

PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on March 10, 2009 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 - Rexroth, Chair
 - A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
 - B. Legal Notices
2. Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors
 - B. Minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting of the District Operations Committee
 - C. Minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee
3. *Treasurer's Report for February 2009 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. Staff and Director Reports
 - A. Joint Meeting of the NPNRD, SPNRD, UNWNRD Boards of Directors - Rexroth
6. Discussion Concerning Hazardous Mitigation Planning for the South Platte NRD-Jonathon Mohr, Water Resources Planner, JEO Consulting Group Inc.
7. *Bill Halligan's Request for Consideration by the SPNRD Board - Halligan
8. Agency Reports
 - A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 1. NRCS Report - Kristin Miller, D.C. – NRCS
 - B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)
 1. NARD Report - Johnson
 - C. Panhandle Resources Conservation and Development (PRC&D)
 1. PRC&D Report - Burkhart-Kriesel
 - D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
 1. NDNR Report - Rexroth
 - E. Board of Educational Lands and Funds
 1. BELF Report - Rexroth
9. Committee Reports
 - A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee - Hutchison, Chair
 1. Review the IMP Work Group Meeting held February 18, 2009 and the Comments Received for:
 - a. The proposed Basin-wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of the Overappropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin, Nebraska
 - b. The proposed Overappropriated Component (Rule 9) of the SPNRD Integrated Management Plan (IMP)

2. *Discussion and Action as Desired to Consider the Allocation Subcommittee's Recommendations for the Next (2nd) Allocation Period that begins in 2010 in the LPC and Sidney Draw Subareas.
3. Variance Advisory Group
 - a. Review Requests brought before the Group
 - b. *Action on Variance Requests recommended by the Group
 - c. *Action to Reappoint Members
 - d. Discuss VAG Follow-up Issues
4. Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations Issues
 - a. * Action on Modifications to Application for Temporary Deferment
 - b. Report on Flow Meter Installation Compliance
 - c. Discuss Replacement Water Well Definition

B. District Operations Committee - Johnson, Chair

1. *Action on Community Forestry Program Applications
2. Discussion Concerning Proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the South Platte NRD and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
3. *Ratify Approval of the following Proposals:
 - a. Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) Proposal for the PRRIP Area Partnership
 - b. Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application Proposal regarding Western Water Use Management Model
 - c. Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application Proposal regarding Water Accounting GIS
4. *Action on Bids/Proposals Received for Consideration to Purchase the following:
 - a. Computer Equipment and Installation
 - b. Office Furniture

10. Correspondence

11. Upcoming Dates

- A. March 9, 2009 - NARD Board of Directors Meeting, Lincoln
- B. March 16, 2009 - Joint Meeting of the NPNRD, SPNRD, UNWNRD Boards of Directors, Prairie Winds Community Center, Bridgeport at 2:00 p.m. MDT
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- F. May 2, 2009 - State Envirothon, Ponca State Park
- G. September 15-17, 2009 - Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
- H. September 27-29, 2009 - NARD Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney

12. Adjourn

*Denotes Action Items

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday March 10, 2009, 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	Bill Halligan
Tom Biggs, Secretary	Jim Johnson
Paul Hutchison	

Board Members Absent

None

Others Present

Lalit Jha, Vice President, Water Resources Engineering, JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
Jonathan D. Mohr, Water Resources Planner, JEO Consulting Group, Inc.
Jesse Bradley, Integrated Water Management Analyst, NDNR

NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager	Linda L. Suhr, Admin. Sec. /Bookkeeper
Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager	Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Coordinator
Don Ogle, I & E Coordinator	Travis Glanz, Water Resources Technician
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator	

Informational Material

The following information provided prior to the board meeting or made available at the meeting:

1. Tentative and Final Agendas, SPNRD Board meeting, March 10, 2009
2. Tentative and Final Agendas, Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting, March 9, 2009
3. Tentative and Final Agendas, District Operations Committee meeting, March 10, 2009
4. Tentative Agenda, Joint Meeting of the NPNRD, SPNRD, UNWNRD, March 16, 2009
5. February 2008 Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
6. Minutes of the SPNRD Board meeting, February 10, 2009
7. Minutes of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee meeting, February 9, 2009
8. Minutes of the District Operations Committee meeting, February 10, 2009
9. Minutes of the Variance Advisory Group meeting, February 23, 2009
10. Minutes of the South Platte NRD/NDNR Integrated Management Plan Work Group meeting, February 18, 2009
11. Minutes of the South Platte NRD Allocation Subcommittee meeting, February 19, 2009
12. February 27, 2009 Manager's Letter
13. March 5, 2009 Memo Re: Additional Information for March 10, 2009 SPNRD Board and Committee meetings
14. March 5, 2009 Memo from Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager Re: 2009 Community Forestry Program with attached Spreadsheet and March 10, 2009 revised spreadsheet after DOPs Committee meeting recommendations
15. March 9, 2009 Memo from Rod Horn Re: No VAG meeting in March
16. Staff Reports: Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Secretary and Jodi R. Livingstone, District Secretary
17. Grant Applications to consider for ratification:

- Proposal for an Agricultural Water Enhancement Program Partnership Agreement in the Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program Area in Nebraska
 - Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund - Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project
 - Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application - Water Accounting GIS
18. Proposed Application for Temporary Deferment of Flow Meter Installation with attached SPNRD Rule 6.6.1.6
 19. Request for Consideration by the SPNRD Board - Bill Halligan, Board Member
 20. March 6, 2009 Draft SPNRD Overappropriated IMP
 21. March 2, 2009 Draft Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of Overappropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin, Nebraska
 22. March 2, 2009 Draft Interlocal Agreement between SPNRD and the State of Nebraska Game and Parks Commission - Oliver Reservoir
 23. NDEQ 2008 Lake Beach Bacteria and Toxic Algae Network for Oliver Reservoir and spreadsheet, Bio-Lab Data including Field Measurements & Pesticides, SPNRD Data
 24. NPPD Comments on IMP
 25. March 10, 2009 Flow Meter Report - Installations in Progress
 26. March 10, 2009 Summary of Bids, Computer Equipment and Installation
 27. March 10, 2009 Summary of Bids, Office Furniture and Installation
 28. March 10, 2009 Star Herald article, "Lawsuit Roils Waters in Platte River Irrigation Fight" and information and minutes regarding the Groundwater Management Coalition
 29. Per Diem/Expense sheet

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair Rexroth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He extended sympathy on behalf of the board to Kristin Miller because of the death of her mother. Rexroth made available booklets titled "History of the UNL Water Center from 1964-2008".

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.

2. Minutes

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

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the February 10, 2009 meeting of the District Operations Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

C. Minutes of the February 9, 2009 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Treasurer's Report - February 2009 and Accounts Payable

Manager and Treasurer Rod Horn encouraged the board to review the Treasurer's Report and to address any questions. Account balances for accounts are as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>2/1/09</u>	<u>2/28/09</u>
SPNRD Checking	\$ 410,990.15	\$ 333,099.17
Citizens' Monitoring - combined	\$ 21,283.23	\$ 28,302.14
NPAIT-LPCSI-EQIP	\$ 228,913.10	\$ 229,085.39
NPAIT-SPRCC	\$ 5,001.63	\$ 55,028.27

Investment accounts were reviewed. Accounts payable was presented in the amount of \$ 30,919.24. Horn reviewed several items. After discussion Burkhart-Kriesel moved and Halligan seconded the motion to approve the

February Treasurer's Report and pay the accounts payable. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. Staff and Director Reports

A. Joint Meeting of the NPNRD, SPNRD, UNWNRD Boards of Directors

Rexroth urged the board and staff to attend the meeting in Bridgeport on March 16, 2009 at 2:00 p.m.

Wittrock, Liebig, Glanz, Ogle, Kaiser and Horn presented oral reports. The staff helped move equipment into the new garage.

Suhr and Livingstone submitted written reports.

Wittrock

- Reported on the tree program. Orders to date total about 34,000 seedlings. He brought samples of small potted Redcedar and Austrian Pine that the SPNRD donated to the 2009 Cheyenne County 4-H Carnival
- Passed around a sales catalogue showing the Great Plains 10 foot, double-disc, no-till grass drill proposed to be purchased with Environmental Trust Fund dollars, Pheasants Forever Chapter funds and SPNRD funds. Total estimated cost of the drill is \$35,000. Rutt suggested that Wittrock consider a single disc no-till grass drill.
- Regarding the sediment and erosion complaint (McRoberts) that was discussed at the February board meeting, Wittrock and Kristin Miller will continue working on the issue
- The prescribed burn at Oliver Reservoir is scheduled for March 17 or 18
- Participated in the NRCS Field Office Appraisal, touring windbreaks and unique trees planted in the District.

Liebig

- Worked on the scope of work for the Water Accounting GIS
- Followed up on Variance Advisory Group issues
- Met with producers in the South Platte Valley to define tracts
- He and Rod met with a consultant group
- Held a meeting for producers featuring Gary Stone with 13 producers in attendance, and 10 additional requests for the packet of information were also distributed to producers calling in or stopping at the office
- Read flow meters

Glanz

- Flow meter cost-share and flow meter maintenance cost-share
- Read flow meters, performed flow meter inspections (36 installed flow meters are left to inspect) and other flow meter related issues

Ogle

- Prepared numerous press releases
- Worked with Wittrock regarding the Cash for Grass Program
- Worked on Ground Water Festival
- Worked with the Ground Water Guardian Program - plans to start 2 new programs targeting Chappell and Kimball as per the 319 Grant
- Began work on the Master Conservation Award nominations, due April 1, 2009
- Worked on building website

Kaiser

- Surface water results that the board requested from a previous meeting were discussed
- Attended High Plains Weed Management Association meeting
- Replaced boards and wiring on the SPNRD 5th wheel trailer
- Serviced SPNRD vehicles
- Attended a prescribed burn meeting with Wittrock in Paxton

- Mowed secondary spillway and area around prescribed burn at Oliver Reservoir
- Read flow meters
- Took pesticide test in Scottsbluff with Wittrock
- WWDF payment claim and agreement form
- Sent out nitrogen reports for the Sidney and South Platte Valley GWMA's

Horn

- Groundwater Management Coalition information was discussed
- He will attend the SPRCC meeting at the Twin Platte NRD
- PBHEP meeting was held with all partners to work on Interlocal Agreement
- He discussed the March 13 and March 16 upcoming meetings with other NRDs and Directors

6. Discussion Concerning Hazard Mitigation Planning for the South Platte NRD

Lalit Jha, Vice President, Water Resources Engineering, JEO Consulting Group, Inc. and Jon Mohr, Water Resources Planner gave a power point presentation and discussed hazard mitigation planning, a pro-active approach to reduce damage from disasters. They and Horn met today with representatives from Kimball, Chappell and Sidney. Discussion followed. FEMA, NEMA and local funds are used for this type of planning. The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 requires all state/local government to have a plan. Communities with plans can increase the amount of funding available through the Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP). Discussion followed.

Lalit told the board it is to their advantage to sponsor the plan as project manager, and discussed other NRDs that are sponsors.

Jon Mohr discussed the process if the SPNRD decided to become a sponsor. He discussed the process, costs, other projects JEO worked with in Nebraska and other details. There are funds available for the planning grant.

7. *Bill Halligan's Request for Consideration by the SPNRD Board

Bill Halligan requested a report from staff for water data from the Wyoming state line to Oliver Reservoir along the Lodgepole Creek. Discussion followed. No action was taken. Staff will work on his request.

8. Agency Reports

A. USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Kristin Miller, D.C., NRCS-USDA, was not present at the meeting due to the death of her mother. Rexroth spoke briefly about the NRCS Field Office Appraisal in which he participated.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report Board of Directors Meeting Report

Johnson reported about the last NARD Board meeting. Jasper Fanning is the new chair of the Managers' Committee. He reported that Dave Wolf, NARD Information & Education Coordinator, resigned effective March 31, 2009.

C. Panhandle RC& D

1. PRC&D Report

Burkhart-Kriesel reported that the Panhandle RC&D is hosting the state meeting in Gering. Tours of value-added businesses will be part of the state meeting. Jennifer Rogers' position has not been filled. Again, the on-going issue of federal funding for RC&Ds is at the forefront. The five-year plan for the PRC&D is in process.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Rexroth reported that he will be attending the commission meeting on March 11, 2009.

E. Board of Education Lands and Funds

1. BELF Report

Rexroth distributed BELF leases for board signature.

9. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

1. Review the IMP Work Group Meeting held February 18, 2009 and the Comments Received for:

a. The Proposed Basin-Wide Plan for Joint Integrated Water Resources Management of the Overappropriated Portions of the Platte River Basin, Nebraska

Jesse Bradley, Nebraska Department of Natural Resources, reviewed the updated draft of the Overappropriated Basin-Wide Plan. Jennifer Schellpeper is taking final comments from the NRD managers.

b. The proposed Overappropriated Component (Rule 9) of the SPNRD Integrated Management Plan (IMP)

Jesse reviewed the updated draft of the IMP (Rule 9) for the SPNRD. Comments from NPPD were distributed in the information material. Jesse discussed NPPD's concerns. He spoke with NDNR legal counsel who is comfortable with the way the IMP addresses identifying needs. Discussion followed. Rexroth extended thanks to the NDNR and SPNRD staff for their work on the IMP. A possible hearing date is June 16, 2009.

2. *Discussion and Action as Desired to Consider the Allocation Subcommittee's Recommendations for the Next (2nd) Allocation Period that begins in 2010 in the LPC and Sidney Draw Subareas

Biggs summarized the Allocations Subcommittee's recommendation for a one inch reduction in all subareas along the Lodgepole Creek. Biggs said the members of the subcommittee had put considerable thought into their recommendation and made good comments for the reason they each voted as they did. One concern from the subcommittee was that there hasn't been enough time to allow tools in the DGWMA to work.

The NR/P&P committee carefully considered the subcommittee's recommendations. Burkhart-Kriesel said the rolling average spreadsheet and the declining water levels were discussed. She said lengthy discussion was held about the recommendation from the subcommittee. She voiced appreciation for the work of the subcommittee. The board represents the entire District, and it is important not to move too slowly in reference to where the data collected on declining water levels shows what is actually happening. The NR/P&P committee informally polled their committee and results were from 4" to 1" reduction. They also discussed crop irrigation requirements, and most generally in the SPNRD 14" is required for corn.

Discussion was held that in some areas, there isn't enough water to pump the current allocation. Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to authorize the General Manager to begin the process to amend 6.7.1.1 of the Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations by decreasing the amount of ground water allocation in each of the subareas A, B, C and D by two inches per certified irrigated acre per year beginning in 2010 for a three year period. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: Rutt

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

3. Variance Advisory Group (VAG)

a. Review Requests Brought Before the Group

Hutchison reviewed the variance recommendations from the February 23, 2009 VAG meeting.

The VAG recommended approving the variance voting 6 yes and 2 no, subject to documentation, such as FSA maps. Varra requests adding 13.1 historical irrigated acres. Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the variance for 13.1 acres only, subject to requested documentation. Liebig said any additional acres would require an additional variance. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Harold McClung-20" Allocation (2-12-42)

The VAG voted 8-0 to approve the variance. Harold McClung and AZ Ranch (owned by Harold's wife) are requesting pooling. Liebig provided a map showing the location of underground pipe and gated pipe which connects the irrigation system. Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the pooling variance. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Ralph Brauer, Allen Brauer, Marcella Brauer-20" Allocation (2-12-49 and 1-12-49)

The VAG group recommended approving the pooling request voting 8 yes, subject to a diagram of the pipeline locations. One well historically irrigates 3 tracts with two pivots. Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the pooling variance. A roll call vote was taken.

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

- b. *Action on Variance Requests Recommended by the Group
See above action.

Clayton Shoemaker-20" Allocation (9-16-52 and 22-17-52)

The VAG voted to table the request. No action was taken by the board. It was tabled until his permit for a replacement well expires.

The board requested that requesters submit all necessary paperwork and that they appear at the Variance Advisory Group meeting. It was discussed that it is unfair to the VAG or to Liebig to present material without input at the meeting from the requester.

