

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
November 10, 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 November 10, 2016. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 3:07 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
Dale Margritz
James Meisner
Judy Pederson
Robert L Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Douglas L Stack
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

None

STAFF PRESENT

Glen Bowers, Water Programs Field Coordinator
Ann Dimmitt, IMP Coordinator
Amy Mapes, Administrative Assistant
Kent O Miller, General Manager

OTHERS PRESENT

Jim Cannia, Senior Geologist, Aqua Geo Frameworks
Mike Keller, N-Corpe
Bill Sellers, N-Corpe
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 be posted in the meeting room at a location accessible to members of the public, and at the

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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/she will be absent and that the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Schilz reported that all Directors are present.

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, this information is also available on the TPNRD website, and that internet access is available in the room.

Other Announcements – None presented.

PUBLIC FORUM

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

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mr. Miller reported that Mary Reece, District Conservationist, had prepared a written report which was available for the Directors’.

Brule Watershed – No report presented.

GENERAL INFORMATION

AEM Data Collected – Jim Cannia, Senior Geologist, Aqua Geo Frameworks, presented a report on the AEM data collected in the TPNRD.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for the October 13, 2016 Meeting – Mr. Schilz reported that the Minutes for the October 13, 2016 Board of Directors meeting were available for the Directors and he asked if

there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Weaver moved that the Minutes of the October 13, 2016 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Margritz seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported that the Financial Statement for October 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 October 2016 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on November 10, 2016 in the amount of \$1,314,309.21. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the December 8, 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 December 8, 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 November 10, 2016.

Variances – No report presented.

Violations – No report presented.

Offset Water – Non-Irrigated Certified Acres – Mr. Meismer reported that a draft of requirements and procedures for a TPNRD Non-Irrigated Certified Acres Payment Program, to provide payments for landowners who agree to not irrigate their certified irrigated acres for a period of time, was available for the Directors’. Mrs. Dimmitt reported that a draft TPNRD Durable and Limited Power of Attorney, prepared by the TPNRD Legal Counsel, Harriet Hageman, which could be used with the program was available for the Directors’.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve the draft TPNRD Non-Irrigated Certified Acres Payment Program, with a revision to add “/year” to “Long term payment” and a revision to add a criteria “Cannot be irrigated by any source of water”, and to approve the draft TPNRD Durable and Limited Power of Attorney. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (NCORPE) Project – North Pipeline – Mr. Meismer reported that the construction of the outlet structure has been completed. Mr. Miller showed pictures of the construction of the outlet structure. Mr. Miller reported that the current schedule for the north pipeline construction is that advertising will occur in December, bids will be opened on January 11, 2017, and that a recommendation for awarding a contract will be presented to the TPNRD Board on January 12, 2017.

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

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 – 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.

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

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Offset Water - Nebraska Cooperative Republican Platte Enhancement (NCORPE) Project – Republican River Compact Administration – Mr. Weaver reported that available for the Directors' for information was a Republican River Compact Administration update that reported on the drying up of irrigated acres in Colorado.

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Management Agreement – No report presented.

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

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

Offset Water – Irrigation Districts – Calculator – No report presented.

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

Offset Water – Storage Analysis – No report presented.

Offset Water – J2 Project – Mr. Meismer reported that available for the Directors' was a letter from CPNNID to J2 Stakeholders and Resource Agencies. Mr. Meismer reported that CNPPID, the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program, and the NE DNR have put the J2 Project on hold.

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

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- 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.

Platte Basin Over-Appropriated Plan –Mr. Wahlgren reported that the next stakeholders meeting will be November 16, 2016 at 10:30 am at the Holiday Inn Express in North Platte, Nebraska.

COHYST – No report presented.

Ground Water Management Plan – No report presented.

Platte River Recovery Implementation Program – Mr. Miller reported on the Platte River Recovery Implementation Program Governance Committee discussions in regard to an extension of the First Increment and the North Platte River Choke Point at North Platte.

South Platte River Compact Coalition – No report presented.

NE Ground Water Maps – Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors’ were Nebraska ground water maps showing the NRD programs for ground water quantity and ground water quality.

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 presented a report.

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

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 that the monthly report was available for the Directors. Mr. Miller reported that \$67,567.16 was available, and there were no new applications to present.

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported that the monthly report was available for the Directors. Mr. Miller reported that \$7,880.00 was available.

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

OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

NEXT MEETING

Mr. Schilz reported that the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at 4:30 pm MT at Haythorn Ranch, Keith County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:46 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary