

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT  
Board of Directors Meeting  
December 14, 2017

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) Board of Directors meeting was held at the Figure Four Traditions, Haythorn Ranch, 193 Haythorn Drive, located four miles north of the intersection of Highways 61 & 92, Keith County, Nebraska on December 14, 2017. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 4:44 pm MT. 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  
Judy Pederson  
Robert L Petersen  
Dennis Schilz  
Douglas L Stack  
Joe Wahlgren  
Robert Wiseman

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

James Meisner  
Shane Storer  
Jerry Weaver

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Jan Brestel, District Secretary  
Nick Giger, Ogallala NRCS  
Mary Reece, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

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

OTHERS PRESENT

Marvin Knoll, Producer  
Kirk Olson, Producer

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Nebraska Open Meeting Act – Mr. Schilz reported 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 beginning of the meeting the public shall be informed about the location of the posted information. Mr. Schilz reported the current Open Meeting Act was on a table in the meeting room which is accessible to members of the public.

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Schilz reported Operating Policy Number 4: BOARD OF DIRECTORS ABSENCES provides a Director will be considered excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting that he/she will be absent and the minutes will reflect whether an absent Director is excused or unexcused. Mr. Schilz reported Mr. Meismer, Mr. Storer, and Mr. Weaver had notified the office they would be absent and are therefore excused.

Information Available for the Public – Mr. Schilz reported on a table in the meeting room is a notebook containing information each Board member has that is available for viewing by the public. Mr. Schilz reported this information is also available on the TPNRD website.

Other Announcements – None presented.

### PUBLIC FORUM

Mr. Schilz opened the public forum.

Kirk Olson wished the Board a Merry Christmas.

Mr. Schilz closed the public forum.

### REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE

None presented.

### COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

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

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – Brule Watershed – No report presented.

### GENERAL INFORMATION

None presented.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for November 9, 2017 – Mr. Schilz reported the Minutes for the November 9, 2017 Board of Directors meeting were available for the Directors and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Wahlgren moved the Minutes of the November 9, 2017 Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Petersen seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

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

### FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Wahlgren reported that the Financial Statement for December 2017 was available for the Directors.

Accounts Payable - Mr. Wahlgren 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. Wahlgren moved the Financial Statement for November 2017 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on December 14, 2017 in the amount of \$609,951.69. Mr. Wiseman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

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

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

Bids/Proposals – None presented.

Bids/Proposals Scheduled to be Presented for Consideration during the January 11, 2018 Board of Directors Meeting – Mr. Miller reported 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 will be presented during the January 11, 2018 Board of Directors meeting.

### DIRECTORS REPORTS

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Board of Directors – No report presented.

Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD) – Legislative Conference, January 23-24, 2018 – Mr. Miller reported the NARD annual Legislative Conference will be held January 23-24, 2018 in Lincoln, Nebraska, and a tentative agenda was available.

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All of the Directors present indicated they plan to attend the Legislative Conference.

Mr. Schilz appointed Mr. Wiseman to be the TPNRD Voting Delegate, and Mr. Colvin to be the TPNRD Alternate.

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

Sandhills Task Force – Mr. Hansen presented a report.

Board of Director’s Elections 2018 – Mr. Schilz reported that the following TPNRD Directors seats are up for election in 2018:

Subdistrict 1	Eric S Hansen
Subdistrict 2	Joe Wahlgren
Subdistrict 3	Douglas L Stack
Subdistrict 4	David Colvin
Subdistrict 5	James Meismer
At Large	Judy Pederson

Mr. Schilz reported that the deadline for Incumbents filing for re-election is February 15, 2018 and the deadline for Non-Incumbents filing for election is March 1, 2018. Mr. Schilz reported that information for the election sub-districts was available for the Directors.

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, and \$71,447.05 was available, and there were ten new applications to present.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve the December 14, 2017 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>
18.003	NC-12	Trees	\$ 770.00	\$ 770.00
18.004	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
18.005	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
18.006	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
18.007	NC-17	Irrig Water Mgt	\$ 2,441.28	\$ 2,441.28
18.008	NC-14	Planned Grazing	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 7,500.00
18.009	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
18.010	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
18.011	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
18.012	NC-12	Trees	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Total Amount of New Contracts				\$ 20,511.28

FUNDS AVAILABLE

\$ 50,935.77

Mrs. Pederson seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Colvin, Hansen, Pederson, Petersen, Schilz, Stack, Wahlgren,  
Wiseman

Nay: None

Absent & Excused: Meismer, Storer, Weaver

Cost-Share Programs – District Conservation Programs – Mr. Miller reported the monthly report was available for the Directors, and \$5,905.37 was available.

July 2018 Board Meeting – Request Changing to July 19 – Mr. Miller requested that the July 2018 Board of Directors meeting be changed from July 12 to July 19. There were no objections. Mr. Schilz reported that the July 2018 Board of Directors meeting would be held on July 19, 2018.

Miscellaneous Information – Legal Counsel – Mr. Miller reported that Harriet Hageman, TPNRD Legal Counsel, has notified him that she is running for Governor of Wyoming in 2018. Mr. Miller reported that Ms. Hageman plans to maintain a few clients during the campaign including the TPNRD and the South Platte River Compact Coalition. Mr. Miller reported that most likely the TPNRD will know if Ms. Hageman will be elected following the Wyoming primary election on August 21, 2018 and the TPNRD can begin to make appropriate plans at that time.

Miscellaneous Information – Newsletter – Mr. Miller reported that available for the Directors was the TPNRD December 2017 Newsletter.

Miscellaneous Information – Tree Award – Mr. Miller reported the TPNRD 2018 Tree Award was presented by Mr. Schilz to Alex Brown & Sons LLC of North Platte, NE on November 13, 2017.

Miscellaneous Information – Conservation Award – Mr. Miller reported the TPNRD Conservation Award will be presented later this evening.

Miscellaneous Information - Other – Mr. Miller reported 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, January 11, 2018 at 3:00 pm at the TPNRD offices.

AWARDS DINNER

The TPNRD 2017 Conservation Award for Keith/Arthur Counties was presented to Chuck Flaming of Sadle Cattle Co of Paxton during the TPNRD Awards Banquet at the Haythorn Ranch.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm MT (8:30 pm CT).

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Jerry Weaver, Secretary