

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
September 13, 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 September 13, 2018. 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

David Colvin  
Eric S Hansen  
James Meisner  
Robert L Petersen  
Dennis Schilz  
Douglas L Stack  
Shane Storer  
Joe Wahlgren  
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Judy Pederson  
Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Bill Carhart, Grasslands Stewardship Coordinator  
Ann Dimmitt, IMP Manager  
Kent Miller, General Manager  
Amy Oberst, Administrative Assistant  
Dave Slattery, Conservation Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug Hallum, UNL WCREC  
George Haws, North Platte Telegraph

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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 September 6, 2018.

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 Mrs. Pederson and Mr. Wiseman notified the office they would be absent and are therefore excused.

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 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 7:34 pm.

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

Review of Purpose by Hearing Examiner – Mr. Miller reported 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 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Miller reported that an informational packet for the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget was available for the public in the back of the meeting room and had been provided to the Board of Directors. Mr. Miller reported the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget has been available for the public to view in the TPNRD office. Mr. Miller reported a legal notice was published in the North Platte Telegraph on August 29, 2018 and copy of the proof of the proof of publication was on file and available to view by the public and the Board of Directors.

Mr. Miller reported that the final tax request and levy is down from last year as follows:

Funds	\$ 1,499,850.00	- 25.19 %	- \$ 505,000.00
Levy	\$ 0.023308	- 25.74 %	- \$ 0.008078

Mr. Miller reported that last year the tax request was reduced 23.84 % (- \$627,450.00) and the Levy was reduced 26.97 % (- \$0.011592).

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Mr. Miller reviewed the following for the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget:

2016-2017 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 8,651,528.44
2017-2018 Actual Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 8,013,276.84
2018-2019 Proposed Budget of Disbursements & Transfers	\$ 17,112,489.82
2018-2019 Necessary Cash Reserve	\$ 200,000.00
2018-2019 Total Resources Available	\$ 17,312,489.82
Total 2018-2019 Personal & Real Property Tax Requirement	\$ 1,499,850.00
Unused Budget Authority Created For Next Year	\$ 654,490.79

Public Testimony - Mr. Miller opened the Hearing for Public Testimony. No testimony was offered.

Informal Questions – Mr. Miller asked if there were questions regarding 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.

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 7:41 pm.

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

Review of Purpose by Hearing Examiner – Mr. Miller reported 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 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget. Mr. Miller reported that an informational packet for the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget was available for the public in the back of the meeting room and had been provided to the Board of Directors. Mr. Miller reported the proposed 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget has been available for the public to view in the TPNRD office. Mr. Miller reported a legal notice was published in the North Platte Telegraph on August 29, 2018 and 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 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget:

2017-2018 Property Tax Request	\$ 2,004,850.00
2017 Tax Rate	0.031386
Property Tax Rate (2017-2018 Request / 2018 Valuation)	0.031155
2018-2019 Proposed Property Tax Request	\$ 1,499,850.00
Proposed 2018 Tax Rate	0.023308

Public Testimony - Mr. Miller opened the Hearing for Public Testimony. No testimony was offered.

Informal Questions – Mr. Miller asked if there were questions regarding 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 7:42 pm.

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Final Approval

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 1-091318

WHEREAS, a legal notice of budget hearing and budget summary was published in the North Platte Telegraph on August 29, 2018, for a hearing scheduled for September 13, 2018 by the Board of Directors of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District on September 13, 2018 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 Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors approves the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget as presented for public hearing.

Mr. Wahlgren 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: Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren, Weaver

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Pederson

Absent: Wiseman

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Set Property Tax Request for General Fund Budget

Mr. Stack moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution 2-091318

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 29, 2018, for a hearing scheduled for September 13, 2018 by the Board of Directors of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Twin Platte Natural Resources District on September 13, 2018 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 Twin Platte Natural Resources District 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget; and

WHEREAS, the 2017-2018 Fiscal Year property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources Districts was \$2,004,850.00 and the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget requires a property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources Districts of \$1,499,850.00.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Twin Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors sets the final property tax request for the Twin Platte Natural Resources District for the 2018-2019 Fiscal Year Budget at \$1,499,850.00.

Mr. Petersen 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: Colvin, Hansen, Meisner, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren,  
Weaver  
Nay: None  
Absent & Excused: Pederson  
Absent: Wiseman

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Restricted Funds Authority

No action occurred.

2018-2019 FISCAL YEAR BUDGET

Set Occupation Tax for N-CORPE Project

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the following resolution:

Resolution No. 4-091318

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 Twin Platte Natural Resources District (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 (N-CORPE) 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 N-CORPE Project, (2) to repay the TPNRD share of the principal and interest on bonds financing the N-CORPE Project, and (3) to pay the TPNRD share of the costs and expenses of the N-CORPE Project.

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

1. The 2018 occupation tax is set at \$6.50 per irrigated acre.
2. A copy of this resolution be certified and forwarded to the County Clerks within the TPNRD on or before October 12, 2018.

Mr. Weaver 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: Colvin, Hansen, Meismer, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Storer, Wahlgren,  
Weaver

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Pederson

Absent: Wiseman

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 – Mary. Reece, NRCS District Conservationist, distributed a written report and she presented a report.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No information presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for the August 9, 2018 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported the Minutes for the August 9,

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 August 9, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

### FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Financial Statement for August 2018 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on September 13, 2018 in the amount of \$62,762.42. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Budget Status – No report available.

Bids – None presented.

Bids Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the October 11, 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 that bids would be presented for the purchase of a vehicle during the October 11, 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



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Subcommittee meeting held on September 13, 2018.

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

Variance TP-MODIFY-18.02 – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance TP-MODIFY-18.02.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-MODIFY-18.02. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

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

Variance TP-NP-18.01 – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance TP-NP-18.01. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that the Subcommittee is recommending waiving the requirement for measuring devices for the new fire protection well and the TPNRD would help quantify the amount of water for reporting, which would save funds for another local government.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-NP-18.01 to drill a new fire protection well and to waive the requirement for measuring devices. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #7)

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

Violations – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment - Offset Requirements - No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – Timeline – No report presented.

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
- January 15, 2019

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Mr. Meismer reported that the plan is for the June 5 & August 14 Stakeholders meetings to be education, the September 19 & November 13 Stakeholders meetings to be discussion for recommendations, and the January 15 Stakeholders meeting to be a final review and approval of a recommended IMP.

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.

Offset Water - Channel Incision Below Lake McConaughy - Change in Ground Water Storage Analyses – Mr. Meismer reported that the Board agreed on June 14, 2018 for Jim Schneider, Olsson Associates, to determine the ground water lost due to the incision of the North Platte River below Lake McConaughy. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Schneider will present a report to the TPNRD Water Resources Subcommittee in January or February 2019.

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

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Cody-Dillon Instream Flows – Mr. Meismer reported on the acres irrigated by the TPNRD in 2018 and the total acres leased by the TPNRD. Mr. Meismer reported that the Board agreed on June 14, 2018 for Jim Schneider, Olsson Associates, to prepare a recommendation for calculating the benefits for the TPNRD for leasing water rights from land under the Cody-Dillon Irrigation District and temporally transferring those water rights to an instream flow. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Schneider will present a report to the TPNRD Water Resources Subcommittee in January or February 2019.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – K&L, Paxon-Hershey, Platte Valley, Suburban – Mr. Meismer reported that the Board agreed on June 14, 2018 for Jim Schneider, Olsson Associates, to integrate the recently available AEM data within the model he prepared for the TPNRD for the K&L, Paxon-Hershey, Platte Valley, and Suburban Irrigation Districts. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Schneider will present a report on the model to the TPNRD Water Resources Subcommittee in January or February 2019.

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

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Offset Water - NCORPE Project – North Pipeline – Mr. Meismer reported that Jeff Nichols, Resource Conservationist, NRCS, is continuing to monitor and provide recommendations regarding the seeding that occurred during construction of the North Pipeline. Mr. Meismer reported that Mr. Nichols recommendations are:

- It is too late now to do any re-drilling in thin areas during this growing season.
- Wait now and see how the existing stand of native seedlings comes along through the rest of this growing season. Re-evaluate in late September or October after frost and dormancy. Native seedlings are distinguishable at that time and will take on a yellow-tan or reddish color.
- Mow or shred areas along pipeline in late August to knock down Russian thistle before they dislodge and become tumble weeds off site. Do not mow other areas where Russian thistles are not an issue, as those weeds are providing site stability and filtered shade for the seedlings present. No herbicide recommended.
- Re-evaluate and monitor establishment progress in June of 2019.

Mr. Meismer reported that mowing along the pipeline was completed this week.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Operations – Mr. Meismer reported that pumping of water to the Republican River is not presently occurring. Mr. Meismer reported that Kansas will not call for water before October 2018 and pumping may not be needed in 2018. Mr. Meismer reported that pumping of water to the Platte River will not occur until calendar year 2020 as provided in the TPNRD IMP.

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 – Board Meetings – Mr. Weaver reported on the NCORPE Board meeting held on August 15, 2018. Mr. Weaver reported that the next NCORPE Board meeting would be on October 17, 2018 at 10:00 am MDT at the URNRD in Imperial. Mr. Weaver reported that the NCORPE Board has determined to meet every other month alternating between the other NRDs and the MRNRD located in Curtis, NE.

Offset Water – Non-Irrigated Certified Acres – Mr. Meismer reported on the new contracts for the program for 2018.

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 Basin Over-Appropriated Plan – Mr. Wahlgren reported that the last stakeholders meeting was held on May 16, 2018. Mr. Wahlgren reported that the next stakeholders meeting will be September 19, 2018 at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, NE and this is scheduled to be the last Basin Stakeholders meeting.

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – No report presented.

South Platte River Compact Coalition – 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 13, 2018.

Urban Forestry Program - Program Report – Mr. Petersen reported information was available for the Directors for the TPNRD Urban Forestry Program. Mr. Petersen reported that the TPNRD policy provides for three-year programs for qualifying communities and funding for the three years of \$1.00 / person, not to exceed \$5,000.00 for the three years. Mr. Petersen reported that the maximum annual funding for each community during a three-year program is year one - \$2,000.00, year two - \$2,000.00, and year three - \$1,000.00.

Urban Forestry Program - Approved Community Programs – Mr. Petersen reported the current three-year program for Sutherland began July 1, 2017 and continues to June 30, 2020.

Urban Forestry Program - Applications for Community Programs – Mr. Petersen reported the current three-year program for North Platte began July 1, 2015 and expired June 30, 2018. Mr. Petersen reported the current three-year program for Ogallala began July 1, 2015 and expired June 30, 2018.

Mr. Petersen moved the Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs Subcommittee recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve a new North Platte Urban Forestry Program for fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021 and to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the North Platte Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, to approve a new Ogallala Urban Forestry Program for fiscal years 2019, 2020 and 2021 and to authorize \$2,000.00 for funding the Ogallala Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019, and to authorize \$428.00 for funding the Sutherland Urban Forestry Program July 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019. Mr. Meisner seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #8)

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

Wildlife Habitat Programs - Corners for Wildlife Program - Mr. Petersen reported information was available for the Directors for the Corners for Wildlife Program.

Wildlife Habitat Programs - WILD Nebraska Program - Mr. Petersen reported information was available for the Directors for the WILD Nebraska Program.

Natural Legacy Project – Mr. Petersen reported information was available for the Directors for the Natural Legacy Project in the Loess Canyons.

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) – Annual Conference – Mr. Meisner reported the NARD Annual Conference will be held in Kearney, NE on September 24-25, 2018, and information was available for the Directors. Mr. Meisner reported a voting delegate needs to be determined for the conference. Mr. Schilz appointed himself as the voting delegate and Mr. Petersen the alternate.

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, \$44,682.91 was available, and there were three new applications to present.

Mr. Petersen moved to approve the September 13, 2018 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>
19.004	NC-17	Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 6,317.35	\$ 6,317.35
19.005	NC-17	Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 3,790.41	\$ 3,790.41
19.006	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 6,007.83	\$ 6,007.83
		Total Amount of New Contracts		\$ 16,115.59

FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$ 28,567.32

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Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #9)

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

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported the monthly report was available for the Directors, and \$7,849.81 was available.

Hazard Mitigation Plan – Mr. Miller reported that a Hazard Mitigation Plan must be in place if a community, or a county, is to be eligible for future mitigation funds. Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska and Federal Emergency Management Agencies requires that a Hazard Mitigation Plan be developed within a Natural Resources District (NRD) boundary in Nebraska. Mr. Miller reported that Federal grant funding (75%) is available for an NRD to prepare a Hazard Mitigation Plan. Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD in 2007 began coordinating with the counties within the TPNRD, the preparation of a Hazard Mitigation Plan within the TPNRD. Mr. Miller reported that there was federal grant funding available for NRDs of 75% of the cost and the counties agreed to reimburse the TPNRD the remaining 25% of the cost. Mr. Miller reported that Hazard Mitigation Plans have been prepared by the TPNRD and approved by FEMA in 2011 and 2016. Mr. Miller reported that the 2011 plan was prepared by the Kirkham Michael consulting firm and the 2016 plan was prepared by the JEO Consulting Group. Mr. Miller reported that the Hazard Mitigation Plan is required to be updated and reapproved by FEMA every five years and the TPNRD now needs to begin the preparation of an update for 2021. Mr. Miller reported that the first step is grant development and once the grant is approved, the next step will be preparation of the update. Mr. Miller reported that Glen Bowers, TPNRD Water Programs Field Coordinator, coordinated the current TPNRD Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, and would coordinate an updated plan for the TPNRD. Mr. Miller reported that he has requested proposals from consulting firms for grant development and preparation of an update. Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD received one proposal from the JEO Consulting Group. Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors was the proposed schedule and cost.

Mr. Meismer moved to approve the proposal from the JEO Consulting Group and approve the TPNRD coordinating with the counties within the TPNRD the preparation of a TPNRD Multi-Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan, that must be completed in 2021, 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

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Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #10)

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

February 7, 2019 Board Meeting – Request Changing Starting Time from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm – Mr. Miller requested changing the starting time for the February 2019 Board of Directors meeting from 3:00 pm to 7:30 pm. There were no objections. Mr. Schilz reported that the February 7, 2019 Board of Directors meeting would be at 7:30 pm.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7:30 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm.

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary