver moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 4-090816

WHEREAS, Nebraska Revised Statute 2-3226.05 provides that a district with an integrated management plan as described in subsection (1) of section 2-3226.01 may levy an occupation tax upon the activity of irrigation of agricultural lands within such district on an annual basis, not to exceed ten dollars per irrigated acre, the proceeds of which may be used for (a) repaying principal and interest on any bonds or refunding bonds issued pursuant to section 2-3226.01 for one or more projects under section 2-3226.04, (b) the repayment of financial assistance received by the district pursuant to section 2-3226.07, or (c) payment of all or any part of the costs and expenses of one or more qualified projects described in section 2-3226.04; and

WHEREAS, the TPNRD has an approved Integrated Management Plan (IMP) that requires water to offset depletions to stream flows in the North Platte River, the South Platte River, and the Platte River; and

WHEREAS, the TPNRD has entered into an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement with the Upper Republican Natural Resources District, the Middle Republican Natural Resources District, and the Lower Republican Natural Resources District, as provided by Nebraska Revised Statutes 13-801 through 13827 to create the Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement Project (NCORPE) to assist with implementation of the TPNRD IMP; and

WHEREAS, the TPNRD is obligated (1) to repay the TPNRD share of financial assistance received for the NCORPE Project, (2) to repay the TPNRD share of the principal and interest on bonds financing the NCORPE Project, and (3) to pay the TPNRD share of the costs and expenses of the NCORPE Project.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Directors of the TPNRD by a majority vote, that:

1. The 2016 occupation tax is set at \$10.00 per irrigated acre.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerks within the TPNRD on or before October 13, 2016.

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Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Nebraska Statutes requires a majority vote of the Board of Directors present to set an occupation tax.) (Motion #3)

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

Nay: Stack

Absent & Excused: Margritz

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schilz opened the public forum. There were no comments. Mr. Schilz closed the public forum.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

Doug Hallum, Survey Hydrogeologist, UNL Conservation & Survey Division, who is located at the West Central Research & Extension Center in North Platte, presented a report on a project titled “Documenting Stream / Ground Water Interaction in the South Platte River. Doug Hallum reported that some of the collection devices have failed or have been lost due to the recent high flows. Doug Hallum requested that the TPNRD provide \$23,400.00 for hardware costs for the devices that have failed or have been lost.

Mr. Schilz requested the Water Resources Subcommittee to consider the request and report back to the Board at a future board meeting with a recommendation.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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

GENERAL INFORMATION

No information presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for the August 11, 2016 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the August 11, 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 August 11, 2016 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for August 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 August 2016 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on September 8, 2016 in the amount of \$86,429.26. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Budget Status – No report available.

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the October 13, 2016 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 October 13, 2016 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 September 8, 2016.

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

Variance Request – TP-TRANS-16.22 – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-TRANS-16.22.

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Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-TRANS-16.22. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz

Variance Request – TP-TRANS-16.24 – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-TRANS-16.24.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-TRANS-16.24. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz

Variance Request – TP-MODIFY-16.25 – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-MODIFY-16.25.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-MODIFY-16.25. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren,
Wiseman

Nay: None

Abstain: Weaver

Absent & Excused: Margritz

Violations – No report presented.

Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (NCORPE) Project – North Pipeline Construction – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was the advertisement for Bids for the North Pipeline NPPD Canal Discharge Structure. Mr. Meismer reported that this request for bids is to take advantage of the NPPD recent notification to the TPNRD that the NPPD Canal will be dewatered in October for maintenance. Mr. Meismer reported that bids will be opened on September 27 at 3:00 pm in the offices of Miller Associates in Kearney, NE and that Mr. Miller plans to be present for the bid opening. Mr. Meismer reported that the contractor will only have until October 31 to be done with all work in the canal while it is down and that there is a substantial penalty if they are not done by October 31. Mr. Meismer reported that the Engineer, Chris Miller, is recommending that the contract be awarded as soon as possible rather than wait for the October 13 TPNRD Board

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meeting. Mr. Meismer reported that Chris Miller would like to issue notice of award September 27 if everything looks good or no later than September 30. Mr. Meismer reported that Chris Miller will provide a recommendation letter after the bid opening for the TPNRD records. Mr. Meismer reported that FERC has approved the Canal Discharge Structure. Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD is still waiting for the full FERC review before bidding the pipeline.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize the General Manager to execute the contract for the TPNRD for the NCORPE North Pipeline NPPD Canal Discharge Structure construction. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

Aye: Hansen, Meismer, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Storer, Wahlgren,
Weaver, Wiseman
Nay: Stack
Absent & Excused: Margritz

Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (NCORPE) Project – Well Field Operations – No report presented.

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

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

Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (NCORPE) Project – Sponsors Meetings – Mr. Weaver reported on the August 17, 2016 meeting of the sponsors. Mr. Weaver reported that the next sponsors meeting would be on September 22, 2016 at the NCORPE headquarters.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Management Agreement – 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 \$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 199.03 acres of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD for which the landowner applied the surface water to the land. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the TPNRD is currently working with several landowners for relinquishments of approximately 400 acres of Cody-Dillon water rights to the TPNRD, all of which the TPNRD has applied surface water to the land in 2016.

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Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Excess Flows – Mr. Meismer reported that the TPNRD will coordinate with the NE Department of Natural Resources if excess flows are available this fall.

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

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

Offset Water – Non-Irrigated Certified Acres – No report presented.

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.

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

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

Mr. Meismer reported that the priority is noted on the Board meeting agenda. Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors' was the IMP accounting shown on a graph and a chart.

Ground Water Management Plan – No report presented.

COHYST – Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Shaw is working on an analysis of the Keith & Lincoln Irrigation District using the COHYST model. Meismer reported that the COHYST sponsors have agreed that there will be no additional revisions in the COHYST model and that data will continue to be updated for the COHYST model.

Platte Basin Over-Appropriated Plan – Mr. Wahlgren reported that the next stakeholders meeting will be September 21, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, Nebraska.

South Platte River Compact Coalition – No report presented.

Data – AEM Flights – No report presented.

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 September 8, 2016.

Urban Forestry Program - Program Report – Mr. Petersen reported that information was available for the Directors for the TPNRD Urban Forestry Program.

Urban Forestry Program - Approved Community Programs & Applications for Community Programs – Mr. Petersen reported that the current three-year program for Sutherland began July 1, 2014 and continues to June 30, 2017. Mr. Petersen reported that the current three-year program for North Platte and Ogallala began July 1, 2015 and continues to June 30, 2018.

Mr. Petersen moved the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the North Platte Urban Forestry Program, to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the Ogallala Urban Forestry Program, and to authorize \$430.00 for funding the Sutherland Urban Forestry Program. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

Natural Legacy Project – Mr. Petersen reported that information was available for the Directors for the TPNRD participation in the Natural Legacy Projects in the Loess Canyons in southeastern Lincoln County. Mr. Carhart reported on the status of the Natural Legacy projects.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Executive Subcommittee

No report presented.

DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – Mr. Meismer presented a report.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Annual Conference – Mr. Meismer reported that the NARD Annual Conference will be held in Kearney, NE on September 26-

27, 2016. Mr. Meisner reported that information was available for the Directors.

Mr. Meisner reported that a voting delegate needs to be determined for the conference.

Mr. Schilz appointed Mr. Petersen the voting delegate and himself the alternate voting delegate for the NARD 2016 Annual Conference.

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

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 that the monthly report was available for the Directors. Mr. Miller reported that \$72,414.86 was available, and there was one new application to present.

Mr. Wiseman moved to approve the September 8, 2016 report and to approve the following new contract:

<u>Cont#</u>	<u>Practice</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>App Amt</u>	<u>Prop Amt to Fund</u>
17.001	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 1,537.90	<u>\$ 1,537.90</u>
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 1,537.90

FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$ 70,876.96

Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #11)

Aye: Hansen, Meisner, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver, Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors. Mr. Miller reported that \$8,280.00 was available.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors' was the TPNRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update.

Mr. Miller reported that during the September 13, 2007 Board meeting:

- It was reported that an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan must be in place if a community or a county is to be eligible for future mitigation funds.

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- It was reported that the Nebraska and Federal Emergency Management Agencies prefer that an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan be developed within NRD boundaries.
- It was reported that federal grant funding (75%) is available for NRDs to prepare the All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.
- It was reported that Steve Krajewski, Ogallala City Manager, had request the TPNRD coordinate the preparation of an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for communities and counties within the TPNRD.
- The Board of Directors passed a motion authorizing the TPNRD staff to determine the county and community interest within the TPNRD for the preparation of an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for the TPNRD and if there is an interest, that the General Manager will provide additional information for the Board of Directors.

Mr. Miller reported that during the March 13, 2008 Board of Directors meeting it was reported that all the communities and counties are willing to fund the local cost (25%) of a federal grant and the Board of Directors accepted the low proposal from Kirkham Michael to prepare an All-Hazard Mitigation Plan for communities and counties within the TPNRD.

Mr. Miller reported that during the September 15, 2011 Board of Directors meeting the Board of Directors adopted by resolution the TPNRD Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

Mr. Miller reported that Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plans are required to be updated every 5 years.

Mr. Miller reported that during the May 8, 2014 Board of Directors meeting the Board Directors approved the TPNRD coordinating with the counties within the TPNRD, the preparation of a TPNRD Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan update, that must be completed by August 2016, within the following guidelines:

- The TPNRD will only provide in-kind personnel time for coordination
- The TPNRD will not provide direct funding
- Each of the counties within the TPNRD that agree to participate shall provide their share of all the local cost
- Authorize the General Manager to apply for Federal grant funding
- Authorize the General Manager to prepare a request for proposals for selecting a consulting firm
- Authorize the General Manager to select a consulting firm and execute a contract for services, after consultation with the counties participating
- The General Manager will provide status reports to the TPNRD Board of Directors

Mr. Miller reported that after consultation with the counties participating within the

TPNRD, on March 10, 2015 JEO Consulting Group was selected to prepare a Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan update for the TPNRD.

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the following resolution:

RESOLUTION NUMBER 5-090816

WHEREAS, the Federal Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 was signed in to law on October 30, 2000, placing new emphasis on state and local mitigation planning for natural hazards and requiring communities to adopt a hazard mitigation action plan to be eligible for pre-disaster and post-disaster federal funding for mitigation purposes; and

WHEREAS, a Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan was prepared by the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, with assistance from JEO Consulting Group, Inc. of Lincoln, NE, which includes the jurisdiction of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District.

WHEREAS, the purpose of the mitigation plan was to lessen the effects of disasters by increasing the disaster resistance of the Natural Resources District and participating jurisdictions located within the planning boundary by identifying the hazards that affect the Twin Platte Natural Resources District and prioritize mitigation strategies to reduce potential loss of life and property damage from those hazards, and WHEREAS, FEMA regulations require documentation that the plan has been formally adopted by the governing body of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District in the form of a resolution and further requesting approval of the plan at the Federal Level; and

NOW, THEREFORE, the governing body of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District, does herewith adopt the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan Update in its entirety; and

Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #12)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Margritz

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

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NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary