

## PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on May 13, 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 April 8, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors
  - B. Minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. \*Treasurer's Report For April 2008 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. Kerri Schnase, District Manager Representing Senator Ben Nelson
6. Update regarding the Remote Sensing Technology for Water Resource Management Project - Gary Stone, Extension Educator, University of Nebraska Panhandle Research and Extension Center
7. NETF Grant: Aerial Geophysical Survey Project - Jim Cannia, USGS
8. Director and Staff Reports
9. Spring 2008 Ground Water Level Report - Liebig/Kaiser
10. 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
    2. Annual Washington, D.C. Trip - Johnson
    3. 2008 Legislative Session - Johnson/Rexroth/Horn
  - C. Panhandle Resource Conservation and Development (PRC&D)
    1. PRC&D Report
  - D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
    1. Natural Resources Commission Report - Rexroth
11. Committee Reports
  - A. District Operations Committee - Johnson
    1. \*Authorization to use TSP Funds to hire Austin Horn for NRCS Temporary Employment

2. Office Remodel and Shop Addition Projects
  - a. \*Action to Award Contract Bid for the Office Remodel and Shop Addition Projects
  - b. \*Discussion and Action to Approve Line of Credit for Architectural Fees and Construction Expenses with the American National Bank, Sidney, NE
3. \*Action on Bids/Proposals Received for Consideration to Purchase Portable Ultrasonic Flow Meter and Thickness Gauge
4. \*Action as Desired to Upgrade Wireless Service and Equipment (Cellular Phones)
5. \*Action to Authorize Linda Suhr to be added to NPAIT's Form A Addendum - Change on "Authorized Signers" Form
6. \*Authorization to Transfer Funds from the NPAIT Investment Account for the Children's Ground Water Festival to the SPNRD Checking Account
7. \*Authorization to Close the NPAIT Investment Account for the Children's Ground Water Festival
8. FY2008 Budget Status Review

B. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee - Hutchison

1. \* Discussion and Action on establishing New Deadline to have Flow Meters Installed in 2008
2. \*Action on the NDNR's Request to Agree to Extend the Integrated Management Planning Process under Neb. Rev. Stat. 46-715(1)
3. Variance Advisory Group
  - a. Review Requests Brought before the Group
  - b. \*Action on Variance Requests Recommended by the Group
4. \*Action to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tracts
5. Review Modifications to the Proposed Integrated Management Plan (IMP)
6. \*Board's Agreement in conjunction with NDNR on the IMP in Accordance with Nebr. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1)
7. \*Action to Schedule Public Hearing for Receiving Testimony on Modifications to the Proposed SPNRD/NDNR IMP and Ground and Surface Water Controls

12. Correspondence

13. Upcoming Dates

- A. Variance Advisory Group Meeting - May 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. SPNRD Office Closed, Memorial Day - May 26, 2008
- C. SPNRD Board Meeting - June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- D. Range Camp - June 9 - 13, 2008
- E. County Fairs:
 

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

14. Adjourn

\*Denotes Action Items

## MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday May 13, 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  
Tom Biggs, Secretary  
Paul Hutchison

Jim Johnson  
Larry Rutt

### Board Members Absent

Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Vice Chair (excused)  
Deb Crago (excused)

### Others Present

Kristin Miller, DC NRCS-USDA; Gary Stone, UNL Educator, Panhandle Research and Extension Center; Jim Cannia, USGS; Steve Sibray, Panhandle Research and Extension Center; Kerri Schnase, Western Nebraska Field Representative for Senator Ben Nelson; Rex Peterson, AIA, Baker & Associates, Inc.; Gene Bichlimeier, Central Sand and Gravel

### NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager  
Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager  
Don Ogle, I & E Coordinator  
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator

Linda L. Suhr, Admin. Sec. /Bookkeeper  
Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Coordinator  
Travis Glanz, Water Resources Technician

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

1. Tentative and Final Agendas, SPNRD Board meeting, May 13, 2008
2. Tentative and Final Agendas, Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting, May 12, 2008
3. Tentative and Final Agendas, District Operations Committee meeting, May 13, 2008
4. April Treasurer's Report
5. Minutes of the SPNRD Board meeting, April 8, 2008
6. Minutes of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee meeting, April 7, 2008
7. May 5, 2008 Manager's Letter
8. May 13, 2008 Memo from Rod Horn Re: Upgrade Wireless Service and Equipment with attached Spreadsheet, and Information about the Motorola RAZR V3a Cell Phone
9. May 13, 2008 Memo from Rod Horn Re: Proposals for Portable Ultrasonic Flow Meter and Thickness Gauge with attached Bid Information, and Information about the PortaFlow-X and the T-Mike
10. NPAIT Form A Addendum – Change in “Authorized Signers” regarding authorizing Linda Suhr as an Authorized Signer on the NPAIT Accounts
11. SPNRD FY08 Budget Status Review for the Ten Months ended April 30, 2008
12. Staff Reports: Administrative Secretary, Linda Suhr; District Secretary, Jodi Livingstone
13. Recommendations from the April 15, 2008 meeting of the Variance Advisory Group
14. Approval of Variance for the Central Sand and Gravel Company and Pine Bluffs Gravel and Excavating Variance with the Kielian Family Residuary Trust and related documents to be signed by Kielians
15. Letter to Brian Dunnigan, Acting Director, NDNR regarding the IMP extension and copy of Dunnigan's April 10, 2008 letter to Keith Rexroth Chair of the SPNRD and letter to Dunnigan regarding acknowledgment of agreement between the SPNRD and the NDNR regarding the proposed amendments to the ground water controls in the IMP which has not yet been adopted and to schedule a joint hearing on the proposed amendments in the IMP in accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1)
16. Draft Notice of Public Hearing Relating to the SPNRD and the NDNR IMP and Ground Water and Surface Water Controls

17. May 8, 2008 Draft IMP
18. Copy of pages 11 and 12 from the Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations as Amended on November 14, 2006 with an attached Motion for Consideration
19. Minutes of the NE Natural Resources Commission Meeting, March 20, 2008
20. May 13, 2008 letter from Rex Peterson, AIA, Baker & Associates, Inc., Regarding Office Remodel and Shop Addition Award Recommendation to Paul Reed Construction & Supply, Inc. in the amount of \$366,933
21. Spring 2008 Ground Water Level Report
22. USGS Helicopter Electromagnetic and Magnetic Geophysical Survey Data, Oakland, Ashland and Firth Study Areas, Eastern Nebraska, March 2007
23. May 13, 2008 Email from Steve Chick Re: Congress' Farm Bill is Bad for American Taxpayers
24. Draft Time Line for SPNRD/NDNR IMP
25. Pictures from NRCS burn south of Lodgepole
26. Per Diem/Expense sheet

### BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Rexroth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Burkhart-Kriesel and Crago were noted as 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 conference 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 April 8, 2008 meeting of the Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the April 7, 2008 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. \*Treasurer's Report April 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>4/1/08</u>	<u>4/30/08</u>
SPNRD Checking	\$ 360,062.67	\$ 266,384.16
Citizens' Monitoring – combined	\$ 24,481.87	\$ 28,255.57
NPAIT-GW Festival	\$ 1,146.18	\$ 1,148.00
NPAIT-LPCSI-EQIP	\$ 133,554.52	\$ 133,768.10
South Platte Group	\$ 1,564.03	\$ 1,564.03

Investment accounts were reviewed. Accounts payable was presented in the amount of \$ 78,832.76. Some discussion followed. Moved by Johnson and seconded by Biggs to approve the April Treasurer's Report and pay the accounts payable. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Johnson, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rexroth

Nay: None

Absent: Burkhart-Kriesel, Crago

Motion Carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. Kerri Schnase, Western Nebraska Representative for Senator Ben Nelson

Kerri Schnase gave a brief update on the Farm Bill. She also spoke briefly about the RC&D funding in the federal budget and the Platte River Recovery Plan.

6. Update regarding the Remote Sensing Technology for Water Resources Management Project

Gary Stone, UNL Educator, Panhandle Research and Extension Center, gave a power point presentation explaining the process used to produce maps showing NRDs evapotranspiration (ET) using METRIC Remote Sensing technology. LB962 mandated development of integrated water management plans, balance between basin supplies and uses, sustaining the economic viability and environmental benefits, and returning to 1997 water use levels. The SPNRD and the North Platte NRD are working together on this project with funds from the Interrelated Water Management Plan Program and NRCS Conservation Innovation Grant.

7. NEFT Grant: Aerial Geophysical Survey Project

Jim Cannia, Registered Professional Geologist, USGS, gave a power point presentation regarding work done by the USGS using helicopter electromagnetic and magnetic geophysical survey data in Nebraska at Oakland, Ashland and Firth. An Environment Trust Fund Grant using this technology was approved, cosponsored by the North Platte NRD and SPNRD, to map the aquifers and ground and surface water relationships in the Lodgepole Creek Valley (SPNRD) and the North Platte River Valley (NPNRD). Cannia explained that he and Liebig worked on the flight pattern for the SPNRD and how the project would use transverse sections to map these areas. Hutchison asked about tableland mapping and the possibility of using the technology as a guide for drilling irrigation wells.

8. Director and Staff Reports

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

Glanz reported working on flow meter installations and maintenance inspections. He assisted cooperators with installation designs, discussed contractor issues with Great Plains Meters, worked on the data base, assisted with tree orders and the grass drill. He also helped with the NRCS CRP burn south of Lodgepole and assisted with the Groundwater Festival.

Liebig worked with Cannia to develop flight lines for the Aerial Geophysical Survey. He worked with Kaiser on the water level report, surface water sampling and pumping monitoring wells. He met with Quandt (Great Plains Meters) to get the old ultrasonic meter repaired. He and Horn met with the City of Sidney regarding the SID wells. He worked on items for the Variance Advisory Group meeting, assisted cooperators, worked on the bid for the new pickup truck along with various other projects during the month.

Kaiser reported working on items listed in Liebig's report, assisted with the tree program, the Groundwater Festival, nitrogen management reports and other activities. He also mailed hydrographs to cooperators.

Wittrock reported that about 78,000 trees were sold. The conservation tree program has been his main focus. He also worked on maintaining the grass drill, Community Forestry (two projects are complete and inspected), Nitrogen Management reports and assisted with the NRCS CRP burn south of Lodgepole. A prescribed burn at Oliver Reservoir is scheduled for May 19-20. He will work during the summer to get funding from the local Pheasants Forever Chapters for a new no-till grass drill.

Ogle reported that 170 students from across the District and Garden County attended the Groundwater Festival. He is working with Cash for Grass projects, Irrigation Certification training (about 25 cooperators are left to receive the training), Panhandle no-till programs, an outdoor classroom project at WNCC, Range Camp and attended the Kimball Ag Fest sponsored by the Kimball-Banner County Farm Bureau. On the Cash for Grass rebate program he reported that 9,600 s.f. of sod was ordered for 8 participants. SPNRD was approved by NDEQ as an educational demonstration site. Grass at the north end of the SPNRD property will be replaced with Legacy Buffalograss sod. Ogle reported that Sidney participants were unable to attend the Envirothon in Halsey. Wauneta-Palisade won the competition.

Horn reported that Julie Gogoi is not coming back to the COHYST project, so the process will begin for hiring a modeler. Jane Joyce was hired as the NRCS Sidney Field Office Secretary. He reported that surplus computer equipment was sold to a private individual. The Chappell Lake trail that the SPNRD contributed toward is complete and a sign will be posted on the trail with the SPNRD name and logo.

9. Spring 2008 Ground Water Level Report

Kaiser gave a power point presentation regarding the 2008 spring ground water levels. The report is attached to these minutes. The 20 year declines in the various areas are as follows: Sidney area 24.49'; Deuel County tablelands, 5.06'; and Kimball County Lodgepole Creek area 9.01'.

10. Agency Reports

A. USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Miller distributed an email from Steve Chick regarding the Farm Bill. Her office has been working on compliance reviews. She reported that the newest LPCSI EQIP application is near completion.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

Johnson reported about activities upcoming for the NARD. He plans to attend the Risk Pool Insurance meeting in Norfolk at the end of May.

2. Annual Washington, D.C. Trip

Johnson gave a brief report on the NARD Washington, D.C. trip he attended.

3. 2008 Legislative Session

He had nothing new to report about the 2008 Legislative Session.

C. Panhandle RC&D

1. PRC&D Report

Burkhart-Kriesel was not present at the meeting.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Rexroth will be attending an NDNR meeting in Lincoln on May 14. He reported a \$60,000,000 backlog in project requests for funding. Also, Wayne Madson passed away and the Commission will be meeting to recommend names to the Governor to fill the vacancy.

11. Committee Reports

A. District Operations Committee

1. \*Authorization to use TSP Funds to Hire Austin Horn for NRCS Temporary Employment

Johnson explained that Miller hired Austin Horn (Rod Horn's son) to work two days per week as a temporary summer employee. In case NRCS funds are no longer available, Miller requested TSP funds to continue using Horn through the summer. Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to authorize use of TSP funds to pay Austin Horn for NRCS temporary employment if NRCS funds are no longer available. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Johnson

Nay: None

Absent: Burkhart-Kriesel, Crago

Motion Carried.

2. Office Remodel and Shop Addition Projects

a. \*Action to Award Contract Bid for the Office Remodel and Shop Addition Projects

Johnson reported that only one bid from Paul Reed Construction & Supply, Inc. was received by Baker & Associates, Inc. Although the bid was higher than Baker & Associate's proposal, Paul Reed Construction & Supply, Inc. trimmed some of the costs to bring their bid to \$366,933. Rex Peterson, AIA, Baker & Associates, Inc., was at the committee and board meetings and answered questions about the project. After discussion, Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Hutchison seconded the motion to award the contract bid for the office remodel and shop addition projects to Paul Reed Construction & Supply, Inc., in the amount of \$366,933 with the scope of work as outlined in the letter dated May 13, 2008 from Rex Peterson, AIA, Baker & Associates, Inc. The letter is

included in these minutes and becomes a part thereof by this reference. Rexroth, SPNRD Chair, authorized Horn to sign the contract. A roll call vote was taken.

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

b. \*Discussion and Action to Approve Line of Credit for Architectural Fees and Construction Expenses with the American National Bank, Sidney, NE

Approximately \$11,000 of architectural fees (Baker & Associates, Inc.) remains in the contract. The District Operations Committee proposed a one year line of credit with an option to renew for an additional six months. American National Bank offers an interest rate of 3.25% for the one year line of credit. Currently Horn, Rexroth and Biggs are authorized to sign loan documents at the bank. Rounding the building project costs to \$367,000 and adding the architectural fees remaining, the proposed line of credit is \$378,000. Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Rutt seconded the motion to approve a one (1) year line of credit with an option to renew for an additional six (6) month term, if necessary, in the amount of \$378,000 for architectural fees and construction expenses with the American National Bank, Sidney, NE, with two of the three authorized (Horn, Rexroth, and/or Biggs) to sign the document. A roll call vote was taken.

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

3. \*Action on Bids/Proposals Received for Consideration to Purchase Portable Ultrasonic Flow Meter and Thickness Gauge

Two bids were received for a portable ultrasonic flow meter and thickness gauge. The lowest bid from Great Plains Meter, Inc. was \$6,616.25 (includes equipment and training). Johnson on behalf of committee moved and Hutchison seconded the motion to approve the bid in the amount of \$6,616.25 to purchase a portable ultrasonic flow meter and thickness gauge with the necessary appurtenances and accessories, and training. A roll call vote was taken.

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

4. \*Discussion and Action as Desired to Upgrade Wireless Service and Equipment (Cellular Phones)

The estimated cost for 6 Alltel Cell phones, 4 cradles/antennas and miscellaneous equipment including installation, is \$1,599.12. Analog systems are being discontinued by the cell phone companies, so replacement with digital equipment is requested. Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to authorize staff to upgrade the wireless service and equipment. Discussion was held about whether it will be necessary in the future to purchase boosters. Their cost is about \$200 per unit. A roll call vote was taken.

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

5. \*Action to Authorize Linda Suhr to be added to NPAIT's Form A Addendum - Change on "Authorized Signers" Form

Linda Suhr's name was never added to the NPAIT Authorized Signers form and this agenda item requests authorization for her to be added. She is currently a signer on the American National Bank and First National Bank accounts. Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to authorize Linda Suhr to be added to NPAIT's Form A Addendum on the change for "Authorized Signers" form. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Johnson

Nay: None

Absent: Burkhart-Kriesel, Crago

Motion Carried.

6. \*Authorization to Transfer Funds from the NPAIT Investment Account for the Children's Groundwater Festival to the SPNRD Checking Account

These NPAIT funds were contributed to the Children's Groundwater Festival from the remaining funds from a Neal Kinsey seminar and have been used each year to reimburse the SPNRD for Groundwater Festival expenses. Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to authorize transferring funds from NPAIT Investment Account for the Children's Ground Water Festival to the SPNRD checking account. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rexroth, Biggs, Rutt, Johnson, Hutchison

Nay: None

Absent: Burkhart-Kriesel, Crago

Motion Carried.

7. \*Authorization to Close the NPAIT Investment Account for the Children's Ground Water Festival

Since the funds remaining in the NPAIT Groundwater Festival account are less than the expenses for this year, and no new funds are forthcoming, Johnson moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to authorize closing the NPAIT Investment Account for the Children's Ground Water Festival. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Biggs, Rutt, Johnson, Hutchison, Rexroth

Nay: None

Absent: Burkhart-Kriesel, Crago

Motion Carried.

8. FY2008 Budget Status Review

Johnson commented briefly on the FY2008 Budget Status Review for the ten months ended April 30, 2008. There were no problems with the overall budget. Although there were overages in some areas of expenses, the overall expenses were only 51% of the total amount budgeted for the fiscal year.

B. Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

1. \*Discussion and Action on establishing New Deadline to have Flow Meters Installed in 2008

Due to weather conditions and the availability of flow meters to contractors, about 40 flow meters in the March 1, 2008 deadline areas are not installed. Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to authorize suspending the Districtwide GWMA Rules 17.a.2.a.ii (amended Rule 6.6.1.1.2.1.2) and 17.a.2.b.i (amended Rule 6.6.1.1.2.2.1) deadline from March 1, 2008 to July 1, 2008 to have flow meters installed and operational. A roll call vote was taken.

Aye: Rutt, Johnson, Hutchison, Rexroth, Biggs

Nay: None  
Absent: Burkhart-Kriesel  
Motion Carried.

2. \* Action on NDNR's Request to Agree to Extending the Integrated Management Planning (IMP) Process under Neb. Rev. Stat. 46-715(1)

Hutchison explained that the process was extended once and NDNR is now requesting to extend the deadline to September 15, 2009. Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to extend the IMP process under Neb. Rev. Stat. 46-715(1) to September 15, 2009. Chair will sign the letter. A roll call vote was taken.

