

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on June 10, 2008 at the SPNRD Offices, 551 Parkland Drive, Sidney, NE 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 (telephone (308) 254-2377) before the meeting.

## FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Keith Rexroth, Chair
  - A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
  - B. Legal Notices
2. Minutes
  - A. Minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors
  - B. Minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting of the District Operations Committee
  - C. Minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. \*Treasurer's Report For May 2008 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. Hearing: In the Matter of the South Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Proposed Amendments to the Proposed Integrated Management Plan
  - a. Information Session - 7:15 p.m.
  - b. Hearing - 8:00 p.m.
6. Director and Staff Reports
7. 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
      - a. NRD/NARD Employee Benefits Committee Meeting
      - b. NARD Intergovernmental Risk Management Pool Association Loss Control Committee Meeting
  - 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. Committee Reports
  - A. Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee - Hutchison
    1. Review the June 10, 2008 Hearing and any Testimony Received Relating to the South Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources Proposed Amendments to the Proposed Integrated Management Plan

2. \*Consideration to Agree to Implement the Proposed Integrated Management Plan, with Modifications, and to Adopt and Implement the Controls and Incentive Programs Proposed in the Integrated Management Plan
3. \*Consideration to Adopt Order on the Integrated Management Plan, Ground Water Controls, Incentive Programs and Designation of an Integrated Management Subarea, and to Authorize Keith Rexroth, Chair, to sign Order upon Receiving Confirmation from the NDNR Agreeing to Implement the IMP and Adopt and Implement the Surface Water Controls
4. Variance Advisory Group
  - a. Review Requests Brought before the Group
  - b. \*Action on Variance Requests Recommended by the Group
5. \*Action to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tract
6. Report on the Water Quality Management Compliance Issue(s)
7. Report on the Irrigators' Educational Certification Compliance Issue(s)

B. District Operations Committee - Johnson

1. \*Authorization to Transfer \$9,225.66 from the NPAIT-CMC Account to CMC's Checking Account with First National for Proposed SPNRD Reimbursable Expenses
2. \*Authorization to Transfer \$11,940.49 from the NPAIT-CMC Account to CMC's Checking Account with First National for Consultant Expenses
3. \*Authorization to Transfer \$3,000 from the SPNRD's Vehicle/Equipment Repurchase Account to the District's General Fund/Checking Account
4. \*Authorization to Transfer \$6,510.73 from the SPNRD's General Fund/Checking Account to the District's Building and Property Repurchase Account
5. \*Authorization to Transfer \$155,051.00 from the SPNRD's General Fund/Checking Account to the District's LPCSI-EQIP NPAIT Investment Account
6. \*Staff Salary Adjustments for FY2009
7. \*Action to Waive Advertising Vacant NRD/NRCS Field Office Secretary Position
8. \*Action on Resolution for Title Insurance Purposes

9. Report on the Western Nebraska Children's Ground Water Festival - Don Ogle, I & E Coordinator

10. Correspondence

11. Upcoming Dates

- A. SPNRD Office Closed, Independence Day - July 4, 2008
- B. SPNRD Board Meeting - July 8, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- C. County Fairs:
 

Cheyenne County	July 26 - August 3
Kimball County	August 5-11
Deuel County	August 7-9
- D. SPNRD District Tour/Picnic - August 15, 2008
- E. NARD Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE - September 28-30, 2008
- F. NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE - January 27-28, 2009

12. Adjourn

\*Denotes Action Items

## MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday June 10, 2008, 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	Larry Rutt
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Vice Chair	Jim Johnson
Tom Biggs, Secretary	Paul Hutchison (7:02 p.m.)
Deb Crago	

### Board Members Absent

None

### Others Present

Susan Lockwood, NRCS, Kimball Office; Tina Kurtz, NDNR; Casey Smith, Mayor, Village of Potter

### NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager	Linda L. Suhr, Admin. Sec. /Bookkeeper
Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager	Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator
Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Coordinator	Don Ogle, Information & Education Coordinator

Information provided prior to the board meeting or made available at the meeting:

1. Tentative and Final Agendas, SPNRD Board meeting, June 10, 2008
2. Tentative Agenda, Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting, June 9, 2008
3. Tentative and Final Agendas, District Operations Committee meeting, June 10, 2008
4. SPNRD/NDNR Public Hearing Agenda for the proposed amendments to the proposed IMP
5. Minutes of the SPNRD Board meeting, May 13, 2008
6. Minutes of the District Operations Committee meeting, May 13, 2008
7. Minutes of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting, May 12, 2008
8. May Treasurer's Report
9. June 2, 2008 Memo to the SPNRD Board of Directors Re: June Board and Committee Meetings
10. Staff Reports: Administrative Secretary, Linda Suhr; District Secretary, Jodi Livingstone
11. Draft Resolution Re: \$378,000 loan with American National Bank
12. WJD Ranch, N.B.E.L.F., Miller Wheat Farms and Tisdale Family Trust information for modification to certified irrigated acres
13. June 9, 2008 Nitrogen Management Reports Still Pending and the Nitrogen Management Reports Timeline
14. 2008 Irrigator Certification Training Time Line with attached letters sent over the time period of December 24, 2007 through May 20, 2008
15. June 5, 2008 list of non-compliant Irrigator Certification landowners and operators
16. June 2, 2008 email from Dean E. Edson, NARD Re: FY09 Insurance Rates for the NARD Risk Pool Insurance
17. June 2008 NRCS Monthly Report to the SPNRD
18. SPNRD/CHESI Citizens' Monitoring Committee Report for CMC Reimbursement to SPNRD FY08
19. May 20, 2008 Variance Advisory Group recommendations to the SPNRD Board of Directors with

- attachments and minutes from the VAG meeting
- 20. FY2008-2009 Committee Structure, NARD
- 21. May 24, 2008 letter from Dean E. Edson, NARD, to NRD Managers Re: Public Relations Task Force
- 22. May 28, 2008 Managers' Meeting information
- 23. News Articles: USA Today, May 22, 2008 "Water Law Awash in Debate"; and Kearney Hub, June 7, 2008 "Attorney thinks court would find Nebraska – the upstream state – in contempt in future lawsuits"
- 24. MILCO First Quarter 2008 Project Status Report for the Clean Harbors Citizens' Monitoring Committee
- 25. Ground Water Festival Power Point Presentation
- 26. Copy of Resolution for Title Insurance Purposes
- 27. Per Diem/Expense sheet

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order  
 Chair Rexroth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Introductions were made by the public present.
  - A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act  
 Rexroth stated for the record that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted in the conference room.
  - B. Legal Notices  
 Rexroth stated for the record that the meeting affidavits of publication are included with these minutes.
2. Minutes
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 These minutes were approved as presented.
  - B. Minutes of the May 13, 2008 meeting of the District Operations Committee  
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  - C. Minutes of the May 12, 2008 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee  
 These minutes were approved as presented.
3. \*Treasurer's Report May 2008 and Accounts Payable  
 Manager and Treasurer Rod Horn encouraged the board to review the Treasurer's Report and to address any questions. Account balances are as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>5/1/08</u>	<u>5/31/08</u>
SPNRD Checking	\$ 266,384.16	\$ 422,302.48
Citizens' Monitoring – combined	\$ 28,255.57	\$ 28,295.48
NPAIT-GW Festival	\$ 1,148.00	\$ 0.00
NPAIT-LPCSI-EQIP	\$ 133,768.10	\$ 133,959.48
South Platte Group	\$ 1,564.03	\$ 1,564.03

Horn noted that the NPAIT account for the Children's Ground Water Festival was closed (May board action) and deposited in the SPNRD checking account to cover the 2008 festival expenses. Investment accounts were reviewed. Accounts payable was presented in the amount of \$49,040.32. Some discussion followed. Moved by Crago, second by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve the May Treasurer's Report and pay the accounts payable. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. Hearing: In the Matter of the South Platte Natural Resources District and the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources proposed Amendments to the Proposed Integrated Management Plan

a. Information Session - 7:15 p.m.

b. Hearing - 8:00 p.m.

6. Director and Staff Reports

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

Kaiser reported completing tree inspections, assisted with the Goldenrod tree planting, removed the graffiti on the face of the Oliver Reservoir outlet, rototilled tree sites, assisted with the SPNRD lot cleanup, worked on well abandonment, updated NeRAIN website, nitrogen management reports, domestic water sampling and took recorder well levels. He also went with Glanz to inspect a flow meter to become familiar with those procedures.

Glanz participated in the Oliver Prescribed Burn, worked on flow meter cost share, GPS'd confined animal operations on the District for the HEM, worked on certified acres in ARC map, changed oil in vehicles, assisted with the lot cleanup.

Liebig met with Delbert Harris along with Horn on some ground water issues; attended a GIS conference in Norfolk; worked on GIS Workshop contract (will be finalized soon); met with cooperators regarding variances, defining tracts in tables and acre modifications; helped with the lot cleanup; assisted Livingstone with flow meter maintenance issues; worked with Steve Sibray on flight lines for the HEM; met with a geologist regarding the cleanup of Sioux Army Depot (a scope of work is being developed around the administrative area); worked on pivot conversion items; well abandonment for Sidney Wellhead Protection Area; and assisted realtors and assessors; worked with new cell phone set ups; SPNRD lot cleanup; met with Gary Stone regarding moisture sensors and ET gauges.

The board meeting was recessed at 7:13 p.m. for the Information Session (agenda item #5.a) and reconvened at 7:30 p.m.

Wittrock reported on the conservation tree program. The tree plantings look good. In regard to many questions that came in concerning older stands of Austrian Pine which are browning at the tips. Wittrock found, after consultation with forestry experts, the problem is winter burn, probably caused by a sudden temperature change last fall. The Community Forestry program is nearly complete. Big Springs requested input on enhancing a one-acre pond west of the school. Wittrock, along with DEQ and Game & Parks met to talk with the village. Wittrock will keep the board updated on the project. He reported that about 255 renewal permits were received for the chemigation program. Regarding the weed harvester, Wittrock reported on Game & Parks use of the weed harvester equipment at Smith Lake. NEBRASKAland Magazine is planning an article of the cleanup effort. Wittrock will keep the board updated on any developments from Game & Parks concerning the Oliver lease and the wildlife management areas. He also worked with the Oliver prescribed burn and the SPNRD lot cleanup.

Ogle reported that three District youth received scholarships to Range Camp: Cody Meyer, Jake Nelson and Ashley Schievelbein. The Cash for Grass program delivery date is June 20. He reported working with Joe Larson on a No-till Field Day to be held on June 23. He worked with many agencies to coordinate the HEM flights. He produced many news articles and is working on the web site and the newsletter. He will also be working with local news media to bring visibility to NRD projects. He worked with the Oliver prescribed burn and the SPNRD lot cleanup.

Horn reported attending a meeting in Kimball regarding Oliver Reservoir. The Kimball Chamber of Commerce and others in Kimball are concerned about the low water level in Oliver Reservoir. Horn spoke with them about the economic side, research and regulatory and incentive base programs for the reservoir. DEQ is looking at an economic assessment study of recreation areas like Oliver. Horn requested that the SPNRD be involved with that committee. He also reported about the public relations task force that the NRDs are forming to get information into the hands of not only lawmakers but also the public regarding work and projects of the NRDs. This is a concerted effort to identify problems and stop misperceptions. Regarding the office remodel/shop building, construction is proposed to begin on June 16, 2008.

7. Agency Reports

A. USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Miller was absent but submitted a written report. Susan Lockwood highlighted several items in the report. The Kimball office will still be a one-person office in addition to the NRD/NRCS Field Office Secretary.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

a. NRD/NARD Employee Benefits Committee Meeting

Johnson referred to the handout in the information concerning the NARD Public Relations Task Force.

Johnson reported that the next meeting will be held June 15 and 16. At the May 29 meeting in Norfolk, insurance rates were recommended for FY2009 with an increase of about 5% or less.

b. NARD Intergovernmental Risk Pool Association Loss Control Committee Meeting

The committee will take formal action on the benefit committee recommendations on June 15 and 16.

The board meeting was recessed at 7:59 p.m. for the Hearing (agenda item #5.b) and reconvened at 8:12 p.m. after the Hearing. Refer to Hearing Minutes.

C. Panhandle RC& D

1. PRC&D Report

Burkhart-Kriesel reported that a five-year planning meeting was held, facilitated by Kathy Buttle, NRCS. The goal was to identify priorities region-wide. She also reported that the RC&D is partnering with the High Plains Weed Management Association and through the alliance are able to share an office space and a secretary, which benefits both entities.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Rexroth gave a brief NDNR report.

8. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

1. Review the June 10, 2008 Hearing and any Testimony Received relating to the SPNRD and NDNR proposed amendments to the Integrated Management Plan (IMP)

Hutchison reported no written or oral testimony was received at the Hearing. Horn reported that all entities/individuals involved received a memo with a draft of the proposed IMP, noting the substantive changes. Exhibits were received from the SPNRD and NDNR.

2. \*Consideration to Agree to Implement the Proposed IMP with modifications, and to adopt and implement the controls and incentive programs proposed in the IMP

Motion by Burkhart-Kriesel, second by Crago to agree to implement the proposed IMP with modifications and to adopt and implement the controls and incentive programs proposed in the IMP. Horn pointed out that the draft copy of the letter to Brian Dunnigan, Acting Director, NDNR, agreeing to implement, is included in the handout information. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

3. \*Consideration to Adopt Order on the Integrated Management Plan, Ground Water controls, Incentive Programs and Designation of an Integrated Management Subarea, and to Authorize Keith Rexroth, Chair, to sign Order upon Receiving Confirmation from the NDNR Agreeing to Implement the IMP and Adopt and Implement the Surface Water Controls

Motion by Johnson, second by Burkhart-Kriesel to adopt the Order on the IMP, including the ground water controls, incentive programs and designation of an Integrated Management Subarea; and to authorize Keith Rexroth, Chair to sign the Order upon confirmation from NDNR agreeing to implement the IMP and adopt and implement the surface water controls. Kurtz said the document signing by Rexroth and Dunnigan will be coordinated. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago, Johnson  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

4. Variance Advisory Group

a. Review Requests Brought before the Group

Hutchison highlighted the Variance Advisory Group recommendations from their May 20, 2008 meeting. All references to locations of property are listed in this order: Section-Township North-Range West of the 6<sup>th</sup> P.M.

b. \*Action on Variance Requests Recommended by the Group

The Tisdale Family Trust (18" allocation area), 31-15-53 and 35-15-54, Kimball County, requested to certify 108.2 historical irrigated acres in section 31; and 56.5 historical irrigated acres in section 35. These irrigated acres were not included in the original irrigated acre certification in 2004. The Group voted in favor of granting the variance, with seven yes votes (one member was absent). Moved by Hutchison and seconded by Biggs to approve Tisdale's request to certify 108.2 irrigated acres in Section 31 and 56.5 irrigated acres in Section 35. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

Gene Bichlimeier (Central Sand & Gravel Co.), William Mueller, Doug Keller

and Val Deane Snyder requested to modify an addendum to an existing variance (2006) between Central Sand & Gravel Co. and William Mueller (18" allocation area), in the S½ of the N½ of the NE ¼ of 23-15-56. The current variance states that water be deducted from William Mueller's allocation. Central Sand & Gravel Co. requested that the deduction be taken equally among allocations from the wells of William Mueller, Doug Keller and Val Deane Snyder. The Group voted to deny the variance request modification, with four yes votes, one no, one abstain and one absent. Moved by Hutchison and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to deny the request. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Biggs, Rutt, Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison

Nay: Rexroth

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

5. \*Action to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tract

Liebig showed maps and explained the Tisdale Family Trust modification request (31-15-53 and 35-15-54, Kimball County). Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Johnson seconded the motion to approve modification of 108.2 additional irrigated acres on Section 31 and 56.5 additional irrigated acres on Section 35. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

Liebig explained modifications for WJD Ranch (27-15-57) for 332.17 certified irrigated acres; NBELF (16-14-49) for 61.0 certified irrigated acres; and Miller Wheat Farms (35-14-48) for 105.9 certified irrigated acres. These applications were discussed in committee and can be handled by staff. They don't require board approval because there is no expansion of irrigated acres. Liebig will make sure that proper documentation is in each landowner file. He will GPS each modification and the landowner will sign off on the modification.

6. Report on Ground Water Quality Management Compliance Issue(s)

The committee discussed compliance issues regarding nitrogen reporting requirements. Hutchison reported that staff is working with each issue. The committee was in agreement for staff to proceed with SPNRD procedure and to send formal notice prepared by SPNRD legal counsel if the situation calls for this type of action.

7. Report on Irrigator's Education Certification Compliance Issue(s)

The committee discussed compliance issues. The committee recommended staff follow protocol and use SPNRD procedures (formal notices if necessary).

B. District Operations Committee

1. \*Authorization to Transfer \$9,225.66 from the NPAIT-CMC Account to CMC's Checking Account with First National for Proposed SPNRD Reimbursable Expenses

Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Crago seconded the motion to authorize transfer of \$9,225.66 from the NPAIT-CMC account to the CMC First National Checking account for the purpose of reimbursing SPNRD for CMC expenses paid throughout the fiscal year and based on the CMC's approval of the reimbursable amount. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

2. \*Authorization to Transfer \$11,940.49 from the NPAIT-CMC Account to CMC's Checking Account with First National for Consultant Expenses

Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Crago seconded the motion to authorize transfer of \$11,940.49 from the NPAIT-CMC account to the CMC First National Checking account for the purpose of paying the MILCO consulting expenses for the balance of FY2008. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

3. \*Authorization to Transfer \$3,000 from the SPNRD's Vehicle/Equipment Repurchase Account to the District's General Fund/Checking Account

Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to authorize transfer of \$3,000 from SPNRD's Vehicle/Equipment Repurchase account to the District's General Fund/Checking account. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

4. \*Authorization to Transfer \$6,510.73 from the SPNRD's General Fund/Checking Account to the District's Building and Property Repurchase Account

Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to authorize transfer of \$6,510.73 from SPNRD's General Fund/Checking account to the District's Building and Property Repurchase account. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago, Johnson  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

5. \*Authorization to Transfer \$155,051.00 from the SPNRD's General Fund/Checking Account to the District's LPCSI-EQIP NPAIT Investment Account

Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Crago seconded the motion to authorize transfer of \$155,051.00 from SPNRD's General Fund/Checking account to the District's LPCSI-EQIP NPAIT investment account. Discussion followed that these funds are intended for conversion of irrigated acres to dryland. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

6. \*Staff Salary Adjustments for FY2009

Crago moved and Johnson seconded the motion to go into closed session at 9:00 p.m. to discuss performance appraisals and salary adjustments for FY2009. Those present would be elected SPNRD board members only. The directors initially requested Manager Horn to participate in the closed session. The purpose of the closed session was repeated: to go into closed session to discuss performance appraisals and salary adjustments. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

Moved by Burkhart-Kriesel, second by Biggs to reconvene from closed session at 9:27 p.m. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

Johnson moved and Crago seconded the motion to recommend approval of the updated FY2009 salary pay range values, and approve the salary adjustments made according to the Salary Grade and Pay Range Schedule provided by the manager and amended by the board of directors. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Crago, Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

7. \*Action to Waive Advertising Vacant NRD/NRCS Field Office Secretary Position

Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to waive advertising for position of Field Office Secretary at the Kimball NRCS office. Johnson explained that it has been six months since the job was advertised and candidates were interviewed for the position. The current employee has given notice to resign her position. Hilary Cook, a final candidate interviewed previously, is willing to accept the position. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

8. \*Action on Resolution for Title Insurance Purposes

Johnson explained that the title company for the American National Bank loan requires a resolution which was read into the record as follows: "Be it resolved by the Board of Directors of the South Platte Natural Resources District that the South Platte Natural Resources District execute a line of credit with the American National Bank of Sidney, Nebraska for an amount up to \$378,000 for a period of one year with the option to renew for an additional six month period for the purpose of remodeling the office building and construction of a new building; and that Keith Rexroth, Chairman of the Board of Directors of

the South Platte Natural Resources District and either Rodney L. Horn, District Manager or Tom R. Biggs, Director are hereby authorized to execute any and all documents relating to the transaction with two signatures required. This resolution ratifies the resolution adopted at the meeting held May 13, 2008.” Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the resolution. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Burkhart-Kriesel, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Crago, Johnson  
Nay: None  
Absent: None  
Motion Carried.

9. Report on the Western Nebraska Children’s Ground Water Festival

Ogle gave a power point presentation of the Western Nebraska Children’s Ground Water Festival held April 16, 2008. About 170 4<sup>th</sup> grade students from area schools attended. Twenty presenters and 13 stations along with numerous assistants helped make the day a success. Ogle discussed the expenses (\$1,454.52) and that the last of the Neal Kinsey funds were used this year. He will seek alternative funding sources for next year.

10. Correspondence

Horn referred to the items in the handout material, pointing out the Kearney Hub article.

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- E. NARD Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE - September 28-30, 2008
- F. NARD Legislative Conference, Lincoln, NE - January 27-28, 2009

12. Adjourn

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

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Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

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