PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on **Tuesday**, March 8, 2016 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.

**TENTATIVE AGENDA**

1. Call to Order - Keith Rexroth, Chair
   A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
   B. Legal Notices
   C. Approval of Expenditures
      1. *Possible April 2016 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals*

2. Minutes
   A. *Minutes of the February 9, 2016 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting*
   B. Minutes of the February 9, 2016 SPNRD District Operations Committee Meeting
   C. Minutes of the February 8, 2016 SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee Meeting

3. *Treasurer’s Report for February 2016 and Accounts Payable*

4. Public Questions, Comments and Concerns

5. Director and Staff Reports

6. Agency Reports
   A. **USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)**
      1. NRCS Report - Joe Larson, Resource Conservationist, 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

7. General Reports
   A. Progress Update on Hydrogeology of Western Nebraska Project - Thad Kuntz, P.G., ARI
   C. JESWA/East Sidney Watershed Project Update - Wittrock

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8. *Discussion and Consideration to Approve Pooling Renewals and New Pooling Agreement Applications - Glanz

9. Committee Report
   A. District Operations Committee - Halligan, Chair
      1. *Action on Resolution Amending Interlocal Agreement Regarding the NET Grant Project, Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska
      2. District’s Hazard Mitigation Plan
         a. *Discussion and Ratify Action on Grant Agreement between Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) and South Platte Natural Resources District Regarding the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision Project, PDM-NE-2015-03
         b. *Discussion and Consideration to Amend Agreement between the SPNRD and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to Change the Not-To-Exceed Amount from $70,000 to $77,500
      3. *Action to Approve the Western Nebraska Children’s Ground Water Festival Program and Budget
      4. *Action on Request for Funding Assistance for the Sidney Environmental Team for the 2016 State Envirothon Competition
      5. *Discussion and Action on Community Forestry Program Applications
      6. *Consideration to Approve Camp Scholarships
         a. Range Youth Camp
         b. ACE Camp (Adventure Camp about the Environment)
      7. Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area (ORRA) and Advisory Committee (ORAC)
         a. *Ratify Appointment of New Member
      8. *Action to Select Contractor Bid/Proposal for the District’s Interior Front Office Remodel Project

10. Correspondence

11. Upcoming Dates
    A. March 12-16, 2016, NARD Washington DC Trip
    B. March 13, 2016, Daylight Savings Time Begins
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    D. April 27, 2016, Western Nebraska Children’s Ground Water Festival
    E. May 30, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Memorial Day
    F. June 2, 2016, SPNRD Urban Best Management Practices Workshop
    G. June 6-10, 2016, Nebraska Range Youth Camp, Halsey
    H. June 12-15, 2016 ACE Camp, State 4-H Center, Halsey
    I. July 4, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Independence Day
    J. September 5, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Labor Day

12. Adjourn

*Denotes Action Item
MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, March 8, 2016, 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
Bill Halligan, Vice-Chair
Jim Johnson, Secretary
Phil Grabowski

Kathy Narjes
Larry Rutt

Board Members Absent and Excused
Keith Rexroth, Chair, Tim Maas

Others Present
Joe Larson, NRCS; Thad Kuntz, Adaptive Resources, Inc.; Coy Fisher

NRD Staff Present
Rod L. Horn, General Manager
Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager
Ryan Reisdorff, Water Resources Specialist
Tyler Sanders, Water Resources Technician

Don Davis, Information and Education Coordinator
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator
Travis Glanz, Water Resources Coordinator

