

TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT
Board of Directors Meeting
April 11, 2024

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) Board of Directors meeting was held at the First Interstate Bank, Second Floor, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, Nebraska on April 11, 2024. Mr. Schilz called the meeting to order at 3:03 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 Brown
Jeff Huffman
James Meisner
Dennis Schilz
Shane Storer
Jake Tiedeman
Joe Wahlgren
Jerry Weaver

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

David Colvin
Jon Walz
Robert Wiseman

NRCS PERSONNEL PRESENT

Carol Eakins, District Conservationist

STAFF PRESENT

Ann Dimmitt, IMP Manager
Kent O Miller, General Manager
Amy Oberst, Office & Financial Coordinator

OTHERS PRESENT

None

A copy of the Open Meetings Act is posted and located in the meeting room.

Legal notice was published in the North Platte Telegraph on April 2, 2024.

Information that each Board member has is in a notebook on a table in the meeting room and on the TPNRD website (public internet access is available in the meeting room).

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Report of Directors Excused – Mr. Schilz reported the TPNRD Operating Policy provides a Director will be considered excused if the Director notifies the office prior to the meeting they will be absent. Mr. Schilz reported Mr. Colvin, Mr. Walz, and Mr. Wiseman notified the office they would be absent and are therefore excused.

OPEN FORUM
(Comments from Public)

Mr. Schilz stated the public is provided an opportunity to speak to the Board during the Open Forum at the beginning of each Board meeting, and the public is only allowed to speak during the Open Forum. Mr. Schilz stated the Chair may limit the time for each person speaking to the Board, and in order to comply with the provisions of the Nebraska Public Meetings Law, the Board will not immediately respond to, nor take action on, any matter raised during the Open Forum unless the matter is already on the agenda.

Mr. Schilz opened the Open Forum. There were no comments. Mr. Schilz closed the Open Forum.

COOPERATING AGENCIES REPORT

USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service – District Conservationist Report – Mrs. Eakins, District Conservationist, presented a report.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETINGS

Minutes for March 14, 2024 – Mr. Schilz reported the Minutes for the March 14, 2024, Board of Directors meeting were available, and he asked if there were any corrections or additions.

Mr. Tiedeman moved the Minutes of the March 14, 2024, Board of Directors meeting be approved. Mr. Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #1)

Aye: Brown, Huffman, Meismer, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
Weaver
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Colvin, Walz, Wiseman

FINANCIAL REPORT

Financial Statement - Mr. Meismer reported the Financial Statement for March 2024 was available for the Directors.

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

Mr. Meismer moved the Financial Statement for March 2024 be received and placed on file for audit and to approve payment of the invoices presented on April 11, 2024 in the amount of \$403,518.46. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #2)

Aye: Brown, Huffman, Meismer, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
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Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Colvin, Walz, Wiseman

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

PROGRAMS

Water Resources - Ground Water Management – Permits – Transfer of Ground Water – No report presented.

Water Resources - Ground Water Management – Permits – Construct a Water Well – Mrs. Dimmitt reported on request TP-NP-24.03 to construct a water well.

Mr. Wahlgren moved to approve permit TP-NP-24.03. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #3)

Aye: Brown, Huffman, Meismer, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
Weaver
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Colvin, Walz, Wiseman

Water Resources – Ground Water Management – Violations – No report presented.

Water Resources –Water Data Program – No report presented.

Water Resources – South Platte River Compact – Perkins Canal Update – No report presented.

Water Resources - Offset Water - NCORPE Project – Mr. Miller reported the last NCORPE Board meeting was on January 17, 2024. Mr. Miller reported the next NCORPE Board meeting will be April 17, 2024 at the LRNRD in Alma.

Land Resources – No report presented.

Wildlife Habitat & Urban Affairs – No report presented.

BOARD MEMBERS REPORTS, REQUESTS, AND COMMENTS

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

Requests – Authorization to Travel – No requests presented.

Requests – Other Requests – No requests presented.

Comments – No comments presented.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT

Cost-Share Programs – NE Soil & Water Conservation Program – Mr. Miller reported the monthly report was available for the Directors, \$3,124.57 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 \$6,399.28 was available.

Miscellaneous Information – Mr. Miller reported the Spring 2024 Newsletter was available for the Directors and will be mailed the last week of April.

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

CLOSED SESSION

Mr. Wahlgren moved that the Board go into closed session to address the possible purchase of real estate and the strategy to negotiate terms of a purchase agreement at 3:30 pm. Mr. Huffman seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #4)

Aye: Brown, Huffman, Meismer, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
Weaver
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Colvin, Walz, Wiseman

Mr. Schilz reported the Board was going into closed session at 3:30 pm to address the possible purchase of real estate and the strategy to negotiate terms of a purchase agreement.

Mr. Wahlgren moved that the Board return to open session at 4:00 pm. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #5)

Aye: Brown, Huffman, Meismer, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
Weaver
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Colvin, Walz, Wiseman

Mr. Huffman moved that the Board authorize Kent Miller – General Manager, Joe Wahlgren – Board Vice Chair, and Jerry Weaver - Board Secretary, to negotiate and execute a purchase agreement for the building and land that were identified in closed session. Mr. Meismer seconded the motion. The motion carried. (Motion #6)

Aye: Brown, Huffman, Meismer, Schilz, Storer, Tiedeman, Wahlgren,
Weaver
Nay: None
Absent & Excused: Colvin, Walz, Wiseman

NEXT MEETING

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Mr. Schilz announced that the schedule for future Board meetings will be a Work Session at 2:00 pm and the Board meeting at 3:00 pm.

Mr. Schilz reported the next Board of Directors meeting would be held on Thursday, May 9, 2024, at 3:00 pm. Mr. Schilz reported there would be no work session on May 9, 2024.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:05 pm.

Jerry Weaver, Secretary