

PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at the South Platte Natural Resources District, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, Nebraska, at 7:00 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 September 2011 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals
2. Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the August 9, 2011 South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors Meeting
 - B. Minutes of the August 9, 2011 District Operations Committee Meeting
 - C. Minutes of the July 11, 2011 Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee
3. *Treasurer's Report for July 2011 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. Progress Report on the Aerial Geophysical Mapping - Jim Cannia, Hydrologist/P.G., Jared Abraham, Geophysist, U.S.G.S. and Thad Kuntz, P.G. SPNRD/NPNRD
6. Update on the NETF Well Drilling (Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the SPNRD) - Chris Kaiser/Chris Hobza, U.S.G.S.
7. Final Community Forestry Report - Wittrock
8. Director and Staff Reports
 - A. Reports
 - B. Second Annual Review of the OA Platte River Basin-Wide Plan - Halligan/Liebig/Horn
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
 2. NARD Annual Conference - September 25-27, 2011
 3. NARD Resolutions
 - a. *Action on Proposed SPRND Resolution

C. Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development (PRC&D)

1. PRC&D Report - Halligan

10. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee

1. *Discussion and Action as Desired on Village of Gurley's Variance Request
2. *Discussion and Action as Desired on Initial Recommendation to Notify Adjacent Landowners/Operators that may be Impacted by Variance Requests
3. Variance Advisory Group
 - a. Review Requests Brought before the Group
 - b. *Action on Variance Requests Recommended by the Group
4. *Action on NDNR's Consultation Request for LeRoy Yung's Applications for an Industrial Ground Water Transfers Pert (I-21) and Permit (TA-49) to Transfer Ground Water to Adjoining State
5. Discussion on GIS Water Accounting and the Inclusion of Information on the Website/Internet

B. District Operations Committee - Halligan, Chair

1. 2011 Conservation Awards Program
 - a. *Action on 2011 Conservation Awards Program Nominations
 - b. *Action on 2011 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget, and Approval of Entertainment Contract
2. 2012 Fiscal Year Budgets
 - a. Preliminary NRD and CMC Budget Review
 - b. Action on Unused Restricted Funds Authority
 - i. *Increase an Additional One Percent
3. SPNRD/CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee
 - a. *Ratification of Reappointed Members to the Committee
 - b. *Ratification of NPAIT Fund Transfer to the CMC Checking Account
 - c. *Ratify Resolution to Open New CMC Money Market Account
 - d. *Ratify Closing CMC's Checking Account
4. *Request to Approve NSWCP Application(s)

11. Review Manager's Responsibilities and Performance

12. Correspondence

13. Upcoming Dates

- A. September 5, 2011, SPNRD Office Closed, Labor Day
- B. September 13, 2011, SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting
- C. September 13-15, 2011, Husker Harvest Days
- D. September 23, 2011, SPNRD/NRCS District Tour and Picnic
- E. September 25-27, 2011, NARD 2011 Annual Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney
- F. October 3-4, 2011, Nebraska Society for Range Management Meetings, Sidney
- G. October 10, 2011, SPNRD Office Closed, Columbus Day
- H. October 15, 2011, Annual SPNRD/NRCS Conservation Awards Banquet
- I. November 11, 2011, SPNRD Office Closed, Veterans Day
- J. November 24-25, 2011, SPNRD Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

14. Adjourn

* Denotes Action Item

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, August 9, 2011, at the South Platte NRD Conference Room, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, NE at 7:00 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

Tom Biggs, Vice-Chair
Tim Maas
Bill Halligan
Larry Rutt

Board Members Absent (all excused)

Keith Rexroth, Chair
Paul Hutchison, Secretary
Jim Johnson

Others Present

Susan Lockwood, Kimball NRCS Field Office; Whitney Lockwood; Steve Sibray, CSD-Scottsbluff;
Chris Hobza, USGS; Jim Cannia, USGS; Jared Abraham, USGS; and Thad Kuntz, P.G.
SPNRD/NPNRD Modeler

NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager Manager	Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager
Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Manager	Don Ogle, Information & Ed Coord.
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coord.	Travis Glanz, Water Res. Technician
Ryan Reisdorff, Water Res. Pro. Specialist	Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager

Information Material

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

1. Tentative Agenda and Final Agenda - Board of Directors meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 7:00 p.m.
2. Tentative Agenda and Final Agenda - District Operations Committee meeting Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 5:30 p.m. (The meeting was cancelled)
3. Tentative Agenda and Final Agenda - SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting, August 8, 2011
4. July 12, 2011 Minutes of the SPNRD Board of Directors meeting
5. July 12, 2011 Minutes of the SPNRD District Operations Committee meeting
6. July 11, 2011 Minutes of the SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting
7. July 2011 Treasurer's Report and August 8, 2011 Accounts Payable

8. July 29, 2011 Manager's Letter from Rod L. Horn; July 31, 2011 reports from Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager/Bookkeeper and Jodi R. Livingstone, District Secretary
 9. August 9, 2011 Manager's Report with attached email and "Financial Review" from James Stewart, NDEQ, re: SPNRD 319 Grant (56-0883) and Proposed CREP Platte Map 2009
 10. August 2011 NRCS Report
 11. FY 2011 SPNRD Final Community Forestry Report
 12. Minutes of the SPNRD Variance Advisory Group Meeting, Tuesday, July 19, 2011 with attachments regarding requests from Randy Miller and Richard Malcolm
 13. Variance Request Notifications prepared by Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Manager
 14. Draft Resolution to be submitted by the SPNRD to the NARD re: Public Notice Regarding Variance Requests
 15. LeRoy Yung NDNR Permits TA-49 and I-21 and staff comments to be discussed
 16. Proposed 2011 SPNRD Conservation Awards Banquet Budget includes Entertainment Agreement (McGowan) and 2011 SPNRD Conservation Awards Program Nominations
 17. SPNRD Proposed Budget Worksheet, July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012, Draft #1
 18. SPNRD/CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee Proposed Budget Worksheet, July 1, 2011 - June 30, 2012, Draft #1
 19. July 29, 2011 memo from Rod L. Horn re: CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee reappointment of committee members (Larry Stahla and Greg Robinson)
 20. Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) Applications for Cost-Share above Manager's threshold (\$5,600) to approve: Joe Neumann and Doug Lukassen
 21. July 15, 2011 SPNRD Press Release re: July board meeting
 22. July 2011, Nebraska Farmer, "A look back at a success story" by Ray Suppala
 23. July 29, 2011 Associated Press, "Nebraska High Court rejects irrigation district appeal" by Margery A. Beck
 24. July 2011 Nebraska Resources Newsletter, Issue 40, "2011 Flooding and Response" (Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Newsletter)
 - 25.
 26. Per Diem and Expense Form
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1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Tom Biggs called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. MDT. Chair Keith Rexroth, Jim Johnson and Secretary Paul Hutchison were absent and excused. Biggs welcomed the guests.

A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act

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

B. Legal Notices

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

C. Approval of Expenditures

1. *Possible September 2011 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals

Rutt moved and Halligan seconded the motion to approve the September 2011 committee expenses for meals as discussed. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Halligan, Maas, Biggs, Rutt
Nay: None
Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson
Motion Carried.

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the July 12, 2011 SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the July 12, 2011 SPNRD District Operations Committee Meeting

These minutes were approved as presented.

C. Minutes of the July 11, 2011 SPNRD Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Treasurer's Report for July 2011 and Accounts Payable

Horn reviewed the account balances as follows:

<u>Account Description</u>	<u>July 1, 2011</u>	<u>July 31, 2011</u>
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	\$ 512,757.89	\$ 445,257.24
SPNRD Building/Property	\$ 18,006.85	\$ 18,008.91
SPNRD Vehicle/Equipment	\$ 73,315.36	\$ 73,324.10
SPNRD Security First CDs	\$ 101,532.41	\$ 101,532.41
Citizens' Monitoring Committee	\$ 17,724.66	\$ 13,606.96
Citizens' Monitoring CDs	\$ 77,143.34	\$ 77,370.15
SPRCC Combined (includes CDs)	\$ 143,131.94	\$ 143,132.53

