PUBLICATION NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on Tuesday, September 13, 2016 at the Lodgepole Valley Youth Camp, 2040 Fort Sidney Road, 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 - Bill Halligan, Acting Chair/Vice-Chair
   A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
   B. Legal Notices

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

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

4. Hearing on Proposed FY 2017 Budget beginning at 5:15 p.m.

5. Hearing to Set Final Tax Request for FY 2017, beginning at 5:30 p.m. or immediately following the Hearing, whichever is later

6. Hearing (5:45 p.m.) Pursuant to the District’s Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations to Determine whether Elizabeth Burback, John Widdowson, Sandpoint Cattle Co. LLC, Lola Thomas, Thomas Land Company and Lora Swearingen Trust and Kirk Swearingen, Owners and/or Operators of the described property have violated the District’s Rules by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management

7. *Appropriate Action Regarding Alleged Violation of the District’s Rules and Regulations (Closed Session):
   A. Burback alleged violation by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management
   B. Widdowson alleged violation by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management
   C. Thomas alleged violation by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management
   D. Swearingen alleged violation by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management

8. Agency Reports
   A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
      1. NRCS Report - Kristin Dickinson, DC-NRCS

   B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)
      1. NARD Report

"over"
2. NARD Annual Conference, September 25-27, 2016, Kearney, NE
   a. *Action on Voting Delegate and Alternate
   b. *Discussion and Action as Desired on Proposed NARD Resolution

C. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
   1. NDNR Natural Resources Commission Report

9. Committee Report
   A. District Operations Committee
      1. Fiscal Year Budgets July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017
         a. *Final Approval of SPNRD CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee - Draft #2
         b. *Final Approval of SPNRD ORRA - Draft #1
         c. *Final Approval of SPNRD - Draft #2
         d. *Action on Resolution for Setting the Final Property Tax Request for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017

2. *Discussion and Action Regarding Revisions to the Conservation Tree Program Policy Manual

3. *Discussion and Action amending for clarification purposes the Board's Action on December 8, 2015 and as Amended on May 10, 2016 to Execute a Construction Line of Credit with American Bank of Sidney to Finance Improvements to the District's Interior Front Offices

4. *Review and Ratify Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) Fund Grant Application Entitled: Western Nebraska Irrigation Project

5. Review of the Western Water Use Management Modeling Update Project and Consultant's Scope of Work


10. Director and Staff Reports

11. Correspondence

12. Dates
    September 13-15, 2016, Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
    September 22, 2016, SPNRD Fall Tour, Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area
    September 25-27, 2016, NARD Annual Conference, Kearney
    October 10, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Columbus Day
    October 11, 2016, Conservation Awards Reception, 21st Century, Sidney, 2-4 p.m. with awards following during the regular board meeting
    October 11, 2016, SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting
    November 11, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Veterans Day
    November 24-25, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday
    January 4, 2017, 90-Day Legislative Session Begins
    January 24-25, 2017, NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln
    March 18-23, 2017, NARD Washington DC Conference

13. Adjourn

*Denotes Action Item
MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 13, 2016, at the Lodgepole Valley Youth Camp, 2040 Fort Sidney Road, Sidney, NE at 5:00 p.m. The public notices were published in the area 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
Tim Maas

Board Members Absent (excused)
Keith Rexroth, Chair
Jim Johnson, Secretary
Larry Rutt

Others Present
Thad Kuntz, ARI

NRD Staff Present
Rod L. Horn, General Manager
Linda Suhr, Administrative Manager
Don Davis, Information and Education Coordinator
Ryan Reisdorf, Water Resources Specialist

Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator
Tyler Sanders, Water Resources Technician

Information Material
The following information was provided electronically prior to the meeting or provided during the meeting:
1. Final and Tentative Agenda - Board of Directors meeting, September 13, 2016
2. Final and Tentative Agenda - District Operations Committee meeting, September 13, 2016
3. Tentative Agenda - Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee, September 12, 2015
4. August 9, 2016 Minutes of the South Platte NRD (SPNRD) Board of Directors meeting
5. August 9, 2016 Minutes of the SPNRD District Operations Committee meeting
6. August 7, 2015 Minutes of the SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting
7. August Treasurer’s Report and Accounts Payable
8. General Manager’s Report
9. Administrative Manager’s Report
10. September 22, 2016 District Tour Itinerary and Brochure
11. SPNRD Educator Resources Guide 2016-2017
12. NARD proposed resolutions
13. District Operations Committee
   o FY 2017 South Platte Natural Resources District Proposed Budgets
     o Budget Hearing Agenda
     o Special Public Hearing to Set Final Tax Request Agenda
     o SPNRD Budget July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 (Draft #2), Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area (Draft #1) and CHESI Citizens’ Monitoring Committee Proposed Budget July 1, 2016 - June 30, 2017 (Draft #2)
     o State of Nebraska 2016-2017 Natural Resources District Budget Forms and Form LC-3, Lid Computational
     o August 29, 2016 memorandum from Rod Horn with charts and graphs along with budget documents for FY 2017 Budget
     o Draft Resolution for Setting the Final Property Tax Request for the Fiscal Year 2016-2017 Budget
     o Proposed Revisions to the Conservation Tree Program Policy Manual
14. Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
   - Rule 6.4 Alleged Violations
     ▪ Hearing Agenda to determine whether violations of SPNRD Rule 6.4 occurred
     ▪ SPNRD Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations
     ▪ Hearing Public Notices
     ▪ Certified mail and attached Tract Information, Certified Irrigated Acres, Subarea and Allocated Inches for the current Allocation Period
       • Elizabeth Burback - Tract 15N55W020002 Section 20, Township 15 North, Range 55 West; Tract 15N55W060001 Section 6, Township 15 North Range 55 West both in Kimball County, Nebraska
       • John Widdowson, Sandpoint Cattle Co. LLC - Tract 13N46W040001 Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 46 West; Tract 13N46W040003 Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 46 West; Tract 13N46W040002 Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 46 West; Tract 14N46W320002 Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 46 West; Tract 13N45W170002 Section 17, Township 13 North, Range 45 West; Tract 13N45W170001 Section 17, Township 13 North, Range 45 West all in Cheyenne and Deuel Counties, Nebraska
       • Lora Swearingen Trust & Kirk Swearingen - Tract 16N55W290001 Section 29, Township 16 North, Range 55 West; Tract 16N55W280001 Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 55 West, both in Kimball County, Nebraska
   - Hearing Timeline
   - Orders-Completed and Signed following Board Action

15. Correspondence
16. Per Diem Worksheet

1. Call to Order
   Vice-Chair Halligan and Acting Chair for this meeting called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. noting that Keith Rexroth, Jim Johnson and Larry Rutt were absent.
   A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
      Acting Chair Halligan stated that this meeting is subject to the Nebraska Open Meetings Act. A copy of the act is posted in the meeting room.

   B. Legal Notices
      Acting 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.

2. Minutes
   A. Minutes of the August 9, 2016 South Platte Natural Resources District (SPNRD) Board of Directors Meeting
      With no corrections or additions, motion by Narjes second by Grabowski to approve the August 9, 2016 minutes as distributed. A roll call vote was taken.

      Aye: Halligan, Maas, Grabowski, Narjes
      Nay:
      Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
      Motion carried.
B. Minutes of the August 9, 2016 SPNRD District Operations Committee Meeting  
These minutes were approved as distributed.

C. Minutes of the August 8, 2016 SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee Meeting  
These minutes were approved as distributed.

3. *Treasurer’s Report for August 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 $129,047.25. After discussion, Maas moved to approve the Treasurer’s Report and authorize payment of the accounts payable in the amount of $129,047.25. A second was made by Grabowski and with no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Grabowski, Narjes, Halligan  
Nay:  
Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt  
Motion carried.

The board meeting was recessed at 5:15 p.m. for the Hearings.

4. Hearing on Proposed FY 2017 Budget beginning at 5:15 p.m.
   The Hearing on the Proposed Fiscal Year 2017 Budget was convened at 5:15 p.m. by Acting Chair Halligan. Legal notices for the hearing were presented. Halligan turned the meeting over to General Manager Rod Horn. Horn discussed the FY 2016-2017 Budget for the combined South Platte NRD (Draft #2), Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area (Draft #1) and Citizens’ Monitoring Committee (Draft #2) in the amount of $3,365,032. Property tax request is $1,345,999.32 ($0.050246 per $100 valuation). Horn explained that the tax rate is less than the request for FY 2016. The Draft #2 of the District’s budget was reviewed during the August 8, 2016 board meeting. Horn indicated that he made non-substantive changes and the budget was public noticed and presented to the board. Horn discussed continued decline in revenue from federal and state sources. Horn provided information on the unused restricted funds, lid exceptions and the benefits gained through interlocal agreements. The Hearing was adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

5. Hearing to Set Final Tax Request for FY 2017, beginning at 5:30 or immediately following the Hearing whichever is later
   The Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request for the Fiscal Year 2017 Budget convened at 5:30 p.m. by Acting Chair Halligan. Legal notices for the hearing are included in these minutes. A copy of the proposed resolution for setting the final tax request was provided to the directors. Halligan requested Horn review the proposed property tax request of $1,345,999.32 with a rate of $.050246 per $100
valuation. A special hearing and resolution are required because the request is different from the prior year. With no further questions or discussion the hearing was adjourned at 5:31 p.m.