- c. *Action to Reappoint Members
Three members of the VAG have terms that expired January 2009, Dave Weiderspon, Mike McGreer and Bernie Fehringer. Each agreed to serve. Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to reappoint those three members to an additional four-year term. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion Carried.

d. Discuss VAG Follow-up Issues

In 2007 a variance was granted to Terrestrial LLC (Kathy Shaver) to add 2 acre inches to a tract to water trees, to be reviewed after one year. Since that time, Kathy sold the property. Discussion was held that the variance is null and void (follows the landowner not the land). Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to rescind the variance. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

4. Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations Issues

a. Discuss Modifications to Application for Temporary Deferment

Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the modifications to the Application for Temporary Deferment. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

b. Discuss Report on Flow Meter Installation Compliance

Liebig reported that 36 tracts need flow meters. Contractors and landowners have been contacted, cost-share forms have been signed, flow meters are ordered and installments in various stages of completion. Hutchison commended staff on the job they have done.

c. Discuss Replacement Water Well Definition

Liebig will follow-up with DNR and bring any recommendations to the board.

B. District Operations Committee

1. *Action on Community Forestry Program Applications

Per the District Operations Committee direction, Wittrock prepared a revised spreadsheet which he distributed to the board members. Seven applications for the 2009 SPNRD Community Forestry Program, totaling \$101,909.85, requested funds in the amount of \$51,417.84. Based on committee discussion, Johnson moved and Halligan seconded the motion to fund 90% of all projects with the exception of the Panhandle Community Tree Rehab Project, which would be funded to a maximum of \$8,585.19, bringing funding to \$23,800.00, reserving \$1,200.00 for the Re-Tree Nebraska Project. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

2. Discussion Concerning Proposed Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the South Platte NRD and the Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

The committee reviewed the March 2, 2009 draft agreement prepared by legal counsel. The agreement will be given to Game and Parks Commission for their review. It will be acted upon at a future board meeting.

3. *Ratify Approval of the following Proposals:

a. Agricultural Water Enhancement Program (AWEP) Proposal for the PRRIP Area Partnership

This proposal can help Districts address requirements of the Platte River Recovery and Implementation Program (PRRIP) and the overappropriated designated areas, by offering partnerships to reduce water consumption and related depletions to surface water flows in the PRRIP Area of Nebraska in a critical habitat through the conversion of agricultural land from irrigated farming to dryland farming or wildlife habitat.

b. Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application Proposal regarding Western Water Use Management Model

This is a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant. The Platte Basin Habitat Enhancement Project (PBHEP) will enable the NE Game and Parks Commission and the Platte River Basin NRDs to obtain funding regarding the western water use management model.

c. Interrelated Water Management Plan Program Funds Application Proposal regarding Water Accounting GIS

This grant would provide funding to develop a water use accounting system that utilizes GIS and Access. This program would build onto the PDA sync tool. This Grant is sponsored by the SPNRD with NPNRD as a partner. Liebig explained the various functions of the tool. Grant funds are requested in the amount of \$136,000, requiring a local match of \$24,000 split between the SPNRD and NPNRD.

After discussion Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to ratify each of the three grants. A roll call vote was taken.

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

4. *Action on Bids/Proposals Received for Consideration to Purchase the following:

a. Computer Equipment and Installation

Staff requested bids per board action on February 10, 2009, for computer equipment and installation. Four bids were received. Although Sterling Computer Center wasn't the lowest bid, the committee recommended their bid in the amount of \$6,185.00. Sterling Computer Center is the current computer provider for the SPNRD and continuity was important to staff. Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve Sterling Computer's bid in the amount of \$6,185.00. Discussion followed. A roll call vote was taken.

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

b. Office Furniture

Staff requested bids per board action on February 10, 2009, for office furniture, set-up and delivery. Three bids were received. Miller Office Products submitted the lowest bid in the amount of \$3,704.25. Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the Miller Office Products bid in the amount of \$3,704.25. A roll call vote was taken.

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

10. Correspondence

Horn referred to correspondence material distributed.

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12. Adjourn

With no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:56 p.m.

Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

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