

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on **Tuesday** June 8, 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 July 2010 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals
2. Minutes
  - A. Minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the Board of Directors
  - B. Minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the District Operations Committee
3. \*Treasurer's Report for May 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. Presentation on the Wellhead Protection Plan for the City of Sidney - Reisdorff
8. SPNRD Agricultural Water Usage Report - Liebig
9. Committee Reports
  - A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee - Hutchison, Chair
    1. Discussion Concerning the Sidney East Drainage Area
    2. \*Review and Action on Ground Water Quality Management Compliance Issue

3. \*Discussion and Action Regarding NDNR Consultation Letter for application TA-47: Blattner Energy, Inc.
4. \*Discussion and Action as Desired Regarding Pine Bluffs Gravel and Excavation, Inc. Request for Transfer Permit
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  - a. Review Request Brought Before the Group
  - b. \*Action on Variance Request Recommended by the Group
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B. District Operations Committee - Halligan, Chair

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12. Adjourn

\*Denotes Possible Action Items

## MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, June 8, 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

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Vice Chair

Tom Biggs, Secretary

Bill Halligan

Paul Hutchison

Larry Rutt

Jim Johnson

### Board Members Absent

None

### Others Present

Kristin Miller, D.C., NRCS/USDA

### NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager

Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager

Ryan Reisdorff, Water Res. Programs Specialist

Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator

Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager

Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Coordinator

Don Ogle, I & E Coordinator

Travis Glanz, Water Resources Technician

### Information Material

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

1. June 8, 2010 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
2. June 8, 2010 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the District Operations Committee
3. June 7, 2010 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee
4. May 13, 2010 Minutes, SPNRD Board of Directors meeting
5. May 13, 2010 Minutes, District Operations Committee meeting
6. May 2010 Treasurer's Report
7. Additional Accounts Payable to be added to the May Treasurer's Report - GIS Workshop and NARD Tree Seedling Program
8. May 28, 2010 Manager's Letter; and May 31, 2010 Administrative Manager's Report and District Secretary's Report
9. Draft SPNRD Water Usage Report
10. City of Sidney Wellhead Protection Plan (PowerPoint presentation by Ryan Reisdorff)
11. Panhandle RC&D May 21, 2010 letter to Sponsors
12. NARD June 21-22 NRD Basin Tour Registration Form and Information
13. Documents regarding the east Sidney Drainage Area from 2009

14. June 7, 2010 Memo from Ryan Reisdorff to SPNRD Board of Directors Re: NRD consultation for application TA-47 (Blattner Energy, Inc.) and State of Nebraska request for TA-47 from Tracy Zayac, NE Department of Natural Resources
15. June 8, 2010 letter (with attachments) from Doug Keller, Operations Manager, Pine Bluffs Gravel and Excavating, Inc., regarding a transfer permit to wash aggregate in a retention pond
16. Draft minutes of the VAG meeting held May 18, 2010
17. Documents referencing Deuel County compliance issue (Charles Julius)
18. April 20, 2010 letter from Rod L. Horn, General manager, SPNRD, to Perry Van Newkirk, Castronics, Inc. in reference to consideration to close negotiations on purchase of Conservation Easement
19. Draft Brochure for Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska
20. Nebraska Game and Parks Commission non-substantive changes to the Interlocal Cooperating Agreement for Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska
21. Worksheet detailing two bids received for drilling monitoring wells under the NETF Grant, Expanding Hydrological Framework in the SPNRD
22. May 18, 2010 letter from Dick Luckey, High Plains Hydrology, LLC and contract with the SPNRD
23. Interlocal Cooperation Agreement among the NDNR, the NPNRD and the SPNRD for the Western Water Use Model
24. Proposed flight lines (SkyTEM) and email from Jim Cannia USGS Re: Aerial Geophysical
25. Monday, May 17, 2010 email from Alyssa Smola, NARD, and attached news articles
26. Lincoln Journal Star, "Pfizer Exec named new IANR Vice-Chancellor"
27. Project Status Report, Clean Harbors Citizens' Monitoring Committee, Kimball, Nebraska, First Quarter 2010
28. Per Diem/Expense form

## Meeting

### 1. Call to Order

Chair Rexroth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

#### 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 July 2010 Committee Meeting Expenditures for Meals

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

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

Motion Carried.

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the May 10, 2010 meeting of the SPNRD District Operations Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

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

Horn reviewed account balances as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>May 1, 2010</u>	<u>May 31, 2010</u>
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	\$ 253,737.86	\$ 395,509.12
Citizens' Monitoring Committee (combined)	\$ 33,697.67	\$ 33,700.15
LPCSI-EQIP NPAIT	\$ 1.12	\$ 1.12
LPCSI-EQIP Security First Bank CDs	\$ 300,242.50	\$ 300,242.50
SPRCC Combined Funds	\$ 94,155.08	\$ 94,239.23

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, \$69,686.02 and distributed additional accounts payable to GIS Workshop in the amount of \$42,750.00 and NARD Tree Seeding Program in the amount of \$28,182.96, requesting these additions to the accounts payable, bringing the total to \$140,618.98. Motion by Burkhardt-Kriesel, second by Johnson to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$140,618.98. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. Director and Staff Reports

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

- o Glanz reported working with Liebig and Reisdorff on the industrial/commercial well flow meter information and temporary deferments. For irrigation flow meters, he spot checked for broken meters (two more Sparlings are broken), prepared cost-share forms and conducted inspections for repair and replacement of flow meters. He GPSd 2 pivots and a side roll with Liebig, worked on the usage reports, assisted with the SPNRD Conservation Tree Program, participated in the SPNRD lot cleanup, and assisted Kaiser to pump the deep monitoring wells on the Cheyenne County tableland.
- o Wittrock reported about the SPNRD Conservation Tree Program. He conducted inspections and finalized paperwork for cooperators' cost-share for the Conservation Tree Program as well as the Community Forestry Program and the WILD Nebraska Program. For the

Chemigation Program, the deadline for renewals was June 1. At this point there are 310 renewals and 14 new permits. Other work this month included the NET Grant, Preserving CRP Grasslands (Perimeter Fence). The interlocal agreement was approved at the May board meeting with the stipulation there were no substantive changes. Wittrock distributed the changes made to the document which he deemed non-substantive. He worked on the grass drill repairs for the Truax. The SPNRD will receive \$500 reimbursement from the High Plains Chapter of Pheasants Forever.

- Liebig preformed staff reviews, facilitated a PBHEP CALMIT training for the other Platte Basin NRDs on use of PDAs to collect data in the field for this summer's upcoming CALMIT flights. He prepared RFPs for real estate appraisals for the South Platte Valley area. He worked on Industrial Accounting, assisted cooperators with change of ownership paperwork, assisted with the SPNRD lot cleanup, the conservation awards program award winners and the buffalo grass planting at the Kimball demonstration sites. He worked with the other Platte Basin NRDs on PRIPP/IMP reporting with the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR).
- Kaiser preformed surface water sampling, mailed postcards for the upcoming domestic and irrigation well sampling, assisted with chemigation and tree inspections and pumped the deep monitoring wells. He is sampling Oliver Reservoir weekly for bacteria and toxic algae. He assisted with the SPNRD lot cleanup. Regarding the SPNRD nitrogen management program, he compiled information for the non-compliance operator in the South Platte River Valley. For the NET grant, Expanding Hydrogeological Framework of the SPNRD, he contacted four landowners in Kimball County about the possibility of drilling monitoring wells on their property.
- Reisdorff reported on his work with the 319 Grant regarding the Cash for Grass (CFG) program. He did preliminary inspections for 5 applications, projecting about 16,500 square feet of buffalo grass planting for this summer. He also rototilled the demo sites in Kimball, one at the Kimball Historical Society and one at the Kimball Arboretum. These two sites add another 10,000 square feet of buffalo grass. Also in conjunction with the grant, he met with City of Sidney staff regarding finalizing the Sidney Wellhead Protection Area Plan so the proper ordinances could be written. He will report on this later on the agenda. For the Kimball Wellhead Protection Area, maps are being made for the contaminant source area. He worked with the Industrial and Commercial well baseline component in the IMP and SPNRD rules and regulations. He commented on the assistance he received from Jodi Livingstone, District Secretary. He assisted with the SPNRD lot cleanup.
- Ogle did routine web-site updates, worked with Reisdorff on the CFG project, assisted with designing signs for the CFG demo plots in Kimball, and helped with the planting of the buffalo grass at the two Kimball demo sites. He worked on the NARD tree program booklet/brochure, Range Camp and ACE Camp details, reporting one Range Camp scholarship recipient and two ACE Camp scholarship recipients. He attended the Platte Basin P/R meeting in North Platte and went to a facilitator training for Project Wet, Project Wild and Project Learning Tree. He worked with ESU 13 on the July Teachers' workshop, worked on the Southern Panhandle no-till tour, assisted with preparations and nominations for the Conservation Awards Banquet, and worked on the next issue of the Pipeline.
- Horn gave an overview of his trip to Washington D.C. and his meeting with Ann Castle, Assistant Secretary under Ken Salazar, Secretary of the Department of Interior. He felt it was a productive meeting on behalf of the USGS work for geophysical flight lines. He also pointed out the Journal Star newspaper article about the new Vice-Chancellor of UNL,

Ronnie Green. LeRoy Sievers is now the NDNR lead attorney. He discussed the SkyTEM flights later in June.

## 6. Agency Reports

### A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

#### 1. NRCS Report

Kristin Miller, District Conservationist, distributed a draft brochure for the new NET grant, Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska, designed by Farm Bill Technician, Jerry Spiker. She also discussed the upcoming CSP signup and other work done by the NRCS office. Her staff worked on nominations for the Conservation Awards Banquet.

### B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

#### 1. NARD Board of Directors Meeting Report

Johnson was unable to attend the June NARD IRMPA Loss Control Committee and the NRD/NARD Employee Benefits Committee meetings, but will attend the June 20-22 Executive and Committee meetings and the Basin Tour.

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

#### 1. PRC&D Report

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel reported that a PRC&D hosted event, the 11th Annual Intertribal Gathering, will be held at Fort Robinson State Park in Crawford June 12-13. This year is the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the PRC&D, making it the oldest RC&D in Nebraska.

### D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

#### 1. NDNR Report

Keith Rexroth reported that the Commission will meet in Norfolk on June 16.

## 7. Presentation on the Wellhead Protection Plan for the City of Sidney

Reisdorff, in conjunction with the 319 Grant, presented information via PowerPoint outlining the six sections in the proposed Sidney Wellhead Protection Plan. The plan is in the public comment stage with copies available at the SPNRD, Sidney Public Library and the City of Sidney office.

## 8. SPNRD Agricultural Water Usage Report

Liebig presented the draft format for the SPNRD agricultural water usage. The water usage report is an example of the type of product from the work done by GIS Workshop. He requested that the board give him direction for the type of information they would like to see contained in the report.

## 9. Committee Reports

### A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee

#### 1. Discussion Concerning the Sidney East Drainage Area

Motion by Hutchison, second by Burkhart-Kriesel to amend agenda item 9.A.1. to "Discussion and Possible Action Concerning the Sidney East Drainage Area". A roll call vote was taken.

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

Hutchison reported that Director Keith Rexroth, City of Sidney staff and Marvin Filsinger, City of Sidney council member were present during the committee meeting, along with Chris Jensen, NRCS engineer, Scottsbluff and Steve Westby, Horizon West, Inc., Sidney. Discussion was held about the drainage issues which cause flooding in east Sidney from the area beginning at the south end of Fort Sidney Road north to Hwy 30 and east to the 17J Link, flowing through Horizon West, Inc. and the SPNRD and then moving on north into the residences. It was discussed that Rexroth work with the Nebraska State Conservationist, Steve Chick, regarding NRCS use of a retired NRCS engineer for design work because of Jensen's workload. Chris Jensen proposed bringing forth preliminary options for design by November 1, 2010. Hiring a consultant to prepare the engineering design was discussed. Contacting Panhandle RC&D about possible funding was discussed. Hutchison said Marvin Filsinger discussed the culverts on Fort Sidney Road and the areas that lacked culverts. City of Sidney staff told the committee that they were in favor of working together with the SPNRD to solve the drainage problem. Discussion was held about land treatment (terraces/dams) through the SPNRD and NRCS cost-share programs. Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to request NRCS engineering assistance for the East Sidney Drainage Area, to be completed no later than November 1, 2010. A roll call vote was taken.

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

2. Update on the Ground Water Quality Management Compliance Issue

Hutchison reviewed the GW Quality compliance issue in Deuel County. One cooperator hasn't submitted his nitrogen management report. Discussion was held to be fair and consistent. Discussion was held about the high nitrate levels in the Deuel County area and the SPNRD rules that require soil sample and nitrogen management reporting. Hutchison moved and Biggs seconded the motion to move forward with the non-compliance process as outlined in SPNRD rules and regulations. SPNRD legal counsel provided assistance. Discussion was held that the SPNRD Rules need to be reviewed to close any loopholes. A roll call vote was taken.

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

3. \*Discussion and Action Regarding NDNR Consultation Letter for Application TA-47: Blattner Energy, Inc.

Hutchison reviewed the committee discussion concerning the consultation letter from NDNR concerning Blattner Energy, Inc. Reisdorff outlined staff concerns and conditions for approval: 1) Request for legal description correction for one of the municipal wells; 2) Waive SPNRD permit and use the DNR permit; 3) Request total amount of water used on final report. Motion by Hutchison second by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve staff recommendations for the consultation letter. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

4. \*Discussion and Action as Desired Regarding Pine Bluffs Gravel and Excavation, Inc.(PBGE) Request for Transfer Permit

Hutchison reviewed the request from PBGE to physically transfer water from irrigation wells owned by Mueller Cattle Company to wash aggregate. The request is in accordance with SPNRD GWMA Rules and Regulations, Rule 6.8.1 and Rule 6.8.3. Staff will prepare transfer permit/process. Motion by Hutchison second by Biggs to approve the transfer permit. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

5. Variance Advisory Group

a. Review Request Brought Before the Group

Walkerland LLC - Rick Walker NW¼ of Section 18, T12N, R50W, Cheyenne County

Hutchison discussed the variance request to modify the certified irrigated acres from 107 to 111.5 acres (FSA map, October 21, 2005). The VAG unanimously requested approval of the Walkerland LLC variance request.

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

Motion by Hutchison on behalf of the committee, second by Biggs to approve the Walkerland LLC variance request. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

6. Status of Castronics' Agreement for Sale and Purchase of Conservation Easement

Hutchison discussed the status of the Castronics' Agreement reporting that Perry Van Newkirk with Castronics initially indicated that the name Castronics, Inc. should be used in an *Agreement for Sale and Purchase of a Conservation Easement*. However, through a Certificate of Title examination, Castronics, Inc. is not the owner. Castronics, Inc. was sold and the owner of record title to the land is Castronics, LLC. Horn needed additional information before proceeding with a new agreement, including a \$5,800,000 deed of trust, which would need to be subordinated through a separate agreement. However, no response was provided to the SPNRD. It was discussed to not pursue the conservation easement with Castronics at this time.

B. District Operations Committee

1. \*Discussion and Action as Desired Regarding Computer Network and Systems Management Options for SPNRD Network Configurations

Halligan reviewed the committee discussion with Justin Hanshaw, Bytes Computer & Network Solutions. The SPNRD network server is old and needs updating. Various monitoring and preventative maintenance options were also discussed. Motion by Halligan second by Johnson to purchase the server network system in the amount of \$8,909.00 from Bytes Computer & Network Solutions, and enable staff to determine monitoring and preventative maintenance and backup options. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

2. \*Action on Bids/Proposals Received for Well Drilling Activities under the NETF Ground Water Monitoring Well Construction Project

Halligan reviewed the bid information that the committee received (two bids). Motion by Halligan, second by Burkhardt-Kriesel to award the contract to M&S Drilling, Inc., Potter, Nebraska (low bid), with staff to work with M&S Drilling on the contract and for Horn to sign the contract. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

3. \*Action on the Western Water Use Model Agreement between the SPNRD and NPNRD

Halligan reviewed the WWUM agreement and discussed that the SPNRD attorney reviewed the agreement. Motion by Halligan, second by Burkhardt-Kriesel to approve the final draft of the WWUM Interlocal Cooperation Agreement among the NDNR, the NPNRD and SPNRD for the Western Water Use Model with Chair Rexroth to sign the agreement. A roll call vote was taken.

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

4. \*Action on Aerial Geophysical Mapping Project

Halligan reviewed the discussion from the committee meeting concerning the Aerial Geophysical Mapping Project. The Environmental Trust Fund grant which the board approved was not successful; however it was discussed to move forward with additional line flights being mapped with funds budgeted through the South Platte Natural Resources District (\$50,000), North Platte Natural Resources District (NPNRD) (\$100,000) and Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) (\$125,000). The SkyTEM system will fly the test block for free, and possibly the District's mapped lines. USGS will use the test block lines information as a basis for further work. Motion by Halligan, second by Johnson to approve the SPNRD continuing with the aerial geophysical mapping project, along with the NPNRD and TPNRD. A roll call vote was taken.

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

5. \*Action on Contract between SPNRD and High Plains Hydrology, LLC (Dick Luckey)

Halligan reviewed the committee discussion. Dick Luckey provides services to the SPNRD outside of the services he provides jointly to the NPNRD and SPNRD. Motion by Halligan, second by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve the contract between the South Platte Natural Resources District and High Plains Hydrology, LLC (Dick Luckey). A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion by Johnson, second by Biggs to go into executive session at 9:30 p.m. to discuss salary pay ranges and adjustments for SPNRD staff and manager. Chair Rexroth repeated the purpose of the executive session. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion by Johnson, second by Halligan to come out of executive session at 10:00 p.m. A roll call vote was taken.

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

6. \*Staff Salary Adjustments for FY2011

Motion by Halligan second by Johnson to recommend approval of the updated 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. Chair Rexroth commended staff for a very good year. A roll call vote was taken.

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

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

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With no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

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Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

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