The board meeting reconvened at 5:31 p.m.
The board meeting was recessed at 5:45 p.m.

6. Hearing (5:45 p.m.) Pursuant to the District’s Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations to Determine whether Elizabeth Burback, John Widdowson, Sandpoint Cattle Co., LLC, and Lora Swearingen Trust and Kirk Swearingen, Owners and/or Operators of the described property have violated the District’s Rule 6.4 by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management.

The alleged violators were not present during the Hearing. Acting Chair Halligan convened the hearing at 5:45 p.m. and discussed that the Hearing is pursuant to the District’s Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations to determine whether Elizabeth Burback, John Widdowson, Sandpoint Cattle Co., LLC, and Lora Swearingen Trust and Kirk Swearingen, owners and/or operators of the described property have violated the District’s Rule 6.4 by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management. Legal notices for the hearing were provided as Exhibit 1. Notices of Violation, mailed by regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, for Elizabeth Burback; John Widdowson; Sandpoint Cattle Co., LLC; and Lora Swearingen Trust/Kirk Swearingen were entered as Exhibit 2. The SPNRD Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations were entered as Exhibit 3.

Tim Maas was appointed Hearing Officer.

Donald D. Davis, Information and Education Coordinator read into the record the timeline for each alleged violator and entered such as Exhibit 4. Davis explained that John Burback, operator for Elizabeth Burback came to the SPNRD offices on Tuesday, September 13, 2016, took the test and passed it; however, he missed the certification deadline, Monday, September 12, 2016.

Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator, signed in and presented oral testimony regarding sampling and monitoring done at Sandpoint Cattle Co., LLC: sample 3 irrigation wells for nitrates; sample one domestic well for nitrates; monitor one irrigation well for water levels; and the District has a monitoring well installed on their property.

With no further exhibits or testimony, the hearing was adjourned at 6:07 p.m.

The board meeting was reconvened at 6:07 p.m.

7. Appropriate Action Regarding Alleged Violation of the District’s Rules and Regulations (Closed Session):

Motion by Narjes to go into closed session to protect the public interest and to decide whether Elizabeth Burback, John Widdowson, Sandpoint Cattle Co., LLC and Lora Swearingen Trust and Kirk Swearingen, owners and/or operators, committed alleged violations of District Rule 6.4. Staff and Thad Kuntz were included in the closed session. Second by Maas. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried.

Acting Chair Halligan repeated the reason for the closed session, and the board went into closed session at 6:08 p.m.

Motion by Maas second by Grabowski to come out of closed session at 6:18 p.m. A roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Maas, Grabowski, Narjes, Halligan
Nay:
Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
Motion carried.

After due consideration of all the evidence presented regarding the alleged violations, Maas made the following motions for Agenda Items A, B, and C.

A. **Burback’s alleged violation by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management**

   Motion by Maas second by Grabowski to adopt the Order (copy attached to these minutes) that, in accordance with Rule 5.1.2.1, Elizabeth Burback incur loss of allocation of 13 acre-inches off of Tract 15N55W200002 Section 20, Township 15 North, Range 55 West; and loss of allocation of 14 acre-inches off of Tract 15N55W060001 Section 6, Township 15 North Range 55 West both in Kimball County, Nebraska. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

   Aye: Grabowski, Narjes, Halligan, Maas
   Nay:
   Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
   Motion carried.

B. **Widdowson’s alleged violation by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management**

   Motion by Maas second by Grabowski to adopt the Order to Cease and Desist (copy attached to these minutes) that, in accordance with Rule 5.1.2.1, John Widdowson, Sandpoint Cattle Co. LLC incur loss of allocation of 16 acre-inches off of each of the following tracts: Tract 13N46W040001 Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 46 West; Tract 13N46W040003 Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 46 West; Tract 13N48W040002 Section 4, Township 13 North, Range 48 West; Tract 14N46W320002 Section 32, Township 14 North, Range 46 West; Tract 13N45W170002 Section 17, Township 13 North, Range 45 West; and Tract 13N45W170001 Section 17, Township 13 North, Range 45 West all in Cheyenne and Deuel Counties, Nebraska. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

   Aye: Narjes, Halligan, Maas, Grabowski
   Nay:
   Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
   Motion carried.

C. **Swearingen’s alleged violation by not successfully completing the District’s required training and education certification in irrigation and nitrogen management**

   Motion by Maas second by Grabowski to adopt the Order to Cease and Desist (copy attached to these minutes) that, in accordance with Rule 5.1.2.1, Lora Swearingen Trust and Kirk Swearingen incur loss of allocation of 13 acre-inches off of each of the following tracts: Tract 16N55W290001 Section 29, Township 16 North, Range 55 West; and Tract 16N55W280001 Section 28, Township 16 North, Range 55 West, both in Kimball County, Nebraska. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

   Aye: Halligan, Maas, Grabowski, Narjes
   Nay:
   Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
   Motion carried.
8. Agency Reports
   A. USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
      1. NRCS Report
         A written report was prepared and included in the Directors’ iPad.

   B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts
      1. NARD Report
         Johnson was absent.

      2. NARD Annual Conference, September 25-27, 2016, NARD Annual Conference, Kearney
         a. *Action on Voting Delegate and Alternate
            Rutt, Halligan and Maas plan to attend the annual conference. Motion by Narjes second by Maas to nominate Larry Rutt as voting delegate and Bill Halligan as alternate for the NARD Annual Conference. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

            Aye: Grabowski, Narjes, Halligan, Maas
            Nay:
            Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
            Motion carried.

         b. *Discussion and Action as desired on Proposed NARD Resolutions
            Horn discussed the two resolutions that were submitted within the deadline. Discussion was held to use input from directors and staff with the flexibility to vote after hearing the floor discussion during the NARD Annual Conference. Motion by Narjes second by Grabowski to authorize the SPNRD NARD delegate to act upon the resolutions as deemed appropriate for the SPNRD. A roll call vote was taken.

            Aye: Narjes, Halligan, Maas, Grabowski
            Nay:
            Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
            Motion carried.

   B. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
      1. NDNR Report
         Rexroth was absent. Horn briefly discussed that twenty-four small fund applications were submitted during the second round of Water Sustainability Fund applications.

9. General Reports
   A. Report on Phase II Study to Identify the Impact of Soil and Water Conservation Measures on Streamflow
      Thad Kuntz, Adaptive Resources, Inc., presented information on the Phase II Study to Identify the Impact of Soil and Water Conservation Measures on Streamflow using modeling. The project was approved by the Platte Basin Coalition, consisting of North Platte, South Platte, Twin Platte, Tri-Basin and Central Platte NRDs and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. Discussion followed.

   B. Review of Western Water Use Management (WWUM) Modeling Update Project and Consultant’s Scope of Work
      Kuntz discussed the WWUM modeling update project and ARI scope of work. The SPNRD applied for a small project grant and received approval of the application from the Nebraska Water Sustainability Fund (WSF). The project cost is $392,500 with $235,500 approved through the WSF
with local match from NPNRD and SPNRD in the amount of $157,000 ($78,500 from each NRD). Discussion followed.

C. Review of the SPNRD Educator Resources Guide 2016-2017

Davis briefly outlined the guide that he prepared and sent to all area schools. He hopes to bring natural resources education into the classrooms.

10. Committee Report

A. District Operations Committee

1. Fiscal Year 2017 Budgets

a. *Final Approval of CMC Budget

Halligan turned the meeting over to Narjes. She reported that the District Operations Committee reviewed the Budgets extensively. The CMC recommended approval of the budget at its August 15, 2016 meeting. Narjes made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve the Citizens’ Monitoring Committee (CMC) Budget draft #2 in the amount of $148,647. A second was made by Maas. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried.

b. *Final Approval of ORRA Budget

Narjes made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve the ORRA Budget draft #1 in the amount of $119,199. A second was made by Grabowski. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried.

c. *Final Approval of SPNRD Budget

Narjes made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve the combined SPNRD/CMC/ORRA Budgets in the amount of $3,365,032; with a property tax request in the amount of $1,345,999.32 at a tax rate of $.050246 per hundred dollar valuation. Second by Maas. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion carried.

d. *Action on Resolution for Setting the Final Tax Request for FY 2017

Narjes made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve the resolution for setting the final tax request for FY 2017 in the amount of $1,345,999.32 at a tax rate of $.050246 per hundred dollar valuation. Second by Grabowski. A roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Halligan, Maas, Grabowski, Narjes
Nay:
Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
Motion carried.

2. *Discussion and Action Regarding Revisions to the Conservation Tree Program Policy Manual*
   Narjes moved on behalf of the committee to approve the revisions that Wittrock discussed. A second was made by Maas. There were no price changes. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Grabowski, Narjes, Halligan
Nay:
Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
Motion carried.

3. *Discussion and Action amending for clarification purposes the Board’s Action on December 8, 2015 and as Amended on May 10, 2016 to Execute a Construction Line of Credit with American Bank of Sidney to Finance Improvements to the District’s Interior Front Offices*
   Narjes made a motion on behalf of the committee to approve the new language to Execute a Construction Line of Credit with American Bank of Sidney, with the amendments to the final paragraph as follows: *Now therefore be it resolved that Keith Rexroth, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the South Platte Natural Resources District, Rodney L. Horn, General Manager or James “Jim” C. Johnson, Secretary of the Board, are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents relating to the transaction with two signatures required. Second by Grabowski. The American Bank requested the wording clarification. A roll call vote was taken.*

Aye: Grabowski, Narjes, Halligan, Maas
Nay:
Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
Motion carried.

4. *Review and Ratify Nebraska Environmental Trust (NET) Fund Grant Application Entitled: Western Nebraska Irrigation Project*
   Motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to ratify the NET application as discussed.
   Second by Maas. After discussion, a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Narjes, Halligan, Maas, Grabowski
Nay:
Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
Motion carried.

5. *Discussion and Action on Preserving CRP Grasslands Cost-Share Application that Exceeds the Manager’s Authority to Consider for Approval*
   a. Greg Sprenger, NC-14 Planned Grazing System
   The cost-share application from Greg Sprenger requests funding through the Preserving CRP Grasslands NET grant in the amount of $22,373.48. The project will benefit 164.1 acres and is located on the SE ¼ Section 31, Township 13 North, Range 51 West, Cheyenne County. Motion by Narjes on behalf of the committee to approve the application as discussed in the amount of $22,373.48. Second by Grabowski. With no further discussion, a roll call vote was taken.
Aye: Halligan, Maas, Grabowski, Narjes
Nay:
Absent: Johnson, Rexroth, Rutt
Motion carried.

11. Director and Staff Reports
Sanders - checked the pilot program flow meter, read industrial flow meters, resealed flow meters, mowed the SPNRD property and gathered alfalfa pivot data for the WWUM modeling, changed oil in SPNRD vehicles and updated certified irrigated acres on GIS.
Reisdorff - worked on municipal industrial accounting, received the contract from NDNR for the Oliver Streamflow Enhancement Project, and attended JESWA, WWUM modeling, PRRIP and ORAC meetings. The Curtis Williamson well drilling began today. He worked on a Water Leaders Academy project, and assisted Kaiser pumping monitoring wells. Discussion followed.
Kaiser - wrapped up chemigation inspections noting that six systems failed. The cooperators have until the end of the calendar year for the systems to pass inspection or the permits will be denied. He pumped the new monitoring wells in Kimball County, sampled at Oliver Reservoir for toxic algae and bacteria and sampled the stream. He discussed possible ingress/egress for Goldenrod Wildlife Management Area with Deuel County landowner Dale Hummermeier. Further information will be necessary.
Witrock - attended the Western Nebraska Forestry Field Day in Scottsbluff, where more was shared about the Emerald Ash Borer. He also went to Lincoln for a Plant Materials Center meeting. He is working with Olsson Associates regarding the East Sidney Watershed Project. He began ordering trees for the 2017 Conservation Tree Program. Community Forestry applications from 2016 are being completed. Environmentally adapted trees from the Nebraska Forest Service will be planted in Sidney.
Davis - set up displays for two of the District’s County fairs, attended an ORAC meeting, prepared the Pipeline Newsletter, and worked on the Annual District Tour, the NRD Conservation Tree Booklet, SPNRD conservation awards, range judging and the education resources flyer. The Range Camp scholarship recipients sent a thank you to the SPNRD.
Suhr and Horn submitted written reports.

12. Correspondence
Horn urged the board to read any correspondence provided.

13. Upcoming Dates
September 22, 2016, SPNRD Fall Tour, Oliver Reservoir Recreation Area
September 25-27, 2016, NARD Annual Conference, Kearney
October 10, 2016, SPNRD Offices Closed, Columbus Day
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January 4, 2017, 90-Day Legislative Session Begins
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14. Adjourn
With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

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