

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
November 8, 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 November 8, 2018. Mr. Weaver called the meeting to order at 3:06 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
Shane Storer
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Robert L Petersen
Dennis Schilz
Douglas L Stack
Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Doug Hallum, WCREC
Mike Wheeler, Sargent Irrigation

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Weaver 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. Weaver reported that the legal notice for the meeting was published in the North Platte Telegraph on October 30, 2018.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Weaver 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. Weaver reported Mr. Schilz, Mr. Stack, and Mr. Wiseman notified the office they would be absent and are therefore excused. Mr. Weaver reported that Mr. Petersen is unexcused.

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Board Meeting Information Available for the Public – Mr. Weaver 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. Weaver reported this information is also available on the TPNRD website, and public internet access is available in the room.

Other Announcements - TPNRD Board of Directors Election Results – November 6, 2018 – Mr. Weaver reported the unofficial results for the election on November 6, 2018 for the TPNRD Board of Directors.

Sub-District 1		
Eric Hansen	1,155	55.53%
Jon Walz	925	44.47%
Sub-District 2		
Joe Wahlgren	1,618	51.61%
Lynn Frederick	1,517	48.39%
Sub-District 3		
Doug Stack	1,024	46.25%
Jake Tiedeman	1,190	53.75%
Sub-District 4		
David Colvin	2,075	100.0%
Sub-District 5		
Jim Meismer	1,660	60.98%
Brian Armstrong	1,062	39.02%
At Large		
Dewey Schaffer	5,781	49.74%
Eric Brown	5,841	50.26%

PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Weaver opened the Public Forum.

Mr. Weaver 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. Weaver stated that the Chairman may limit the time for each person speaking to the Board.

There were no comments.

Mr. Weaver closed the Public Forum.

REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None requested.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Reece reported that a written report was available for the Directors and she reviewed the report.

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) – Brule Watershed – Mrs. Reece reported that the NRCS is on track for the full rehabilitation of the dam structure. Mrs. Reece reported that available for the Directors were aerial photos and she showed a 3D model showing the location of the Brule Watershed.

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. Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors was the final agreement, and the original work plan from May 1965.

GENERAL INFORMATION

No information presented.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Minutes for the October 11, 2018 Meeting – Mr. Weaver reported the Minutes for the October 11, 2018 Board of Directors meeting were available and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Meismer moved the Minutes of the October 11, 2018 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Colvin seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

FINANCIAL REPORT

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

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Financial Statement for October 2018 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on November 8, 2018 in the amount of \$10,999.42. Mr. Storer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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

Bids – None presented.

Bids to be presented December 13, 2018 – 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 are scheduled to be presented during the December 13, 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 November 8, 2018.

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-MODIFY-18.03.

Mr. Meismer moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-MODIFY-18.03. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-TRANS-18.07.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-TRANS-18.07. Mr. Wahlgren seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

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

Mrs. Dimmitt reported on variance request TP-NP-18.03.

Mr. Meisner moved the Water Resources Subcommittee’s recommendation to the Board of Directors to approve variance TP-NP-18.03. Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

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

Violations – No report presented.

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – Timeline – Mr. Meisner reported that available for the Directors was a schedule for the TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment and the Basin Plan.

Mr. Meisner reported on the following schedule for the TPNRD IMP 2nd Increment:

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

Integrated Management Plan (IMP) Second Increment – TPNRD Stakeholders Meetings – Mr. Meisner reported that available for the Directors was the schedule for the TPNRD Stakeholders meetings. Mr. Meisner reported that the next TPNRD Stakeholders Meeting will be November 13, 2018 and the last TPNRD Stakeholders meeting will be January 15, 2019.

Subcommittee Priorities – Mr. Meisner reported that the following is the current list of the

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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.

Offset Water - NCORPE Project – North Pipeline – Mr. Meismer reported that Chris Miller, Miller & Associates, reported to the TPNRD on November 4, 2018, that the one-year warranty is coming up on December 12, 2018.

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 no action regarding the seeding is planned at this time.

Mr. Meismer reported that a test of the pipeline is planned for the end of November.

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 did not call for water October 2018 and pumping may not be needed in 2018 for the Republican River. Mr. Meismer reported that pumping of water to the Platte River will not occur until calendar year 2020 as provided in the TPNRD IMP. Mr. Meismer reported that Kyle Shepherd, NCORPE General Manager, job description has been changed to Site Manager.

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 that the last NCORPE Board meeting was held on October 17, 2018. Mr. Weaver reported that the next NCORPE Board meeting would be a special meeting on November 15, 2018 at 10:00 am in McCook. Mr. Weaver reported that the next NCORPE regular Board meeting would be on December 12, 2018 at 10:00 am in North Platte @ TPNRD.

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

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

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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 - Channel Incision Below Lake McConaughy – No report presented.

Offset Water – Non-Irrigated Certified Acres – 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.

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)
- July 16, 2019 - Public Hearing for Basin Plan (2:00 pm at the Holiday Inn Express)
- August 8, 2019 - TPNRD Board Final Approval for Basin Plan (Each Upper Platte Basin NRD and NE DNR jointly approve 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 – 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 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. Weaver reported the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, December 13, 2018 at 4:30 pm MST at the Haythorn Ranch in Keith County.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary