

PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on **Tuesday**, July 13, 2010 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 Notice
 - C. Approval of Expenditures
 1. *Possible August 2010 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals
2. Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors
 - B. Minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee
 - C. Minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting of the District Operations Committee
 - D. Minutes of the July 1, 2010 special meeting of the Board of Directors
3. *Treasurer's Report for June 2010 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. Director and Staff Reports
6. Agency Reports
 - A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 1. NRCS Report - Kristin Miller, DC-NRCS
 - B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)
 1. NARD Report - Johnson
 - C. Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development (PRC&D)
 1. PRC&D Report - Burkhart-Kriesel
 - D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
 1. NDNR Report - Rexroth
7. Range Youth Camp Participant (Forrest Hendrickson) Report - Ogle
8. 2010 Flood Events - Wittrock
9. Western Water Use Modeling and Management Activities - Thad Kuntz, Hydrogeologist & Modeler
10. Final Reports - Wittrock
 - A. Conservation Tree Program Report
 - B. Community Forestry Program Report
11. Committee Reports
 - A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee - Hutchison, Chair
 1. Matter Regarding Industrial/Commercial Water Usage Certification

- a. *Discussion and Action Concerning Baseline Certification(s)
 - i. LeRoy Yung
- b. Discussion Concerning Variance Request Proposals to Establish Industrial/Commercial Water Usage Certification
 - i. Frenchman Valley Coop
- c. *Discussion and Action Concerning Non-Baseline Certification
 - i. Clayton Shoemaker
 - ii. Studnicka Farms, Inc.
 - iii. Bonnie Lindenfeld
 - iv. Annabell McNamee and Ellis Black
 - v. D Bar B Farms, Inc. (David Baltensperger)
 - vi. Rampart Energy Company
 - vii. Wellstar Corporation
2. Discussion regarding Industrial/Commercial Water Usage Certification for Feedlots within the District
3. *Discussion and Action to Approve Proposed SPNRD Ground Water Transfer Application
4. Review Ground Water Quality Management Compliance Issue

B. District Operations Committee - Halligan, Chair

1. NSWCP Fund Report
 - a. *Discussion and Action as Desired Concerning the Distribution of NSWCP Funds for FY 2011
2. *Action on SPNRD Guidelines for the Preserving CRP Grassland Program
3. *Action on the 2010 Conservation Awards Program Nominations
4. *Action on 2010 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget
5. Report on CMC's Action to Transfer NPAIT Funds to CMC's Checking Account
6. Report on SPNRD 6-Month CD Renewal (100-024-001, LPCSI-EQIP), Security First Bank
7. *Discussion and Action to Approve a Three-Year Agreement with Rauner & Associates, P.C. for Certified Public Accounting Services
8. Update on the Sidney East Drainage/Watershed Project
9. Preliminary FY2011 Budget Review

12. Correspondence

13. Upcoming Dates

- A. County Fairs: Cheyenne County, July 24-August 1, 2010
Kimball County, August 4-8, 2010; Deuel County, August 12-14, 2010
- B. July 27, 2010, Basin-Wide Annual Meeting, Gothenburg at 1 p.m. SDT
- C. August 10, 2010, SPNRD Board of Directors' Meeting
- D. August 27-September 6, 2010 - NE State Fair, Grand Island
- E. September 6, 2010 - SPNRD Closed - Labor Day
- F. September 10, 2010 - SPNRD District Tour and Picnic
- G. September 12-14, 2010 - Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
- H. September 26-28, 2010 - NARD Annual Meeting, Kearney Holiday Inn
- I. January 24-26, 2011 - NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln

14. Adjourn

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, July 13, 2010, 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

Keith Rexroth, Chair	Bill Halligan
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Vice Chair	Paul Hutchison
Tom Biggs, Secretary	Jim Johnson

Board Members Absent

Larry Rutt (excused)

Others Present

Kristin Miller, D.C., NRCS/USDA; Thad Kuntz, SPNRD/NPNRD Modeler

NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager	Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager
Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager	Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Manager
Ryan Reisdorff, Water Res. Programs Specialist (present for a portion of the meeting)	Don Ogle, I & E Coordinator
	Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator

Information Material

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

1. July 13, 2010 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
2. July 13, 2010 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the District Operations Committee
3. July 12, 2010 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee
4. June 8, 2010 Minutes, SPNRD Board of Directors meeting
5. June 7, 2010 Minutes, Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee
6. June 8, 2010 Minutes, District Operations Committee meeting
7. July 1, 2010 Minutes, SPNRD Board of Directors special meeting
8. June 2010 Treasurer's Report
9. July 2, 2010 Manager's Letter and July 13, 2010 Manager's Report
10. Staff reports: Travis A. Glanz, Linda L. Suhr, Jodi R. Livingstone
11. Field Office Staff Reports: Jane Joyce, Hilary Cook
12. June 17, 2010 Minutes of the Nebraska Natural Resources Commission meeting
13. Draft SPNRD Guidelines for the Preserving CRP Grassland Program
14. 2010 Conservation Awards Program Nominations
15. Draft 2010 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget
16. Security First Bank information re: 6-month Certificate of Deposit that renews July 15, 2010
17. Three-Year Agreement with Rauner & Associates, P.C. for Certified Public Accounting Services

18. J. M. Neil & Associates, Inc., Independent Contractor Agreement for services regarding the Sidney, Nebraska East Drainage/Watershed
19. Preliminary FY2011 Budget Review prepared by Horn
20. Packet of information compiled by Ryan Reisdorff for: LeRoy Yung and additional documents provided during committee meeting; Frenchman Valley Coop; Clayton Shoemaker; Studnicka Farms, Inc.; Bonnie Lindenfeld; Annabell McNamee and Ellis Black; D Bar B Farms, Inc. (David Baltensperger); Rampart Energy Company; and Wellstar Corporation
21. July 6, 2010 letter to Charles Julius and Charles Julius' June 30, 2010 response letter to SPNRD re: "Formal Notice"
22. SPNRD Proposed Ground Water Transfer Application
23. SPNRD Water Usage Report, 2007 through 2009
24. SPNRD Annual Report of Water Use Activities in the South Platte Natural Resources District for the 2010 Basin-Wide meeting
25. Flooding in the SPNRD, July 4 and 6, 2010 prepared by SPNRD staff
26. July 2010 Modeling Update by Thad Kuntz, Hydrogeologist, SPNRD/NPRND
27. June 22, 2010 Minutes of the Bessey Nursery Advisory Committee meeting
28. Notice of Case #015-09CC Filings, June 14, 2010
29. CRP sign-up date in limbo until August by Sally Schuff; Endangered Species "Mountain Plover", Mountain-Prairie Region, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; McCook Gazette news articles provided to the SPNRD from Jacque Riener regarding Republican River Issues
30. Per Diem/Expense form

Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Rexroth called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. Larry Rutt was absent and excused.

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 Notice

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

C. Approval of Expenditures

1. *Possible August 2010 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals

Motion by Johnson, second by Halligan to approve the August 2010 committee expenses for meals as discussed. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rutt

Motion carried

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the June 7, 2010 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

C. Minutes of the June 8, 2010 meeting of the District Operations Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

D. Minutes of the July 1, 2010 special meeting of the Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Treasurer's Report for June 2010 and Accounts Payable

Horn reviewed account balances as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>June 1, 2010</u>	<u>June 30, 2010</u>
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	\$ 395,509.12	\$ 371,789.86
Citizens' Monitoring Committee (combined)	\$ 33,700.15	\$ 11,022.51
LPCSI-EQIP NPAIT	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.12
LPCSI-EQIP Security First Bank CDs	\$ 300,242.50	\$ 300,874.46
SPRCC Combined (Includes CDs)	\$ 94,239.23	\$ 94,240.66

Horn reviewed the accounts payable, pointing out various items throughout the report. Horn urged the board to ask questions or come at any time to the office and review receipts and/or invoices. Horn reviewed the accounts payable total, \$31,346.62. Motion by Halligan, second by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$31,346.62. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rutt

Motion carried

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

5. Director and Staff Reports

Wittrock, Kaiser, Ogle and Liebig gave oral reports. Horn, Glanz, Suhr, Livingstone, Joyce and Cook submitted written reports. Horn, in addition to his written report, informed the board that the SPNRD roof and building trim were damaged during this summer's hail and wind storms. The District's insurance inspected the damage and provided a payment for repairs. Later in the meeting when Reisdorff returned from the City of Sidney Council meeting, he reported the City Council adopted the resolution for the Sidney Wellhead Protection Area. Reisdorff worked with City staff to prepare the Sidney Wellhead Protection Area in conjunction with the 319 grant. The next step is submission to NDEQ, which in turn has 60 days for final review. Bill Halligan was concerned about oil companies leasing land in Kimball County. It was discussed that this will be on the August agenda.