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

3. Variance Advisory Group

a. Review Requests Brought Before the Group

Hutchison highlighted the Variance Advisory Group recommendations from their April 15, 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 as Desired on the Variance Requests Recommended by the Group

Kielian Residuary Family Trust requested to allow Central Sand & Gravel Co. and Pine Bluffs Gravel and Excavating, Inc. (18" allocation area), in the NE $\frac{1}{4}$  3-13-49, a variance to wash gravel and use water for a Redi-Mix Plant using well G-59901, owned by Kielian Residuary Family Trust. Proposed water used will be metered and deducted from Kielian's allocation on Tract 5 (G-59901). The VAG approved this request 8-0. The VAG requested staff work with the parties to prepare the necessary documents. An Approval of Variance, Agreement for Use of Ground Water, and Consent to use Water Well was prepared by staff for signatures. The Approval of Variance document requires approval by the board.

Randy and Reggie Twarling requested (20" allocation area), 26-17-52, a pooling agreement. Randy owns the NE $\frac{1}{4}$ , which has the well that supplies irrigation water to the pivot on the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  owned by Reggie. This is similar to previous action taken on land owned by Nebraska BELF. The VAG approved this request 8-0.

Paul Hutchison rents the CO Atkins ground (16" allocation area), 7-13-50 (11.69 acres) and 12-13-51 (38.6 acres), and he requested to certify additional acres to reflect irrigated history. When he originally certified the acres, he included only the irrigated acres under the pivot. The VAG approved this request 7-0 (Hutchison abstained) to approve certifying 50.29 acres that were previously flood irrigated. Since the VAG meeting, Liebig found a 1.5 acre discrepancy. Hutchison requested to remove those acres from the certification, so the acres requested for certification are 48.79.

Biggs moved and Johnson seconded the motion to approve the requests as outlined above for Kielian, Twarling and CO Atkins as amended. A roll call vote was taken.

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

4. \*Action to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tracts

The modification to be signed is the CO Atkins Trust. Biggs moved and Rutt seconded the

motion to approve modification of certified acres. A roll call vote was taken.

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

5. Review Modifications to the Proposed Integrated Management Plan (IMP)

Tina Kurtz found an error in a date regarding proposed IMP Rule 7.4-Municipal Use Accounting and Offsets, and Rule 7.5-Non-municipal Commercial and Industrial Use Accounting and Offsets. Because it is a substantive change, it is necessary to schedule a new hearing. A May 8, 2008 draft document for the IMP was distributed to the board. Other non-substantial changes were also pointed out.

6. \*Board's Agreement in conjunction with NDNR on the IMP in Accordance with Neb. Rev. Stat. 46-718(1)

A letter from Brian Dunnigan, Acting Director, NDNR was discussed in committee and Horn explained that NDNR agrees to the modifications that were made to the IMP, and this letter from the SPNRD board acknowledges their agreement to the modifications to the IMP and scheduling a joint hearing. Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Rutt seconded the motion to approve the letter to Brian Dunnigan in regard to the IMP modifications under Neb. Rev. Stat. § 46-718(1). A roll call vote was taken.

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

7. \*Action to Schedule Public Hearing for Receiving Testimony on Modifications to the Proposed SPNRD/NDNR IMP and Ground and Surface Water Controls

Horn distributed a time line for scheduling a public hearing and a new effective date for implementation of the IMP. Hutchison moved on behalf of committee and Biggs seconded the motion to schedule a public hearing on June 10, 2008 in the SPNRD conference room to receive testimony on the IMP. A roll call vote was taken.

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

12. Correspondence

Horn urged the board to read correspondence included in the information material. He distributed several items of interest to the board members. The UNL-Connect featured Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel in an article.

13. Upcoming Dates

- A. Variance Advisory Group Meeting - May 20, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- B. SPNRD Office Closed, Memorial Day - May 26, 2008
- C. SPNRD Board Meeting - June 10, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.
- D. Range Camp - June 9 - 13, 2008
- E. District Tour/Picnic - August 15, 2008
- F. County Fairs:     Cheyenne County     July 26 - August 3  
                          Kimball County     August 5-11  
                          Deuel County     August 7-9
- G. SPNRD District Tour/Picnic - August 15, 2008

H. NARD Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney, NE - September 28-30, 2008

14. Adjourn

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

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Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

\*Denotes Action Taken