

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on **Tuesday**, July 14, 2015 at the South Platte Natural Resources District, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, Nebraska, at **5:00 p.m.** An agenda of the matters to be considered at such date, time and place is kept continually current and is available for public inspection during normal business hours at the South Platte NRD Office, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney. Any person with disabilities who needs help in participating in the meeting should contact the District office (308) 254-2377, before the meeting.

## FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Keith Rexroth, Chair
  - A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
  - B. Legal Notices
  - C. Approval of Expenditures
    1. \*Possible August 2015 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals
2. Minutes
  - A. Minutes of the June 9, 2015 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
  - B. Minutes of the June 9, 2015 SPNRD District Operations Committee Meeting
3. \*Treasurer's Report for June 2015 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. Range Youth Camp Report - Hunter Hendrickson, Lodgepole (Creek Valley)
6. Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area Overview - Kent Matsutani
7. Western Water Use Management (WWUM) Modeling and Analyses Review - Thad Kuntz, Principal Hydrogeologist/Modeler, Adaptive Resources, Inc.
8. Director and Staff Reports
9. Agency Reports
  - A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
    1. NRCS Report - Kristin Miller, DC-NRCS
  - B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)
    1. NARD Report - Johnson
  - C. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
    1. NDNR Natural Resources Commission Report - Rexroth

10. Annual Platte River Basin-Wide Plan Meeting held June 18, 2015 - Reisdorff
  - A. SPNRD Annual Report of Water Use Activities
  - B. NDNR Report on the Depletions and Mitigation (accretions) from 2014 Permitted Activities for CPNRD, NPNRD, SPNRD, TBNRD and TPNRD
11. JESWA and East Sidney Watershed Program Update - Wittrock
12. Presentation on Mobile Data Collection Application - Glanz
13. Committee Report
  - A. District Operations Committee - Halligan, Chair
    1. \*Consideration to Approve the Amended and Restated NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan
    2. \*Action on NSWCP Application that Exceeds General Manager's Authority to Approve
      - a. R.G.M. Corp, NC-14, Planned Grazing System
    3. \*Discussion and Action as Desired Concerning the Distribution of NSWCP Funds for FY 2016
    4. Preliminary FY 2016 Budget Review
14. Correspondence
15. Upcoming Dates
  - A. 2015 County Fairs
    - July 21-26 Cheyenne County
    - August 5-10 Kimball County
    - August 5-8 Deuel County
  - B. August 11, 2015, SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting
  - C. August 28-September 7, 2015, Nebraska State Fair
  - D. September 7, 2015, SPNRD Offices Closed, Labor Day
  - E. September 15-17, 2015, Husker Harvest Days
  - F. September 10 possibly?, 2015, SPNRD District Tour and Picnic (date/place to be determined)
  - G. September 27-29, 2015, NARD Annual Conference
16. Adjourn

\*Denotes Action Item

South Platte Natural Resources District

**District Operations Committee Meeting**

South Platte NRD Conference Room  
551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, Nebraska

Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 3:30 p.m. MDT

FINAL AGENDA

Call to Order - Bill Halligan, Chair

1. Update on Office/Library Remodel Project (Committee update only)
2. Discuss the Amended and Restated NARD 414(h) Retirement Plan - Horn
3. Discussion on NSWCP Application that Exceeds General Manager's Authority to Approve - Horn
  - a. R.G.M. Corp, NC-14, Planned Grazing System
4. Discussion Concerning the Distribution of NSWCP Funds for FY 2016 - Horn
5. Preliminary FY 2016 Budget Review - Horn

Adjourn

## MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, June 9, 2015, at the South Platte NRD Conference Room, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, NE at 5:00 p.m. The public notices were published in the Sidney, Chappell and Kimball newspapers. The agenda was compiled and each member of the Board of Directors and other interested and affected persons were notified of the meeting date within the deadline.

### Board Members Present

Keith Rexroth, Chair  
Bill Halligan, Vice-Chair  
Jim Johnson, Secretary  
Tim Maas

Kathy Narjes  
Phil Grabowski  
Larry Rutt

### Others Present

Kristin Miller, D.C.NRCS/USDA  
Thad Kuntz, Adaptive Resources, Inc. (ARI)

### Board Members Absent

None

### NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager  
Ryan Reisdorff, Water Resources Specialist  
Linda Suhr, Administrative Manager  
Don Ogle, Information and Education Coordinator  
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator

Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager  
Tyler Sanders, Water Resources Technician  
Travis Glanz, Water Resources Coordinator  
NaManet Keller, District Secretary

### Information Material

The following information was provided prior to the meeting or provided during the meeting:

1. Tentative Agenda - Board of Directors meeting, June 9, 2015
2. Tentative Agenda - Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting, June 9, 2015
3. May 12, 2015 Minutes of the SPNRD Board of Directors meeting
4. May 12, 2015 Minutes of the SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting
5. May 20, 2015 Minutes of the SPNRD Special Board of Directors Meeting
6. May Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
7. May 29, 2015 Administrative Manager's Memo with board packet
8. June 9, 2015 Administrative Manager's Report
9. 2015 Western Nebraska Children's Ground Water Festival Report
10. District Operations Committee
  - o Nienhueser Farms NSWCP Application that exceeds General Manager's Authority to Approve
  - o Staff Salary Adjustments for FY 2016 (confidential, not included with these minutes)
11. Per Diem and Expense Form

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### 1. Call to Order

Chair Rexroth called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

#### A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act

Chair Rexroth acknowledged that this meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of the act is posted in the conference room.

B. Legal Notices

Chair Rexroth acknowledged that the notice of this meeting was published in the area newspapers and the Affidavits/Proofs of Publication are included with these minutes.

C. Approval of Expenditures

1. \*Possible July 2015 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals

Motion by Rutt and second by Maas to approve possible July 2015 committee meeting expenditures for meals. With no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Halligan, Johnson, Maas, Grabowski, Rexroth, Narjes, Rutt  
 Nay: None  
 Absent: None

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the May 12, 2015 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting

These minutes were approved as distributed.

B. Minutes of the May 12, 2015 SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee Meeting

These minutes were approved as distributed.

C. Minutes of the May 20, 2015 SPNRD Special Board of Directors Meeting

These minutes were approved as distributed.

3. \*Treasurer's Report for April 2015 and Accounts Payable

Horn reviewed the account balances listed on the Treasurer's Report as follows:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>May 1, 2015</u>	<u>May 31, 2015</u>
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	\$474,842.15	\$754,056.85
SPNRD Building/Property	\$ 22,982.01	\$ 22,983.78
SPNRD Vehicle/Equipment	\$ 60,756.23	\$ 60,761.04
SPNRD ORRA Infrastructure	\$ 65,008.85	\$ 65,014.09
SPNRD ORRA Checking PWCB	\$ 3,554.48	\$ 3,624.48
Citizens' Monitoring Committee	\$ 70,570.52	\$ 78,278.31
Citizens' Monitoring CDs	\$ 45,116.11	\$ 45,116.11
SPRCC NPAIT Account	\$191,372.37	\$191,373.99

Horn reviewed various items listed in the accounts payable. He encouraged the board members to come to the SPNRD office at any time to review the receipts and/or disbursements or ask any questions. The total amount of accounts payable is \$115,341.46. After discussion, Johnson moved to approve the Treasurer's Report and authorize payment of the accounts payable in the amount of \$115,341.46. A second was made by Narjes and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Maas, Grabowski, Rexroth, Narjes, Rutt, Halligan  
 Nay: None  
 Absent: None  
 Motion carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. Western Water Use Management (WWUM) Model and Analyses Review

Kuntz presented data for 10" allocation verses actual 2013 pumping. The second set of data incorporated 2007 to 2013 actual data to show affects of allocation to 50 years. The third set of data compared the elevation of Lodgepole Creek and the elevation of the water table to look at ground water interaction with Lodgepole Creek (surface water). He discussed presenting analyses for the July 2015 board meeting.

Agenda Item 7 was addressed next due to Kristin Miller's time constraints.

Agenda item 10 was addressed next. Don Ogle was presented with an appreciation plaque and gift card. Ogle thanked the board for the recognition. A short recess was called at 5:52 p.m. to recognize Don's resignation; the meeting reconvened at 6:20 p.m.

6. Director and Staff Reports

Ogle-prepared the SPNRD Director poster. The irrigation certification course should be complete by the end of June. Conservation award nominations were submitted to the NARD. Two campers received SPNRD scholarships to attend Adventure Camp about the Environment (ACE) Camp and Nebraska Youth Range Camp.

Glanz-attended WWUM and POAC technical meetings, performed GIS updates, placed the City of Sidney 87.4 certified irrigated acres (CIA) into the SPNRD water bank for future use to offset municipal growth (approved during the May 12, 2015 Board meeting), placed the 37.54 CIA from the Derry/City of Chappell transfer into the water bank (approved during the November 11, 2014 Board meeting), read industrial flow meters, worked with the recharge pits, did ownership changes and database updates.

Reisdorff- attended WWUM and POAC technical meetings, worked on the lot landscaping, adding wood chips and filling holes; updated the SPNRD Ground Water Transfer Application form language and read industrial flow meters. The Gurley WHPA Plan was approved by the State of Nebraska. He helped put out picnic tables at ORRA with Wittrock and Kaiser. A label maker was purchased to label shrubs and flowers that are planted in the lots.

Sanders-read alfalfa pivots for the ground water model, worked on the lot landscaping, mowed, assisted with the Deuel County recharge pits, inspected and prepared cost-share for flow meters.

Kaiser-sampled surface water, sampled for bacteria/toxic algae, rototilled and planted food plots at ORRA and Goldenrod, sprayed thistle at Goldenrod and Goldeneye, inspected a well abandonment, planted trees at ORRA and shrubs at Goldenrod. He repaired the Truax grass drill and worked with Nebraska regarding putting a well on the SPNRD public water system at ORRA.

Wittrock- went to ORRA for the NDNR annual dam inspection, noting that it is still the plan to repair the conduit within the next several years. He discussed that the ORRA season staff, Kent Matsutani and Randy Gunn, are keeping the recreation area mowed, bathrooms clean and trash picked up. He worked with ORRA at their meeting to set goals which include electric hookups and camping pads. He participated in the annual Local Work Group meeting held in May to prioritize local practices for EQIP, worked with landowners regarding JESWA and worked with the City of Sidney to finalize the SRF loan stating that the design engineering phase will be next.

Keller-worked on the flow meter, buffer strip, tree and chemigation programs. She, Horn and Suhr met regarding the office remodel.

Horn-encouraged the board to review Dean Edson's legislative report.

Suhr-submitted a written report.

7. Agency Reports

A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Kristin presented the June 2015 NRCS report. CSP applications were ranked, with only one to be funded. Discussion followed. Three NRCS positions in her office are still open, but she is hoping they will be filled soon. Michelle McMillen, Sidney NRCS Field Office Secretary, began work on June 1, 2015. The annual Local Work Group meeting was held in May to prioritize local practices for EQIP.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

Johnson will attend the next meeting on June 14 and 15 at Gothenburg. An N-CORPE tour is planned.

2. NARD IRMP Association Loss Control Committee Report

Johnson and Horn attended the meeting held May 27, 2015. Horn discussed that the NARD group health insurance premium rates will increase for FY 2016. There are no proposed changes to the rates for dental insurance or vision reimbursement.

C. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Rexroth will attend the next meetings June 15 and 16.

8. 2015 Western Nebraska Children's Ground Water Festival Report

Ogle presented the 2015 Western Nebraska Children's Ground Water Festival report. The festival was held on April 29, 2015 and attended by 158 students from Sidney, Potter-Dix, Leyton and Creek Valley schools. Twenty-seven volunteers offered their time to make the festival happen. Volunteer in-kind totaled a benefit of about \$5,335. The festival was held at the Cheyenne County Community Center and the 4-H Youth Camp. Net expenditures for the festival totaled \$878.01.

9. Committee Report

A. District Operations Committee

1. \*Discussion and Action on NSWCP Application that Exceeds General Manager's Authority to Approve

a. Nienhueser Farms, NC-14 Planned Grazing System

The NC-14 Practice in the amount of \$13,458.74 exceeds the General Manager's authority to approve. The application, located on Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 47 West, Cheyenne County, requests funding to drill a livestock well with a solar pumping plant along with a 30' concrete tank.

On behalf of the committee, Halligan moved to approve Nienhueser Farms application in the amount of \$13,458.74. A second was made by Johnson. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Grabowski, Rexroth, Narjes, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion carried.

2. \*Staff Salary Adjustments for FY 2016

Motion by Halligan second by Johnson to go into executive session at 6:53 p.m. to discuss job performances, salary pay ranges and adjustments for SPNRD staff and General Manager, requesting that Horn be included in part of the executive session. Chair Rexroth repeated the purpose of the executive session and a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Grabowski, Rexroth, Narjes, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson, Maas  
Nay: None  
Absent:  
Motion carried.

Motion by Halligan and second by Johnson to come out of executive session at 7:34 p.m. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rexroth, Narjes, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson, Maas, Grabowski  
Nay: None  
Absent:  
Motion carried.

Halligan moved to approve the updated salary pay range values, and approve the salary adjustments made according to the Salary Grade and Pay Range Schedule provided by the manager and amended by the board of directors. A roll call vote was taken. A second was made by Johnson. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Narjes, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson, Maas, Grabowski, Rexroth  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion carried.

10. Special Recognition

This was addressed earlier in the meeting.

11. Correspondence

Horn urged the board to read correspondence provided.

12. Upcoming Dates

July 3, 2015, SPNRD Offices Closed, Independence Day

July 14, 2015, SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting

2015 County Fairs

July 21-26 Cheyenne County

August 5-10 Kimball County

August 5-8 Deuel County

13. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

  
Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

\* Denotes Action Item