- Wittrock worked on cost-share inspections for the Conservation Tree Program. He attended the Bessey Nursery Advisory meeting in Halsey. The minutes are included in the handout information. He said there is some concern with golden currant, but the committee will monitor that. Chemigation inspections are being done. New permits are down from prior years. He sprayed herbicide on the thistle at Oliver Reservoir. He submitted the final report to the Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund Grant for the Great Plains No-till grass drill. There are already about 500 acres of use on that drill.
- Kaiser, Glanz and Reisdorff attend the ground water monitoring field day held on July 9 in Scottsbluff. This program earned credits for each of their water well monitoring technician certifications. Kaiser researched prices for SPNRD testing for two new contaminants, arsenic and atrazine. Five arsenic samples will be taken per county and as many atrazine samples as possible to determine if future management decisions need to be made. He preformed tree and chemigation

inspections, sampled at Oliver Reservoir for bacteria and toxic algae, did domestic and irrigation water sampling, assisted repairing the sign at Golden Eye WMA, worked with landowners regarding easements for drilling monitoring wells, and prepared a contract regarding the monitoring well drilling grant project.

- Ogle has been involved with numerous public relation projects and he and Jim Johnson will attend the NARD Public Relations Summit on July 21 in Kearney. Along with his regular duties, he worked with Mark Watson on the Southern Panhandle No-Till Tour, coordinating transportation, meals and driving the van that was used for transporting the participants. The Teachers' Education Workshop was held at the SPNRD July 8-9. He reported three area teachers attended and received continuing education credits through Chadron State College for their participation. He has been working on the SPNRD Pipeline newsletter.
- Liebig distributed two reports that he prepared using the GIS Workshop water accounting program: SPNRD Water Usage Report, 2007 through 2009; and the SPNRD Annual Report of Water Use Activities in the South Platte Natural Resources District for the July 27 Basin-Wide meeting. He encouraged the board to read through the documents. Along the same line, he reported that the SPNRD paid GIS Workshop \$42,750 and the IWMPPF reimbursed the SPNRD \$34,200, for the water accounting program. He discussed the cost to the District for reading flow meters, about \$8.75/flow meter. He worked with Reisdorff on industrial/commercial accounting. He assisted Bytes Computer with their transition into computer monitoring and backup management for the SPNRD. He reported on the progress of appraisals for the Deuel County market area for PBHEP. After the flood event he and other staff examined damage to area dams and other structures.

6. Agency Reports

A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Kristin Miller, DC-NRCS, gave an oral report. Dan Martin was hired to fill the vacant technician position in the Kimball NRCS office and will begin work on August 2, 2010. She has been working with Norm Koester with J. M. Neil & Associates, Inc., to prepare for the survey work Koester will be performing for the East Sidney Drainage Area. She discussed the programs available, EWP and ECP, to potentially assist with repair of structure damage caused by the July 6, 2010 eastern Cheyenne County flood. She explained that NRCS can only provide cost-share for damage leading up to culverts, etc. not the actual culverts or road repair. Discussion was held about damage to area dams. Miller's staff assisted with the one day Whirlwind Expo, No-Till on the Plains Tour held at Jim Anderson's farm near Sidney.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

Jim Johnson reported good participation at ACE Camp. The NARD executive committee meeting was held June 20. He attended the Basin Tour held June 21-22.

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

1. PRC&D Report

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel attended an RC&D meeting today. She reported good attendance at the June Inter-Tribal Gathering. Burkhart-Kriesel is on the committee to tabulate scoring for awards for the annual state association meeting in Valentine.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Keith Rexroth encouraged the board to read the minutes of the last commission meeting in the handout material.

7. Range Youth Camp Participant (Forrest Hendrickson) Report

Forrest Hendrickson was not present and will give his report at a later meeting.

8. 2010 Flood Events

Wittrock presented photos of the July 2010 flood and hail events at the SPNRD facility, in rural Kimball, eastern Cheyenne County and the South Platte River. Wittrock reported that the July 4 and 6 rain events measured 10" at the Earl Geu farm, northwest of Lodgepole. Discussion followed.

9. Western Water Use Management Model Activities

Thad Kuntz, Hydrogeologist & Modeler with the SPNRD and NPNRD, gave a presentation on his work with the Western Water Use Management Model. He discussed the purpose of the model, tasks completed to date, tasks in progress and the timeline. June 2012 is the projected timeline for completion of the Western Water Use Management Model, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources and Dick Luckey prepared a work plan which will be distributed to the managers and sponsors for discussion. Irrigated acres and crop types are being determined using various data sets for the time period 2005 to about 1953. He discussed incorporating the base of aquifer data from the HEM data into the ground water model. Kuntz reported a career milestone. He received his Professional Geologist License in Wyoming and has applied for reciprocity with the NE Board of Geologists.

10. Final Reports

A. Conservation Tree Program Report

Wittrock reviewed the 2010 Conservation Tree Program. 91,717 trees were distributed to 183 cooperators. Again this year, SPNRD donated trees to various entities including Pheasants Forever and 4-H groups. Revenue from the tree program totaled \$74,247.03; expenses totaled \$74,497.49; leaving a deficit balance of \$250.46. Revenue and expenses do not include utilities, telephone, insurance or depreciation of the shop and cooler facilities.

B. Community Forestry Program Report

Wittrock reviewed the 2010 SPNRD Community Forestry Program. One cooperator hasn't submitted their project costs, and therefore remains unreimbursed to date. At this time the SPNRD has awarded \$23,212.17 to nine community forestry projects and Re-Tree Nebraska (Villages of Big Springs and Lodgepole).

11. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee

1. Matter Regarding Industrial/Commercial Water Usage Certification

a. *Discussion and Action Concerning Baseline Certification(s)

i. LeRoy Yung

Hutchison said LeRoy Yung was present during the committee meeting. He had excellent records to prove a baseline for his two industrial/commercial wells. SPNRD staff calculated a baseline of 2,203,750 gallons. Motion by Hutchison on behalf of the committee, second by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve one baseline for the two LeRoy Yung wells for baseline certification. A roll call vote was taken.

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

b. Discussion Concerning Variance Request Proposals to Establish Industrial/Commercial Water Usage Certification

i. Frenchman Valley Coop (FVC)

Hutchison said there were no records kept by FVC for the sale of water from the FVC well used at its fertilizer plant in Chappell, Nebraska. Although uses do exist, those uses are not new or expanded. It was discussed that the FVC install a flow meter and record information over a designated period of time (to be determined) to establish a baseline. Staff will discuss this type of situation with NE Department of Natural Resources and this agenda item will be addressed at a future board meeting.

c. *Discussion and Action Concerning Non-Baseline Certification

1. Clayton Shoemaker
2. Studnicka Farms, Inc.
3. Bonnie Lindenfeld
4. Annabell McNamee and Ellis Black
5. D Bar B Farms, Inc. (David Baltensperger)
6. Rampart Energy Company
7. Wellstar Corporation

Shoemaker, Studnicka, Lindenfeld, McNamee-Black and D Bar B Farms have old oil field industrial/commercial wells that were given to the landowners after the oil was mined out. These wells are in temporary deferment. The Rampart and Wellstar wells belong to oil companies but are not in use in active oil production.

Hutchison moved on behalf of the committee and Biggs seconded the motion to approve a non-baseline for industrial/commercial water usage certification for Shoemaker, Studnicka, Lindenfeld, McNamee-Black and D Bar B Farms and the Rampart and Wellstar wells. A roll call vote was taken.

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

2. Discussion regarding Industrial/Commercial Water Usage Certification for Feedlots within the District

Hutchison discussed that several years ago the committee met with feedlot operators and discussed metering and baselines. The deadline for all commercial/industrial wells to have flow meters installed is November 12, 2010. It was discussed that flow meter readings to be taken over a period of time so that a baseline could to be established for each feedlot. No action is necessary at this time.

3. *Discussion and Action to Approve Proposed SPNRD Ground Water Transfer Application

Hutchison discussed that the committee reviewed the application. Motion by Hutchison, second by Biggs to approve the SPNRD Ground Water Transfer Application form. A roll call vote was taken.

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

4. Review Ground Water Quality Management Compliance Issue

Hutchison reported that the committee discussed the Charles Julius' ground water quality management compliance issue. If necessary, further action will be considered at an upcoming board meeting.

B. District Operations Committee

1. NSWCP Fund Report

a. *Discussion and Action as Desired Concerning the Distribution of Nebraska Soil and Water Conservation Program (NSWCP) Funds for FY 2011

Halligan requested Horn give an overview of FY 2011 Department of Natural Resources NSWCP funds which is estimated at \$90,600 (about 10% less than FY 2010). The committee recommended 55% for FY 2011 NC-14 practices, the practice under which perimeter fence cost-share lies, and the balance split equally between other NSWCP practices, 22.5% and the 2011 SPNRD Conservation Tree Program, 22.5%. Halligan moved on behalf of the committee and Johnson seconded the motion to approve 55% for FY 2011 NC-14 practices, and the balance split equally between other practices, 22.5% and the 2011 SPNRD Conservation Tree Program, 22.5%. A roll call vote was taken.

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

2. *Action on SPNRD Guidelines for the Preserving CRP Grassland Program

Halligan reported that the committee discussed the proposed guidelines for the Preserving CRP Grassland Program, which would supersede any prior CRP grassland policies adopted by the SPNRD. Motion by Johnson and second by Halligan to approve the updated SPNRD Guidelines for Preserving CRP Grassland Program. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rutt

Motion carried

3. *Action on the 2010 Conservation Awards Program Nominations

Halligan requested Ogle provide the final list of nominations for the 2010 Conservation Awards Program: Conservation Farm, Don Stretesky; Grassland Manager, High Plains Farms, Inc. /Phil Miller; Tree Planter, LeRoy Yung; Environmental Educator, Alan Held; and Community Environmental Impact, Keep Kimball Beautiful/Blythe Dillon, Director. The Community Environmental Impact category is new in 2010. A motion was made by Halligan second by Burkhart-Kriesel, to approve the nominations as outlined above. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rutt

Motion carried

4. *Action on 2010 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget

Halligan said the committee reviewed the proposed expenses, \$3,061.50 and proposed income, \$1,260.00, and the committee had recommended approval of the budget. Motion by Halligan, second by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve the 2010 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget as outlined above. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rutt

Motion carried

5. Report on CMC's Action to Transfer NPAIT Funds to CMC's Checking Account

This is a discussion item concerning the transfer of NPAIT funds to the Citizens' Monitoring Committee (CMC) checking account in the amount of \$17,200 to pay end of the year expenses. The Citizens Monitoring Committee ratified the transfer during their June 28, 2010 meeting. No action is necessary.

6. Report on SPNRD 6-Month CD Renewal (100-024-001, LPCSI-EQIP), Security First Bank

This is a discussion item concerning the SPNRD 6-month certificate of deposit which is held by the Security First Bank and renews on July 15, 2010. Area banks were polled and Security First Bank offered the highest rate, 1.35% for a 6-month renewal. Horn made arrangements to renew the CD with Security First Bank. No action is necessary.

7. *Discussion and Action to Approve a Three-Year Agreement with Rauner & Associates, P.C. for Certified Public Accounting Services

Halligan reported that the committee discussed and recommended the three-year agreement with Rauner & Associates, P.C. for certified public accounting services. The fee for the services is: FY2010, \$4,270; FY2011, \$4,380; and FY2012, \$4,492. Motion by Halligan,

second by Biggs to approve the three-year agreement with Rauner & Associates, P.C. A roll call vote was taken.

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

8. Update on the Sidney East Drainage/Watershed Project

The agreement with J. M. Neil & Associates, Inc., for the engineering design services of Norm Koester, approved during the June 8, 2010 board meeting, was drafted and reviewed by SPNRD legal counsel and a final document is ready for Rexroth's signature. No action is necessary. Rexroth thanked NRCS for their assistance.

9. Preliminary FY2011 Budget Review

Halligan reported that the committee discussed the SPNRD preliminary review of expenditures and other planning needs for FY 2011. Specific FY 2011 budget information will be provided next month for the board's review.

12. Correspondence

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

13. Upcoming Dates

- A. County Fairs: Cheyenne County, July 24-August 1, 2010
Kimball County, August 4-8, 2010; Deuel County, August 12-14, 2010
- B. July 27, 2010, Basin-Wide Annual Meeting, Gothenburg at 1 p.m. SDT
- C. August 10, 2010, SPNRD Board of Directors' Meeting
- D. August 27-September 6, 2010 - NE State Fair, Grand Island
- E. September 6, 2010 - SPNRD Closed - Labor Day
- F. September 10, 2010 - SPNRD District Tour and Picnic
- G. September 12-14, 2010 - Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
- H. September 26-28, 2010 - NARD Annual Meeting, Kearney Holiday Inn
- I. January 24-26, 2011 - NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln

14. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

*Denotes Action Items