Horn reviewed various items listed in the accounts receivable and accounts payable. The total amount of accounts payable is \$142,709.04. He urged the board to ask questions or come at any time to the office and review receipts and/or invoices. Halligan moved and Maas seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$142,709.04. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan
Nay: None
Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson
Motion Carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. Progress Report on the Aerial Geophysical Mapping

Jim Cannia and Jared Abraham, United States Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.), Steve Sibray, UNL Conservation and Survey Division and Thad Kuntz, P.G. Modeler SPNRD/NPNRD were present during the meeting. Cannia explained that the base of aquifer contours is an important

component to the ground water models. When the new airborne data was added there was more control and detail. He also said that it is important that more data is gathered. Jared Abraham discussed how a pending grant may allow international grad students from Australia and Denmark to assist with developing the data. They will also supply ground water modeling support. Using the data, Cannia hopes to develop a three dimensional model that will subdivide the Ogallala on the tableland. He explained that the Resolve data was limited in depth, but the SkyTem data was much deeper. However, he felt the two types of data supported each other and added confidence in the work being done. Steve Sibray and Jared Abraham are working on determining deeper paleochannels that could exist within the Brule. Halligan asked if the data will be useful to well drillers and Cannia and Sibray agreed it would be useful to find water with the new data.

They also discussed the Western Canal data.

Cannia discussed Magnetic Resonance Sounding (MRS). U.S.G.S. has been able to purchase the MRS equipment which will help the data collection to be cost-effective. Abraham said the MRS will provide hydrologic properties for the ground water models that Sibray and Kuntz are working on.

Using a visual presentation, Thad Kuntz discussed how the data that Cannia and Abraham were compiling and the drilling project data that Chris Kaiser and Chris Hobza are compiling through the NETF grant-Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the SPNRD are used in the Western Water Use Model.

6. Update on the NETF Well Drilling (Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the SPNRD)

Chris Hobza, U.S.G.S. Hydrologist, presented information on the monitoring wells that have been drilled and the monitoring wells that will be drilled this fall in conjunction with the SPNRD Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund grant, Expanding Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the SPNRD. He discussed that ground water level information and the borehole information is necessary for management of the ground water. Since the South Platte Natural Resources District has been declared full or Overappropriated, management decisions need sound data, necessitating more monitoring wells for water quality and water level information. He displayed the existing monitoring wells and the sites for the new monitoring wells that will be drilled this fall. He explained how the drill data is ground truth for the Western Water Use Model, and the airborne geophysical mapping.

7. Final FY2011 Community Forestry Report

Galen Wittrock reviewed the South Platte NRD 2011 Community Forestry Program Final Report. Good overall participation showed 145 trees planted and 46 trees removed. Of the 145 trees that were planted, 60 of those trees were planted through the Re-Tree Nebraska Project. Projects costs totaled \$52,513.59. The SPNRD awarded funds for the projects in the amount of \$27,710.35; \$28,000 was budgeted for the FY2011 program.

8. Director and Staff Reports

A. Staff Reports

Glanz, Kaiser, Ogle, Wittrock, Liebig and Reisdorff gave oral reports. Horn, Suhr and Livingstone submitted written reports.

- o Glanz reported that his main focus this month has been work with flow meters. He worked on cost-share applications and read industrial flow meters. He spot-checked

temporary deferments and retired acres to make sure these acres weren't being irrigated. He assisted Wittrock with irrigation run-off complaints. He assisted producers with water-use calculations. He and Liebig participated in a web based meeting with Leonard Rice Engineers, Inc. Leonard Rice staff is preparing a historical acres data set which will be used in conjunction with the Western Water Use Model. Glanz is quality checking that data. He assisted Kaiser with irrigation pesticide tests.

- Kaiser reported obtaining the ten landowner easements necessary for the upcoming monitoring well drilling project. He sampled surface water and irrigation water and mailed the domestic spring sampling result post cards. In answer to a director question, he stated that the sampling includes pesticides, bacteria, nutrients and metals. Bacteria tests are run in-house. He is also providing sampling data for a UNL professor.
- Ogle attended the NARD Information and Education meeting in McCook, worked on the upcoming Conservation Awards Banquet details, updated and cleaned his computer files. He discussed some of the video training he has undertaken. In July he attended a Facebook class, learning about ways to reach the younger generation. He learned how to use the plotter purchased from the Central Platte NRD and prepared displays for the District's county fairs. He reported that the NARD will be recognizing LeRoy Yung (Tree Planter) and Alan Held (Environmental Educator) during the upcoming NARD annual conference in September in Kearney.
- Wittrock worked most of this month with the chemigation program, inspecting systems and issuing new permits. He investigated two informal runoff complaints and one informal sediment and erosion complaint. While in the field he's taken tree survival counts, stating that overall the tree survival looks good. Regarding the Oliver Reservoir gate removal project, Nienhueser Construction is compiling their safety plan; when that is finished the project will move forward. The new pickup truck has been ordered by the dealership, and delivery is expected the first week in September.
- Liebig and Reisdorff have been working with the municipal accounting and industrial accounting, meeting with municipalities and assisting with their paperwork. He hopes to present the Municipal Baseline Certifications to the board in September. He attended the Overappropriated Basin-Wide meeting, preparing and presenting the SPNRD report for that annual meeting. He put together the information for the Variance Advisory Group meeting that was held on July 19, 2011.
- Reisdorff reported that he, Kaiser and Wittrock went to Oliver Reservoir and did some cleanup and sprayed the salt cedar near the dam area. The draft of the Chappell Wellhead Protection Plan was submitted to NDEQ for preliminary review (319 grant). He discussed some best management practices that he is working on in conjunction with the 319 Grant. He discussed how the Multijurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Planning process was moving forward. He is also looking into possible grant options to landscape the SPNRD lots to the west and south of the main buildings. He also worked on the LeRoy Yung transfer permits.
- Horn discussed the items included with his Manager's Report.

B. Second Annual Review of the Overappropriated Platte River Basin-Wide Plan

Halligan gave a brief report on the Overappropriated Platte River Basin-Wide meeting that was held on July 21 in Grand Island. Kyle prepared and presented the SPNRD report.

Horn said Jim Schneider, Deputy Director of the Nebraska Department of Natural

Resources, gave an overview of what the NRDs are trying to accomplish to comply with the Overappropriated Basin-Wide Plan and their individual IMPs.

9. Agency Reports

A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Kristin Miller was absent. Susan Lockwood from the Kimball NRCS Field Office was present. Susan has completed the CRP Kimball County contracts for signup 41. She said Jerry Spiker is working on contracts in the Sidney office. Terraces are also being laid out. A written report was included in the handout material.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Board of Directors Meeting Report

Johnson was not present.

2. NARD Annual Conference - September 25-27, 2011

A tentative agenda for the conference was included in the handout material. Horn encouraged the board members to attend the annual conference. Jim Johnson is the SPNRD delegate to the conference and Larry Rutt is the alternate.

3. NARD Resolutions

a. *Action on Proposed SPNRD Resolution

The Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee (the District Operations Committee didn't meet) reviewed the resolution during their meeting. All board members present had the opportunity to review the resolution. Horn discussed that there could possibly be some changes to the document when the NARD reviews it during the annual conference, and flexibility should be allowed for Jim Johnson and/or Larry Rutt to work with committee during NARD annual conference. Rutt moved and Maas seconded the motion to approve the proposed SPNRD draft Resolution to be submitted by the SPNRD to the NARD re: Public Notice Regarding Variance Requests. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Halligan, Maas, Biggs

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

C. Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development (PRC&D)

1. PRC&D Report

Halligan attended the last PRC&D meeting. Horn has worked with the North Platte NRD and other entities so that the Panhandle No-till Partnership Funds can be identified in a separate account.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Rexroth was not present.

Vice-Chair Biggs appointed Larry Rutt as acting board chair so that Biggs could report for the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee.

10. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee

1. *Discussion and Action as Desired on Village of Gurley Variance Request

Biggs reported that no action is necessary at this time. The Village of Gurley is in the process of discussing installing a flow meter on the municipal well (G-029035).

2. *Discussion and Action as Desired on Initial Recommendation to Notify Adjacent Landowners/Operators that may be impacted by Variance Requests

Biggs reported that the committee reviewed the recommendation. Bill Halligan has reviewed the information. Biggs moved on behalf of the committee and Halligan seconded the motion to approve the initial recommendation to notify adjacent landowners/operators that may be impacted by variance requests as follows:

Public notice the meeting date/time at least a week prior to meeting date

- 1) Notice to the publisher no later than Monday at 5:00 p.m. prior to the Thursday publication date,
- 2) Published on the Thursday prior to the meeting date,
- 3) Three Area Newspapers: Sidney Sun-Telegraph, Chappell Register and Western Nebraska Observer

Include legal description of variance request locations, brief description of request and give real world location descriptions of variance requests (i.e. North of Potter 8 miles and 4 miles west), the cost would be about \$60 per meeting. Also include "Please see www.spnrd.org/PublicNotices for more information"

SPNRD Website www.spnrd.org

- 1) Create a public notice section on the website detailing the requests and corresponding maps,
- 2) Have three (3) 30 second ads read on KSID from 6am through 6pm for four (4) consecutive days before the variance meeting-will be same language as the public notices sent to papers-cost, approximately \$120 per meeting (depending on number of requests)

It was discussed that this does not include additional staff time costs that could range from 1-4 hours (Kyle, Don, Linda). A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Halligan, Maas, Biggs

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

3. Variance Advisory Group

a. Review Requests Brought before the Group

Halligan, Rutt and Biggs were present during the Variance Advisory Group meeting. The minutes were included in the handout material. The two requests were from

Richard Malcolm and Randy and Steve Miller. The Group recommended denying Malcolm's request and approving Randy and Steve Miller's request.

b. *Action on Variance Requests Recommended by the Group

Richard Malcolm

Biggs moved on behalf of the committee and Maas seconded the motion to deny Richard Malcolm's request to drill a well and to deny Richard Malcolm to certify the acres (no irrigation well to serve those acres) in the SE¼ of Section 8, Township 13 North, Range 44 West of the 6th P.M., Deuel County, Nebraska. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Halligan, Maas, Biggs, Rutt

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

Randy and Steve Miller

Liebig discussed that Randy and Steve Miller purchased irrigated property which had less certified irrigated acres than the actual irrigated acres. Randy Miller provided documentation from 2002-2005 which supported the request to certify 4.6 additional irrigated acres. Biggs moved on behalf of the committee and Maas seconded the motion to approve Randy and Steve Miller's request to approve 259.6 certified irrigated acres in the SW¼ of Section 4, Township 16 North, Range 49 West of the 6th P.M., Cheyenne County, Nebraska. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

4. *Action on NDNR's Consultation Request for LeRoy Yung's Applications for an Industrial Ground Water Transfers Permit (I-21) and Permit (TA-49) to Transfer Ground Water to an Adjoining State

On behalf of the committee, Rutt made a motion and Halligan seconded the motion to approve: a) LeRoy Yung's Ground Water Transfer Application to the South Platte NRD for the transfer of ground water out of state for industrial purposes; and b) to approve the consultation letter for DNR applications TA-49 and I-21 as completed by staff and to be signed by the General Manager. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Maas

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

5. Discussion on GIS Water Accounting and Inclusion of Information on the Website/Internet

Kyle Liebig discussed GIS water accounting and what information could be included on the SPNRD website with the committee. No action is necessary at this time.

Acting Chair Larry Rutt turned the meeting over to Vice-Chair Tom Biggs.

B. District Operations Committee

1. 2011 Conservation Awards Program

a. *Action on 2011 Conservation Awards Program Nominations

Halligan moved and Rutt seconded the motion to approve the 2011 Conservation Awards Program nominations: Joette Wells, Environmental Educator; Big Springs Pond Project, Community Environmental Impact; Everett and Dorothy Johnson, Tree Planter/Caretaker; and Ron and Weldon Tremain, Conservation Farm. The banquet will be held on Saturday October 15 at the Sidney Holiday Inn and Convention Center. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Halligan, Maas, Biggs

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

b. *Action on 2011 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget and Approval of Entertainment Contract

Halligan moved and Rutt seconded the motion to approve the 2011 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget with projected expenses of \$3,339.45 and projected income of \$1,075.00. The expenses included the entertainment package and contract in the amount of \$755.00. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Halligan, Maas, Biggs, Rutt

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

2. 2012 Fiscal Year Budgets

a. Preliminary NRD and CMC Budget Review

Horn reviewed the SPNRD and the CMC fiscal year 2012 budget. The board will vote on the budget during the August 9, 2011 board meeting. The three county (Cheyenne, Deuel and Kimball) assessed values will not be received on or before August 20, 2011.

b. Action on Unused Restricted Funds Authority

i. *Increase an Additional One Percent

Since 3 board members were absent, this agenda item was not acted upon since seventy-five percent of the entire board must vote in favor for the additional one percent to be authorized.

3. SPNRD/CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee

a. *Ratification of Reappointed Members to the Committee

Halligan moved and Rutt seconded the motion to ratify the recommendation to appoint Larry Stahla and Greg Robinson to the SPNRD/CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee until 6/30/2015 (or until the term is filled by another). A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

b. *Ratification of NPAIT Fund Transfer to the CMC Checking Account

Halligan moved and Rutt seconded the motion to ratify the transfer of the Citizens' Monitoring Committee (CMC) funds from the NPAIT account to the CMC checking account. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Maas

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

c. *Ratify Resolution to Open New CMC Money Market Account

Halligan moved and Rutt seconded the motion to ratify the Resolution to open a new Citizens' Monitoring Committee money market account (interest earning account) with Points West Community Bank. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Halligan, Maas, Biggs

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

d. *Ratify Closing CMC's Checking Account

Halligan moved and Rutt seconded the motion to ratify closing the Citizens' Monitoring Committee old checking account (non-interest earning account) with Points West Community Bank. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Halligan, Maas, Biggs, Rutt

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson

Motion Carried.

4. *Request to Approve Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) Application(s)

The applications are above the dollar amount (\$5,600) the General Manager is allowed to approve for NSWCP applications.

Halligan moved and Maas seconded the motion to approve Joe Neumann's NSWCP NC-1 application for 8,500 linear feet of terraces in the N½ of Section 31, Township 13 North, Range 45 West of the 6th P.M., Deuel County, Nebraska, in the amount of \$9,116.25. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Maas, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan
Nay: None
Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson
Motion Carried.

Halligan moved and Maas seconded the motion to approve Doug Lukassen's NSWCP NC-14 application for a water well and pipeline in Section 17, Township 15 North, Range 56 North, Kimball County, Nebraska, in the amount of \$7,176.00. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Maas
Nay: None
Absent: Rexroth, Hutchison, Johnson
Motion Carried.

11. Review Manager's Responsibilities and Performance

This agenda item was not addressed because Chair Rexroth was not present and he requested the agenda item.

12. Correspondence

Horn urged the board to read the correspondence included in the handout information.

13. Upcoming Dates

- A. September 5, 2011, SPNRD Office Closed, Labor Day
- B. August 9, 2011, SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting
- C. August 9-15, 2011, Husker Harvest Days
- D. September 23, 2011, SPNRD District Tour and Picnic
- E. September 25-27, 2011, NRD 2011 Annual Conference, Younes Conference Center, Kearney
- F. October 3-4, 2011, State Range Judging Contest, Sidney
- G. October 5, 2011, Nebraska Section - Society for Range Management (SRM) meeting, "Understanding Past Management and What It Means Today", Sidney
- H. October 6, 2011, SRM Field Tour, Sidney
- I. October 15, 2011, Annual SPNRD/NRCS Conservation Awards Banquet

14. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:14 p.m. MDT.

Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary