

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on December 8, 2009 at the South Platte Natural Resources District, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, Nebraska, at **3:30 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 Notice
  - C. Approval of Expenditures
    1. \*Possible January 2010 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals
2. Minutes
  - A. Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors
  - B. Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. \*Treasurer's Report for November 2009 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. \*Fiscal Year 2009 Audit Report - Rauner & Associates, P.C.
6. Director and Staff Reports
7. Agency Reports
  - A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
    1. NRCS Report - Joe Larson, NRCS
  - B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)
    1. NARD Report - Johnson
    2. NARD 2010 Legislative Conference, January 25-27, 2010, Lincoln, NE - Horn
    3. \*Voting Delegate and Alternate for 2010 NARD Legislative Conference - Horn
  - C. Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development (PRC&D)
    1. PRC&D Report - Burkhart-Kriesel
  - D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
    1. NDNR Report - Rexroth
8. Discuss SPNRD Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting Times - Rexroth
9. Review Fall 2009 Ground Water Level Observation Program Data - Kaiser

10. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee - Hutchison, Chair

1. \*Discussion and Action Concerning COHYST and Modeling Efforts
2. \*Discussion and Action Regarding Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project (PBHEP) Items
3. Status Report Regarding the Nebraska Platte-Republican Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

B. District Operations Committee - Johnson, Chair

1. Review Nebraska's Budget Issues
2. \*Action on USDA-NRCS Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance
3. Report on Adjacent Lots/Land Acquisition
4. Status of CNPPID Litigation Case Regarding the OA Basin-Wide Plan
5. Hazard Mitigation Plan Process
  - a. \*Action on HMP Committee's Recommendation to Hire Consulting Firm to Prepare HMGP Planning Grant and Hazard Mitigation Plan
  - b. \*Action to Authorize the Manager to work with Consulting Firm to Prepare Scope of Work, Negotiate and Approve Contract, and Other Work Appropriate to Advance Planning Process

11. Correspondence

12. Upcoming Dates

- A. December 11, 2009 - Annual SPNRD/NRCS Christmas Luncheon
- B. December 25, 2009 - Closed, Christmas
- C. January 1, 2010 - Closed, New Years Day
- D. January 6, 2010 - First Day of the Legislative Session
- E. January 12, 2010 - SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting
- F. January 18, 2010 - Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- G. January 25-27, 2010 - NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska
- H. March 6-10, 2010 - Annual NARD Washington, D.C. Trip, Embassy Suites

13. Adjourn

\*Denotes Action Items

## MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Thursday, December 10, 2009, at the South Platte NRD Conference Room, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, NE, at 3:30 p.m. (The meeting was rescheduled from Tuesday December 8, 2009 due to a winter storm). The public notices were published in the Sidney, Chappell and Kimball newspapers and the rescheduling was announced on KSID radio and website and in the Sidney Sun-Telegraph. 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

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Vice Chair (3:38 p.m.)

Tom Biggs, Secretary (3:39 p.m.)

Jim Johnson

Bill Halligan

Larry Rutt

Paul Hutchison

### Board Members Absent

None

### Others Present

Thad Kuntz, SPNRD/NPNRD Modeler; Joe Larson, NRCS; Julia Peetz, Rauner & Associates, P.C.

### NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager

Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager

Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Coordinator    Don Ogle, I & E Coordinator

Ryan Reisdorff, Water Resources Program Specialist

Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager

Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator

### Information Material

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

1. December 10, 2009 Tentative Agenda, meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
2. December 10, 2009 Tentative Agenda, meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. November 10, 2009 Minutes, SPNRD Board of Directors meeting
4. November 10, 2009 Minutes, Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee meeting
5. November 2009 Treasurer's Report
6. December 10, 2009 Manager's Report, December 2, 2009 Administrative Manager's Letter and November 30, 2009 staff reports from Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager and Jodi Livingstone, District Secretary
7. Rauner & Associates, P.C. Financial Report for the Year Ended June 30, 2009 and Accountants/Opinion Thereon and December 1, 2009 letter to the District Operations Committee
8. SPNRD Fall 2009 Ground Water Level Report
9. NARD Board of Directors and Committee Meetings Minutes, November 9, 2009
10. 2010 NARD Legislative Conference Tentative Agenda
11. December 2009 NRCS Monthly Report to the SPNRD

12. October 21, 2009 Letter From Thad Kuntz, SPNRD/NPNRD Modeler Re: Western Water Use Management Model
13. November 13, 2009 letter from The Nebraska Environmental Trust to Ron Bishop Central Platte NRD Re: PBHEP-Two part check for establishing the value of water rights for Grant Project No. 09-113 and PBHEP Budget for Water Acquisition
14. South Platte Valley Certified Irrigated Acres Classified by Stream Depletion Factor, prepared by SPNRD staff
15. Amendment to the NE Department of Natural Resources Water Use Contract Re: Nebraska Platte-Republican Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)
16. Operating By-Laws for the Nebraska CREP Steering Committee
17. Steve Seglin's (Crosby Guenzel) Brief in support of the District's "Motion to Dismiss" CNPPID's lawsuit and accompanying email from Rod Horn
18. Revised Briefing Schedule Order in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Nebraska Case No. CI 09-199 (CNPPID lawsuit)
19. November 29 and December 9, 2009 email from Rod Horn to Board Re: Rezoning Request and PowerPoint presentation
20. NRCS USDA Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance
21. NSWCP Fund Distribution after Appropriation Adjustments December 2, 2009
22. Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Financial Status after Proposed Budget Cuts
23. SPNRD Hazard Mitigation Planning (HMP) Committee meeting Evaluation Criteria for selecting consulting firm and ranking by committee members
24. NRD News and Notes, November 2009
25. Per Diem/Expense form

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Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Rexroth called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. He welcomed Thad Kuntz, Julia Peetz and Joe Larson to the meeting.

A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act

Rexroth stated for the record that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted in the meeting room.

B. Legal Notices

Rexroth stated for the record that the meeting affidavits of publication are included with these minutes.

C. Approval of Expenditures

1. \*Possible January 2010 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals

Hutchison moved and Rutt seconded the motion to approve January 2010 committee expenses for meals as discussed. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Halligan, Johnson, Hutchison, Rexroth, Rutt

Nay: None

Absent: Burkhart-Kriesel, Biggs (present at 3:38 and 3:39 p.m. respectively)

Motion Carried.

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the November 10, 2009 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. \*Treasurer’s Report for November 2009 and Accounts Payable

Horn reviewed account balances as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>November 1, 2009</u>	<u>November 30, 2009</u>
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	\$ 380,997.73	\$ 322,687.30
Citizens’ Monitoring Committee (combined)	\$ 21,650.41	\$ 28,652.21
LPCSI-EQIP NPAIT	\$ 29,686.56	\$ 29,689.19
LPCSI-EQIP Security First Bank CDs	\$ 301,735.61	\$ 302,108.28
SPRCC NPAIT	\$ 89,850.23	\$ 99,858.68

Horn reviewed the accounts payable. Horn urged the board to ask questions or come at any time to the office and review receipts/invoices. Hutchison asked that since he is receiving a Buffer Strip payment would he need to abstain from the vote. It was discussed that since the program is open to others as well, it is not necessary. With no further discussion Halligan moved and Johnson seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report and pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$62,928.03. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt  
Nay: None  
Abstain: Burkhart-Kriesel (just came in and didn’t have time to review report)  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. \*Fiscal Year 2009 Audit Report

Julia Peetz, CPA with Rauner & Associates, P.C., was present at the meeting and reviewed the SPNRD FY 2009 Audit Report (July 1, 2008 - June 30, 2009), giving a clean opinion. She said the records were in good order and she added that there were no material misstatements or budget violations. It was discussed that the CNPPID lawsuit will be reported in FY 2010. She referred to the 2008 W-2 issue which has been corrected. She encouraged the board to actively participate in the financial activities and to read the audit report. After discussion and questions directed to and answered by Ms. Peetz, Halligan moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the Fiscal Year 2009 Audit Report. Ms. Peetz said that their accounting firm will mail the audit report to the State Auditor after board approval. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson  
Nay: None  
Absent: None

Motion Carried.

## 6. Director and Staff Reports

Wittrock, Ogle, Reisdorff, Liebig and Kaiser gave oral reports. Glanz was not present at the meeting. Horn, Suhr and Livingstone prepared written reports. Director Rutt gave a brief report about the No-Till Conference in Gering. He won the area scholarship to attend the conference in Salina, Kansas.

- Wittrock reported on the Conservation Tree Program, telling the board there has not been a lot of interest up to this point. He referred to the Buffer Strip payments in the Treasurer's Report, letting the board know that the Department of Ag is still unsure about the funding on new contracts. He is still accepting applications. He also attended the No-Till Conference. He is following up on damage done by the Mountain Pine Beetle in Kimball County. He also assisted reading flow meters.
- Ogle worked with the Envirothon Steering Committee. He discussed the possibility of a National Envirothon in our area. A major contributor to the Envirothon may be backing out, which is a concern to the overall Envirothon. The Panhandle No-Till Conference was well attended. He worked on website updates, filed photos, reviewed project needs, worked with Wittrock on a future Mountain Pine Beetle presentation, and assisted Reisdorff with an application for Groundwater Guardian Affiliate status. He worked with Reisdorff on a best management practices workshop for urban areas in conjunction with the 319 grant. He also worked with the PBHEP educational outreach and the brochure. He worked with Wittrock and NARD staff on a new tree brochure.
- Reisdorff reported on the progress of the 319 grant. He has been working with Bill Taylor, Water Superintendent with Jodi Mittleder, City of Sidney's GIS technician and Kyle Liebig regarding contaminant source inventories. Liebig signed an agreement with the City which will allow limited access to aerial imagery (6" resolution) which will assist with the contaminant source inventories. The City of Sidney's north WHPAs contaminant source inventories are complete. They also reviewed Wellhead Protection Areas that are eligible for CRP and/or CCRP. He has been preparing presentation quality maps for the City of Sidney NW WHPA for their WHPA Plan, worked with Ogle and Horn regarding the Groundwater Guardian program and how to move forward with it, met with Ogle regarding Cash for Grass and revising that timeline. He did industrial well research and made a list and sent letters to those needing industrial meters by June 2010 so that a baseline can be established by August 1, 2010. He also assisted with the HMP Interviews and read flow meters.
- Liebig worked with producers regarding understanding their flow meter readings. He worked on the GIS project and attended PBHEP meetings. He is working to get the new projector installed in the ceiling. He entered photos taken in the field during flow meter reading into the data base. He reported that Glanz will not be attending the meeting and reported that Glanz worked the past month mainly on flow meter readings and that Glanz sent letters to cooperators with broken flow meters and is following up with about 35 broken flow meters, most of which are Sparling meters. Liebig worked on a variance request that will be brought before the Variance Advisory Group (Sheila Newell), signed the GIS Workshop contract, reporting that the state budget reduction took some of the funding away from that grant as well. He worked with Eakes Office staff regarding reinstalling the INTACT software and assisted staff with various projects.
- Kaiser prepared well abandonment paperwork, sent SPNRD water quality reports to the UNL Clearing House, completed the Fall 2009 SPNRD Water Level Report (later on agenda), sent that data to USGS and the Water Science Center at UN-L, worked on the surface water agreement between NDEQ and the SPNRD, did surface water sampling, serviced the van, sent out nitrogen

reminder postcards, worked on shape files for new maps for the nitrogen reports for 2010, took recorder well and Oliver Reservoir well levels and met with Ogle regarding articles for the Pipeline newsletter.

7. Agency Reports

A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Kristin Miller, District Conservationist, was absent from the meeting. A written report was provided in the handout material. Joe Larson was present to represent NRCS and reviewed the report. Of interest was the Conservation Security Program (CSP). Seventy-Nine applications were received in the NRCS offices. Larson said 8 of the applications were preapproved.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

Johnson attended the last NARD board meeting. He asked the board to read the information in the handout material. He also reported that the newly elected Secretary/Treasurer, Dean Johnson, had passed away. Jim Johnson will submit his name for that position and the board was in agreement with his decision. He is currently Chair of the NARD Information and Education Committee.

2. NARD 2010 Legislative Conference, January 25-27, 2010, Lincoln, NE

Johnson urged the directors to attend. Keith Rexroth, Larry Rutt, Bill Halligan and Jim Johnson are planning to attend the NARD 2010 Legislative Conference.

3. \*Voting Delegate and Alternate for 2010 NARD Legislative Conference

After discussion Halligan moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to nominate Jim Johnson as voting delegate and Larry Rutt as alternate for the 2010 NARD Legislative Conference. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

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

1. PRC&D Report

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel said the monthly meeting was held today and she was unable to attend so she had nothing new to report. Ogle added that Joyce from the PRC&D office was very helpful during the Panhandle Partnership No-Till Conference.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Keith Rexroth said the North Platte Basin Caucus was held today to find a replacement for Myron Lembke. He will let the board know the outcome. At this time Rexroth is serving as the temporary Vice-Chair.

8. Discuss SPNRD Board of Directors Regular Monthly Meeting Times

Chair Rexroth polled the board of directors on their opinion to hold board meetings in the afternoon during the winter months. It was discussed to hold the regular board meeting beginning at 4:00, 5:00 or 6:00 p.m. during the winter months. Some directors preferred evening meetings, others preferred late afternoon or early evening. Halligan asked for breaks to be more frequent during the monthly meetings.

9. Review Fall 2009 SPNRD Ground Water Level Observation Report

Kaiser summarized the fall 2009 ground water level measurements for one, five, twenty and thirty year results. Overall, twenty year results for the entire District show that 77% of the wells declined. He used power point to present the data. Discussion followed. Thad Kuntz added comments regarding comparing spring to fall data. He also said it is also important to compare fall data to fall data. Halligan said it would be important to study crop patterns and rainfall regarding the Kimball well that shows an incline. Burkhart-Kriesel asked about a well on the Cheyenne Tableland west of Gurley that showed a decline of 4.59'. Kaiser identified the well for her. Ogle said the data will also be available on the SPNRD website. Kaiser discussed the need for additional monitoring wells, and the Environmental Trust Fund Grant that was submitted to drill 30 additional monitoring wells. Kuntz added that in the future he hopes to use the Western Water Use Management Model to better delineate water levels where there are no monitoring wells. Ogle said that disclaimer documentation is included on the SPNRD website regarding water level maps.

A break was called at 5:02 and the meeting resumed at 5:14 p.m.

10. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Project and Programs Committee

1. \*Discussion and Action Concerning COHYST and Modeling Efforts

Hutchison said Thad Kuntz was present at the NR/P&P Committee meeting. He asked Manager Horn to give background information on the direction the Cooperative Hydrology Study (COHYST) had taken during the past several years. In June 2009 the SPNRD board agenda included discussion of COHYST issues. Horn said the COHYST Committee and process has many issues of concern. He added that COHYST data will be important in developing the Western Water Use (WWU) Management Model and that the WWU Management Model will be a valuable management tool to address SPNRD needs. Horn referred to the letter from Thad Kuntz, SPNRD/NPNRD modeler, regarding the WWU Management Model expectations included in the handout material. Kuntz discussed with the board the difficult COHYST Committee meeting situations. Thad reinforced that COHYST data will be valuable in developing the WWU Management Model. He is working to improve the pumping and surface water component in the model. He stated that the HEM data will be added to the model. Discussion was also held about NPNRD's decision to withdraw from the COHYST Committee. Horn also referred to the North Platte NRD letter in the handout information regarding the NRD's decision to withdraw from the COHYST Committee. After a lengthy discussion, Hutchison on behalf of the NR/P&P Committee, moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to recommend the SPNRD Board

of Directors withdraw from the Cooperative Hydrology Study (COHYST) Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, its amendments and from representation on COHYST effective immediately and to direct Manager Horn to prepare a letter outlining such to the chairperson of COHYST. Kuntz added that he will continue to meet with the other NRDs and DNR and work with Dick Luckey. With no further discussion a roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

2. \*Discussion and Action Regarding Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project (PBHEP) Items

Horn said the Integrated Management Plan (IMP) states that the SPNRD needs to reduce about 700 acre feet in ten years to get to 1997 levels and 400 acre feet are in the South Platte River Basin area. It was discussed that incentives from the SPNRD will piggy back with various farm programs such as CREP or EQIP. Funding ratios from Nebraska Environmental Trust, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and NRD was discussed and the reasoning behind prioritizing the overappropriated area near Big Springs in Deuel County (South Platte Valley). Liebig provided a map with the total certified irrigated acres (CIA) in that area. It was discussed that dollars per CIA are dependent on the ratio of those acres' depletion to the stream flow. There are about 9,950 CIA in the South Platte Valley (SPV). It was also discussed that if the acres necessary in the SPV aren't enrolled in the program, other areas in the District could be considered for enrollment. Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to prioritize the overappropriated area designated near Big Springs in Deuel County (South Platte Valley Subarea E) for the purposes and initial funding under the PBHEP to permanently convert certified irrigated acres to dryland cropland or native grassland habitat and the board retains the option to evaluate funds not obligated to become available to other overappropriated areas in the District. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

The Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund request for two full real estate appraisals in the South Platte Valley for the PBHEP Grant was discussed to determine values for irrigated grassland and dryland in that area. Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to authorize staff to conduct two full real estate appraisals in the overappropriated area designated near Big Springs in Deuel County (South Platte Valley Subarea E) to determine values for irrigation water acquisitions to the land and to establish conservation easements and if funds become available for the other overappropriated areas in the District for the purposes under the PBHEP, then subsequently require staff to conduct two full real estate appraisals per county to determine values for irrigation water acquisitions to the land and to establish conservation easements. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Halligan, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

3. Status Report Regarding the Nebraska Platte-Republican Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

Horn will keep the board informed on the CREP program for the Nebraska Platte-Republican area. He thought it might be several months before any action would be necessary.

B. District Operations Committee (Note: Due to the storm on December 8, 2009 no District Operations Committee meeting was held. The agenda items were addressed during the regular Board of Directors meeting)

1. Review Nebraska's Budget Issues

Horn has not received information about any cuts to the NRD state aid. The State of Nebraska budget issues have impacted the NSWCP program. A cut of \$27,926.26 was made to this program. It was discussed that all new applications will need to be put on the waiting list; priorities will need to be evaluated. It was also discussed that the Interrelated Water Management Plan Program was cut 52.52% from \$169,200 to \$80,342. Priorities for this grant will also be evaluated. At this time it is unknown if any new Buffer Strip applications will be funded, which affects some components of the 319 NPS grant. It is also unknown if or how Environmental Trust Fund grant dollars may be impacted.

2. \*Action on USDA-NRCS Acknowledgement of Section 1619 Compliance

Discussion was held that Section 1619 of the 2008 Farm Bill was necessary in order for information access by the SPNRD Field Office Secretaries working in the Sidney and Kimball NRCS offices. The acknowledgement will allow the South Platte NRD to be an NRCS Conservation Cooperator for protected information strictly limited to only that information necessary for the SPNRD to provide conservation related services. It was discussed that Chair Rexroth could sign the document. Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the acknowledgment of Section 1619 compliance as an NRCS Conservation Cooperator with Rexroth to sign the document. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Halligan, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

3. Report on Adjacent Lots/Land Acquisition

Horn reported that he attended the City of Sidney Council meeting on Tuesday, December 8, 2009. The Council voted to approve the rezoning of Lots 1, 2, 3, 5A, 7 and 8. Following City ordinance procedure, three readings are necessary before adoption. Horn will keep the board informed.

4. Status of CNPPID Litigation Case Regarding the OA Basin-Wide Plan

Discussion was held about the CNPPID litigation brought against the SPNRD regarding the Overappropriated Basin-Wide Plan. Attorney Steven Seglin, Crosby Guenzel law office, is working with Horn and will keep the board informed of progress. Reference was made to

material in the handouts Steve Seglin's (Crosby Guenzel) Brief in support of the District's "Motion to Dismiss" CNPPID's lawsuit and accompanying email from Rod Horn and the Revised Briefing Schedule Order in the District Court of Cheyenne County, Nebraska Case No. CI 09-199 (CNPPID lawsuit).

5. Hazard Mitigation Plan Process

a. \*Action on HMP Committee's Recommendation to Hire Consulting Firm to Prepare HMGP Planning Grant and Hazard Mitigation Plan

Discussion was held that the Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) Committee met on December 1, 2009 and interviewed three consulting firms, JEO Consulting Group, Inc., Olsson Associates and Kirkham-Michael. Members of the HMP Committee are Harold Farrar, Harold Winkelman, Gary Person, John Henke, Beth Fiegenschuh, Ben Carlson, Joan Hanson, Jim Collins, Tom Noel, Harry Gillway, Rod Horn, Ryan Reisdorff and Linda Suhr. Handout information delineated how the committee ranked the firms. JEO Consulting ranked highest and the committee made the recommendation to the board to consider their recommendation. Johnson moved and Halligan seconded the motion to proceed with the process to hire JEO Consulting Group, Inc. to prepare the HMGP grant application and the District's Hazard Mitigation Plan as recommended by the HMP Committee. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. \*Action to Authorize the Manager to work with Consulting Firm to Prepare Scope of Work, Negotiate and Approve Contract, and Other Work Appropriate to Advance Planning Process

Discussion was held that Manager Horn should work with JEO Consulting to prepare the scope of work, negotiate and approve the contract and other items for the HMP process. Johnson moved and Halligan seconded the motion to authorize Manager Horn to work with JEO Consulting Group, Inc., to prepare a scope of work, negotiate contract and other appropriated work to advance the HMGP Grant Application and the District's Hazard Mitigation Plan. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Halligan, Johnson

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

11. Correspondence

Various items were provided to the board either by email or in the handout material.

Hutchison asked about the progress of the Economic Impact Study began by Dr. Thompson. It was discussed that he has been waiting for the flow meter reading information before concluding his study.

12. Upcoming Dates

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- B. December 25, 2009 - Closed, Christmas
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- D. January 6, 2010 - First Day of the Legislative Session
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- F. January 18, 2010 - Closed, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- G. January 25-27, 2010 - NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska
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13. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 6:52 p.m.

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Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

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