Information Material
The following information was provided electronically prior to the meeting or provided during the meeting.
1. Tentative and Final Agenda - Board of Directors Meeting, March 8, 2016
2. Tentative and Final Agenda - District Operations Committee, March 8, 2016
3. Minutes of the February 9, 2016 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
4. Minutes of the February 9, 2016 SPNRD District Operations Committee Meeting
5. Minutes of the February 8, 2016 SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee Meeting
6. February 2016 Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable
7. March 8, 2016 Manager’s Report
8. NRCS Report from Joe Larson
9. District Operations Committee
   o Resolution Amending Interlocal Agreement Re: Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska
   o HMP Grant Agreement
   o JEO Consulting Contract
   o Budget: Western Nebraska Children’s Ground Water Festival
   o Request from Sidney Environmental Team for funding assistance for 2016 State Envirotation
   o 2016 Community Forestry Program Applications
   o Corners for Wildlife Application - Randy Faessler
   o Range Youth Camp and ACE Camp Information
   o ORRA/ORAC Minutes, February 23, 2016
10. Pooling Applications
    Pooling Renewals
    NE Board Educational Lands & Funds (BELF) and Derry Farms Inc.; BELF and Eula M Williams Trust; BELF and Joan Childers; BELF and Bob Runge; BELF, WH Palser Farms Inc., Ronald Hendrickson and J-M Palser Farms Inc.; Sand Draw Associates and David Griffith; Magninie Farms
Harold McElig; Cottonwood Land & Cattle LLC; Jeff Kieler; Bob Paulsen; McGreer Brothers; Dinklage Feed Yard Inc. OA; Peetz Land & Cattle; Matt Varra; Gary Kanter; Jim Young; WJD Ranch and Kent Schnell; Kirk Everton and Don Everton; Randy Twarling and Reggie Twarling; Allen, Marcella and Ralph Brauer; Five Birds LLC, Garry Neuschwanger and Stephen Gragg; Bryce Halstead; Jeff and Rosalie Kieler; Gross Wilkinson Ranch; Jerry Gregory Farmland; Jerry Gregory Pasture; Doug Lukassen; Ron Vetter; Harroun & Son Feeders; Ferguson & Son Inc.; Steve and Virginia Mahr; Skoglund/Simpson Joint Venture; Alan Adamson; Derry Farms Inc. and Floyd Derry Farms Inc.

Pooling Renewal with Tracts Added
Baumann Partnership; Dinklage Feed Yard Inc.; Leo Payne; NE Board Ed. Lands & Funds, Randy & Terry Faessler and St. George Ranch; Rooney Trust and D&B Livestock Inc.

New Pooling Arrangement Applications
Kieler Family Trust; Darrel Armstrong, Harold McElig and Jeannette, Greg & Brent McElig; Dan Gawith, Franks & Franks Partnership; Franks & Franks Partnership; KFKV Farms Inc. and Wyobraska Inc.; Floyd Derry Farms Inc., KFKV Farms Inc. and Wyobraska

11. Hydrogeology of Western Nebraska-Progress Presentation Update
13. Per Diem Worksheet

1. Call to Order
Vice-Chair Halligan called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. noting that Maas and Rex Roth are absent and excused.

A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
Vice-Chair Halligan stated 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
Vice-Chair Halligan 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 April 2016 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals
Motion by Rutt and second by Grabowski to approve possible April 2016 committee meeting expenditures for meals. With no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

2. Minutes
A. *Minutes of the February 9, 2016 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
Motion by Johnson and second by Narjes to approve the Minutes of the February 9, 2016 SPNRD Board of Directors meeting. With no additions or corrections, a roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Johnson, Grabowski, Narjes, Rutt, Halligan
Nay: None
Absent: Maas, Rexroth
Motion carried.

B. Minutes of the February 9, 2016 SPNRD District Operations Committee Meeting
   The Minutes were approved as presented.

C. Minutes of the February 8, 2016 SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs
   Committee Meeting
   The Minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Treasurer’s Report for February 2016 and Accounts Payable
   Horn reviewed the account balances listed on the Treasurer’s Report as follows:

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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 $71,452.51. After discussion, Johnson moved to
approve the Treasurer’s Report and authorize payment of the accounts payable in the amount of
$71,452.51. A second was made by Rutt and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

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

4. Public Questions Comments and Concerns
   None.

5. Director and Staff Reports
   Sanders-worked on flow meter program items and attended a Water Issues meeting in Alliance.
   Glanz-worked on pooling agreements, assisted with the Irrigation and Nitrogen Management
   training, attended the Western Water Use Management (WWUM) Model meeting, POAC/PBC
   meeting, attended the Water Programs Conference and read industrial flow meters. Discussion
   followed.
   Reisdorf-worked on the HMP, worked with Doug Keller, Apex Sand and Gravel regarding a water
   transfer to be addressed by the board at a later date, attended the Western Water Use
   Management (WWUM) Model meeting, POAC/PBC meeting, attended the Wellhead Protection
   meeting and Water Programs Conference in Kearney, worked on the Scope of Work for the
   Oliver Reservoir augmentation project, and an Urban Best Management Practices workshop to be
   held on June 2, 2016.
Wittrock-reported that most of his time will be directed toward the Oliver Reservoir and East Sidney Watershed programs along with the Conservation Tree Program and Community Forestry Program. He also attended the Water Programs Conference in Kearney and made a presentation to the Master Gardeners in Scottsbluff.

Kaiser-surface water sampled and measured ground water levels, recertified for his Chemigation license, mailed the Chemigation permit applications to producers and the Nitrogen Management forms to the producers in the Sidney Ground Water Management Area. He attended the Water Programs Conference in Kearney, ordered weed barrier and trees for the Goldenrod Wildlife Management Area (Deuel County) and Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area. A new monitoring well will be drilled during FY 2016. He requested the Director’s input for the location.

Discussion followed.

Davis-spent considerable time with the Irrigation and Nitrogen Management Certification Program, attended the Panhandle No-till Winter Conference in Gering and the Envirothion in Gordon. The Spring Pipeline Newsletter was sent to the printer. He gave two presentations during the WNCC Sophomore Career Day. Discussion followed.

Horn submitted a written report and Suhr was absent.

6. Agency Reports
   A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
      1. NRCS Report
         Joe Larson was present during the meeting and reviewed the NRCS report that was provided. Area 1 Range Judging will be held in Kimball County in September 2016.
         Discussion followed.

   B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)
      1. NARD Report
         Johnson requested the board review the NARD’s proposed budget. Discussion followed.

   C. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
      1. NDNR Report
         Rexroth was absent.

7. General Reports
   A. Progress Update on Hydrogeology of Western Nebraska Project
      Thad Kuntz gave an update on the Hydrogeology of Western Nebraska project, funded through a grant from the Nebraska Environmental Trust, three NRDs (South Platte, North Platte and Twin Platte), with in-kind contributions from the Conservation Survey Division and the Nebraska Oil and Gas Conservation Commission. He gave background on the purpose for the collection of the oil and gas well geophysical logs data and explained that the data will add to the existing datasets to give a better representation for “base of aquifer.” He discussed that Lance and Fox Hills aquifers are located in Kimball, Banner and Scotts Bluff Counties. He also sees Arikaree aquifer below the Ogallala aquifer. Discussion followed. He discussed the next steps to work with the data gathered.

      Kaiser reported on the District’s Sidney Ground Water Quality Management Subarea and producer requirements.
C. JESWA/East Sidney Watershed Project Update

Wittrock met with the new City of Sidney Manager and discussed the project with him. He will attend the City Council meeting this evening. The next step will be the final design plans to determine the dollar amount.

8. *Discussion and Consideration to Approve Pooling Renewals and New Pooling Agreement Applications

Pooling Renewals (35)
NE Board Educational Lands & Funds (BELF) and Derry Farms Inc.; BELF and Eula M Williams Trust; BELF and Ioan Childers; BELF and Bob Runge; BELF, WH Palser Farms Inc.; Ronald Hendrickson and I-M Palser Farms Inc.; Sand Draw Associates and David Griffith; Magninie Farms
Harold McClung; Cottonwood Land & Cattle LLC; Jeff Kielian; Bob Paulsen; McGregor Brothers; Dinklage Feed Yard Inc. OA; Peetz Land & Cattle; Matt Varra; Gary Kanter; Jim Young; WJD Ranch and Klint Schnell; Kirk Evertson and Don Everton; Randy Twarling and Reggie Twarling; Allen, Marcella and Ralph Brauer; Five Birds LLC, Garry Neuschwanger and Stephen Gragg; Bryce Halstead; Jeff and Rosalie Kielian; Gross Wilkinson Ranch; Jerry Gregory Farmland; Jerry Gregory Pasture; Doug Lukassen; Ron Vetter; Harroun & Sons Feeders; Ferguson & Son Inc.; Steve and Virginia Mahr; Skoglund/Simpson Joint Venture; Alan Adamson; Derry Farms Inc. and Floyd Derry Farms Inc.

All the agreements meet the SPNRD requirements. Motion by Rutt, second by Grabowski to approve 35 Pooling Renewal Applications listed above. With no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Pooling Renewal with Tracts Added (5)
Baumann Partnership; Dinklage Feed Yard Inc.; Leo Payne; NE Board Ed. Lands & Funds, Randy & Terry Faessler and St. George Ranch; Rooney Trust and D&B Livestock Inc.

All the agreements meet the SPNRD requirements. Motion by Narjes, second by Rutt to approve 5 Pooling Renewal with Tracts Added Applications as listed above. With no discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

New Pooling Arrangement Applications (7)
Kielian Family Trust; Darrel Armstrong, Harold McClung and Jeannette, Greg & Brent McClung; Dan Gwath; Franks & Franks Partnership; Franks & Franks Partnership; KFKV Farms Inc. and Wyobraska Inc.; Floyd Derry Farms Inc., KFKV Farms Inc. and Wyobraska

All agreements meet the SPNRD requirements. Motion by Rutt, second by Grabowski to approve 7 new pooling applications as listed. With no discussion, roll call vote was taken.
Aye:    Halligan, Johnson, Grabowski, Narjes, Rutt
Nay:    None
Absent: Maas, Rexroth
Motion carried.

9. Committee Report
   A. District Operations Committee
      1. *Action on Resolution Amending Interlocal Agreement Regarding the NET Grant
         Project, Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska
         After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to approve the Resolution
         Amending the Interlocal Agreement regarding the NET Grant, Preserving CRP Grassland
         Benefits in Western Nebraska. Second by Johnson. No further discussion followed and a
         roll call vote was taken.

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

      2. District’s Hazard Mitigation Plan
         a. *Discussion and Ratify Action on Grant Agreement between Nebraska Emergency
            Management Agency (NEMA) and South Platte Natural Resources District
            Regarding the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan Revision Project, PDM-NE-2015-03
            After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to ratify the grant
            agreement between NEMA and the SPNRD regarding the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
            revision project, PDM-NE-2015-3. Second by Johnson. No further discussion followed
            and a roll call vote was taken.

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

           b. *Discussion and Consideration to Amend Agreement between the SPNRD and JEO
              Consulting Group, Inc. to Change the Not-To-Exceed Amount from $70,000 to
              $77,500
              After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to amend the
              agreement between the SPNRD and JEO Consulting Group, Inc. and to change the not-
              to-exceed amount from $70,000 to $77,000. Second by Johnson. No further discussion
              followed and a roll call vote was taken.

            Aye:    Narjes, Rutt, Halligan, Grabowski, Johnson
            Nay:    None
            Absent: Maas, Rexroth
            Motion carried.
3. **Action to Approve the Western Nebraska Children’s Ground Water Festival Program and Budget**
   
   After discussion that the total budget is $1,490, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to approve the Western Nebraska Children’s Ground Water Festival Program and Budget as presented. Second by Johnson. No further discussion followed and a roll call vote was taken.

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

4. **Action on Request for Funding Assistance for the Sidney Environmental Team for the 2016 State Envirothon Competition**
   
   After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to approve a scholarship in the amount of $350 to pay the team entry fee and to help cover costs related to the Nebraska Envirothon. Second by Johnson. A brief discussion followed and a roll call vote was taken.

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

5. **Discussion and Action on Community Forestry Program Applications**
   
   The current applications for consideration - SPNRD Re-Tree Nebraska, $1500.00; Village of Lodgepole $2,609.85; City of Kimball Residents $10,000.00; City of Kimball Gotte Park $1,200.00; Potter Community Tree Project $8,300.84; Potter Cemetery Board $1,585.00. After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to approve the SPNRD 2016 Community Forestry Program funding in the amount of $25,195.69. Second by Johnson. A brief discussion followed and a roll call vote was taken.

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

6. **Action on Corners for Wildlife Application**
   
   After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to approve the Corners for Wildlife application from Randy Faessler for 5.4 acres located in Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 48 West, Cheyenne County, Nebraska. Second by Johnson. No further discussion followed and a roll call vote was taken.

   Aye: Grabowski, Narjes, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson
   Nay: None
   Absent: Maas, Rexroth
   Motion carried.
7. **Consideration to Approve Camp Scholarships**
   a. **Range Youth Camp**
   b. **ACE Camp (Adventure Camp about the Environment)**
      After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to approve funding for camp scholarships for Range Camp and ACE Camp for the 2016 camp year in the amount of $1,680 and enable staff flexibility to award the scholarships where needed. Second by Johnson. With no further discussion roll call vote was taken.

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

8. **Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area (ORRA) and Advisory Committee (ORAC)**
   a. **Ratify Appointment of New Member**
      After discussion, motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to ratify appointment of Andy Bremer, representing the City of Kimball, to serve on the Oliver Reservoir Advisory Committee. Second by Johnson. No further discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken. roll call vote was taken.

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

10. **Correspondence**
    None.

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    June 12-15, 2016 ACE Camp, State 4-H Center, Halsey  
    July 4, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Independence Day  
    September 5, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Labor Day  
    September 25-27, 2016, NARD Annual Conference, Kearney

12. **Adjourn**
    With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:31 p.m.

    Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary  
    * Denotes Action Item