

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
October 11, 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 October 11, 2018. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 7:34 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
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Judy Pederson
Joe Wahlgren

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

None

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 October 2, 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. Wahlgren 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 public internet access is available in the room.

Other Announcements – Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors was the TPNRD September 2018 Newsletter. Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors was a Keith County News article regarding a film titled “Oceans of Grass” which documents ranch life and will be shown at the Prairie Theatre in Ogallala on October 20 & 21, 2018. Mr. Miller reported that Dave Slattery, TPNRD Conservation Programs Coordinator, knows the filmmaker.

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 – Mr. Miller reported that a written report prepared by Mary Reece, District Conservationist, was available for the Directors.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Brule Watershed – Mr. Miller reported that Allen Gerhing, State Conservation Engineer, told him on September 27, 2018, that all is on track for the full rehabilitation of the dam structure. Mr. Miller reported that the NRCS now has a list of consultants to select from. Mr. Miller reported that they are expecting they will need to replace all of the structure, but analyses will be done during design. Mr. Miller reported that the NRCS State Office notified the North Platte Field Office yesterday that they plan to place blue biodegradable dye into the surface crack/holes that are present on

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the dam structure in order to assist observation and interpretation of potential voids within the structure and possibly the foundation, that will be observable during the excavation portion of the rehabilitation of the dam. Mr. Miller reported that the Nebraska NRCS will fund \$2,268,550 for design/construction and that funding is 100% NRCS funding for both design and construction. Mr. Miller reported that the NRCS will select a private contractor for both the design and construction and 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. Miller reported that the Brule Site 1-A is a high hazard structure that contains 13.58 square miles or 6,640 acres. Mr. Miller reported that the Brule Watershed structure was built in 1965.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No information presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

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

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

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported the Financial Statement for September 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 September 2018 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on October 11, 2018 in the amount of \$1,416,916.91. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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

Bids/Proposals – Mr. Miller reported that during the September 13, 2018 Board meeting, he reported, per TPNRD policy, that bids would be presented for consideration during the October 11, 2018 Board of Directors meeting for the purchase of a vehicle, a ½ ton pickup, for the Water Programs Field Coordinator, Glen Bowers. Mr. Miller reported that the current vehicle used by Mr. Bowers, a 2012 ½ ton pickup, will be transferred to Phil Heimann, GIS Coordinator. Mr. Miller reported that the current vehicle used by Mr. Heimann, a 2005 ½ ton pickup, has been sold. Mr. Miller reported that the Budget provides for this purchase. Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors were the TPNRD Vehicles Schedule for Replacement, bid specifications, letter to dealers within the TPNRD, and a report of the bids received by the deadline of October 11, 2018 at 1:00 pm.

Mr. Stack moved to approve the low bid from Janssen Automotive in the amount of \$28,865.00 for the purchase of a pickup for the Water Programs Field Coordinator. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Pederson, Wahlgren

Mr. Miller reported that the TPNRD will be putting a flatbed on the new pickup. Mr. Miller reported that Mr. Bowers current vehicle has a flatbed that has proven very beneficial for his work. Mr. Miller reported that the box will be removed and sold immediately after taking delivery of the pickup so that it will be in new condition.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the November 8, 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 November 8, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Land Resources Subcommittee

No report presented.

SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS REPORT
Water Resources Subcommittee

Mr. Meisner, Water Resources Subcommittee Chairperson, presented a report for the Subcommittee meeting held on October 11, 2018.

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

Variance Request – TP-TRANS-18.06 – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-TRANS-18.06.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-TRANS-18.06. Mr. Weaver seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Violations – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – Timeline – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was an Upper Platte Basin Plan Development Timeline for the TPNRD 2nd Increment Basin-Wide Plan & Individual NRD IMPs and a chart showing the Upper Platte Basin NRDs Stakeholders meetings.

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

- May 9, 2019 - TPNRD Board Approval of Basin Plan & TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment to take to Public Hearing
- July 16, 2019 - Public Hearing for Basin Plan & TPNRD IMP (2:00 pm CT at the Holiday Inn Express)
- August 8, 2019 - TPNRD Board Final Approval for Basin Plan & TPNRD IMP
 - 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 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

Mr. Meismer reported that the June 5 & August 14 Stakeholders meetings were for education, the September 19 & November 13 Stakeholders meetings are discussion for a recommendation, and the January 15 Stakeholders meeting is for 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.

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- 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.

Offset Water – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors was a chart showing the TPNRD funds spent for offset water for the TPNRD 1st Increment IMP.

Offset Water - Presentations Schedule by Jim Schneider, Olsson Associates – Mr. Meismer reported that Jim Schneider will provide reports to the Subcommittee and the Board as follows:

January 10, 2019

- Calculation of Benefits Analysis for Cody-Dillon Irrigation District
- GET Presentation (Original presentation during the NARD Annual Conference)

February 7, 2019

- Calculation of the ground water lost due to the incision of the North Platte River below Lake McConaughy
- Model for the K&L, Paxon-Hershey, Platte Valley, and Suburban Irrigation Districts Model prepared for southern Keith County

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

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, the total acres leased by the TPNRD and that payments will be made this month.

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 - NCORPE Project – North Pipeline – No report presented.

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 has not called for water and pumping may not be needed in 2018. Mr. Meismer reported that

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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. 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 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. Meisner reported on the new contracts for the program for 2018 and reported that payments will be made this month.

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. Meisner reported that the last stakeholders meeting was held on September 19, 2018 and this was the last Basin Stakeholders meeting.

Mr. Meisner reported that the following is the schedule to complete the Basin Plan:

- April 18, 2019 - Public Meeting for Basin Plan (1:30 pm at the Best Western)
 - Stations will be set up for individual discussions.
 - No presentation planned.
 - Not intended as another Stakeholders meeting.
- July 16, 2019 - Public Hearing for Basin Plan & TPNRD IMP (2:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express)
- August 8, 2019 - TPNRD Board Final Approval for Basin Plan & TPNRD IMP NE
DNR also must jointly approve with TPNRD the Basin Plan

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 – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Board of Directors meeting held on September 25.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Annual Conference – Mr. Meismer reported on the NARD Annual Conference held in Kearney, NE on September 24-25, 2018.

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, \$28,567.32 was available, and there were no new applications to present.

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported the monthly report was available for the Directors, and \$7,609.80 was available.

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, November 8, 2018 at 3:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary