

PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on September 8, 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 - Keith Rexroth, Chair
 - A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
 - B. Legal Notices
2. Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the August 11, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors
 - B. Minutes of the August 10, 2009 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. *Treasurer's Report for August 2009 and Accounts Payable
4. Hearing on the Proposed FY 2010 Budget - Beginning at 7:15 p.m.
5. Hearing to Set Final Tax Request for FY 2010 Budget - Beginning at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the Budget Hearing, whichever is later
6. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
7. Director and Staff Reports
8. 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. NARD Annual Conference - September 27-29, 2009
 - a. NARD Resolutions - Horn
 3. Report on Legislative Natural Resources Committee 2009 Interim Hearing Schedule - Horn
 - 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
9. Committee Reports
 - A. Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee - Hutchison, Chair
 1. *Discussion and Action on Proposed Changes to the District's *WILD* Nebraska Program

2. *Discussion and Action on the Proposed Conservation Tree/Shrub Price Increases and Changes to the District's Conservation Tree Program Policies
3. *Action to Adopt Proposed Amendments to SPNRD's Technical Manual for Ground Water Management
4. *Authorization to Offer Cost-Share Assistance for Flow Meters that have been Replaced within the Last 12 months beginning September 8, 2009 that would have met all the Guidelines and Requirements set forth by the Technical Manual for Replacement Flow Meters
5. *Discussion and Action as Desired Concerning Mr. Perry Van Newkirk's Certified Irrigated Acres Options

B. District Operations Committee - Johnson, Chair

1. *Action on 2009 Conservation Awards Program Nominations
2. *Action on 2009 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget
3. *Discussion and Action as Desired Regarding NSWCP Policies
4. *Request to Approve NSWCP Applications
5. Discussion and Action Regarding the following Matter Concerning Local Government Miscellaneous Expenditures
 - a. *Rescind Current Policy Adopted by the SPNRD Board of Directors on May 9, 2006
 - b. *Rescind Action taken by the SPNRD Board at its August 11, 2009 Meeting Adopting a NARD Resolution Regarding Meal Fees
 - c. *Consideration to Adopt Uniform Policy Concerning Expenditures for Meals
6. *Authorization to Transfer \$49,855.73 from the NPAIT Account to the SPNRD's Checking Account to Cover Final LPCSI-EQIP Payments
7. Review and Action on Proposed NETF Grant Applications
 - a. *Ratify the SPNRD Sponsored Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska Project Application
 - b. *Ratify Aerial Geophysical Survey of Selected Panhandle and West Central Aquifers Project Application
 - c. *Ratify Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the South Platte NRD
8. *Discussion and Action as Desired to Purchase Adjacent Lot(s) to the District's Property in Sidney
9. 2010 Fiscal Year Budget
 - a. *Action on Unused Restricted Funds Authority
 1. Increase an Additional One Percent
 - b. *Final Approval of CMC Budget
 - c. *Final Approval of SPNRD Budget
 - d. *Action on Resolution for Setting Final Tax Request for FY 2010

10. Correspondence

11. Upcoming Dates

- A. September 7, 2009 - Closed, Labor Day
- B. September 15, 2009 - Range Judging, Deuel County
- C. September 15-17, 2009 - Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
- D. September 27-29, 2009 - NARD Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney
- E. October 12, 2009 - Closed, Columbus Day

- F. October 13, 2009 – SPNRD Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- G. October 30, 2009 - Conservation Awards Banquet
- H. January 25-27, 2010 - NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska

12. Adjourn

*Denotes Action Items

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, September 8, 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	Bill Halligan
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Vice Chair	Larry Rutt
Tom Biggs, Secretary	Paul Hutchison
Jim Johnson	

Board Members Absent

None

Others Present

Kristin Miller, District Conservationist, NRCS/USDA

NRD Staff Present

Rod L. Horn, General Manager	Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager
Galen Wittrock, Assistant Manager	Kyle Liebig, Water Resources Coordinator
Chris Kaiser, Natural Resources Coordinator	Don Ogle, I & E Coordinator
Travis Glanz, Water Resources Technician Specialist	Ryan Reisdorff, Water Resources Program

Information Material

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

1. September 8, 2009 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
2. September 8, 2009 Tentative and Final Agenda, meeting of the District Operations Committee
3. September 8, 2009 Tentative Agenda, meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
4. September 8, 2009 Budget Hearing Agenda

5. September 8, 2009 Special Public Hearing to Set Final Tax Request Agenda
6. Resolution for Setting the Final Property Tax Request for the Fiscal Year 2009-2010 Budget
7. September 5, 2009 Memo from Rod Horn to the Board of Directors regarding the SPNRD FY2009-2010 Proposed Budget with attachments
8. 2009-2010 State of Nebraska Budget Form pages 1-7
9. Notice of Budget Hearing and Budget Summary for FY 2010
10. August 27, 2009 Draft SPNRD FY 2010 Budget Worksheet
11. Draft #1 Citizens' Monitoring Committee FY 2010 Budget Worksheet
12. August 11, 2009 Minutes, meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
13. August 10, 2009 Minutes, meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
14. August 2009 Treasurer's Report
15. August 30, 2009 Manager's Letter
16. August 31, 2009 staff reports: Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Manager; and Jodi Livingstone, District Secretary
17. September 2009 NRCS Monthly Report
18. August 14, 2009 NARD Resolutions Packet and Inactive Status Policies
19. Nebraska's NRDs Summer/Fall 2009 Fact Sheet
20. June 2009 NARD Fact Sheet "Why Nebraska NRD Tree and Shrub Planting has Declined"
21. SPNRD proposed amendments to the *WILD* Nebraska Policy
22. Proposed amendments to the SPNRD Conservation Tree Program Policy Manual
23. SPNRD proposed amendments to the Technical Manual for Ground Water Management
24. August 31, 2009 Memo from Travis Glanz Re: Flow Meter Replacement, Repair and Maintenance Cost
25. Castronics, Inc. (Perry Van Newkirk) request to sell certified irrigated acres in Kimball County, Nebraska
26. 2009 Proposed Budget for the Conservation Awards Banquet
27. 2009 Committee Nominations for the 2009 Conservation Awards Banquet
28. Nomination information for considering Beyer Farms, Inc. for the Conservation Farm Award
29. NSWCP Spreadsheet outlining obligations to date for FY 2010
30. NSWCP Applications: Dan Knowles, Bob Larkin (2), and Lester Reichman
31. LPCSI-EQIP Summary of Acres and Payments for payments due in 2009
32. Draft SPNRD Policy on Payment or Reimbursement of Expenses
33. Nebraska Environmental Trust Fund Applications: Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the SPNRD; Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska; and Aerial Geophysical Survey of Selected Panhandle and West Central Aquifers
34. September 8, 2009 packet Re: Consideration to Purchase Lot(s) adjacent to the District's Lot and Facilities with attached maps and information
35. September 2, 2009 Arapahoe, NE article from the Public Mirror, "Water Discussion Could Heat UP"
36. August 18, 2009 letter to Rod Horn from Senator Beau McCoy Re: LR181
37. Agenda for the Joint Meeting of the CPNRD, NPNRD, SPNRD, Twin Platte NRD and Tri-Basin NRD and committees on September 9, 2009 at the Holiday Inn Express, North Platte
38. Per Diem/Expense form

Meeting

1. Call to Order

Chair Rexroth called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. He introduced the Water Resources Program Specialist, Ryan Reisdorff, whose first day of work is today. He was hired to fill the 319 Grant position.

- 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 August 11, 2009 meeting of the Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the August 10, 2009 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Treasurer's Report for August 2009 and Accounts Payable

Horn reviewed account balances as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>August 1, 2009</u>	<u>August 31, 2009</u>
SPNRD Checking/Repurchase	\$ 254,683.33	\$ 221,471.71
Citizens' Monitoring Committee (combined)	\$ 14,638.57	\$ 21,643.29
LPCSI-EQIP NPAIT	\$ 79,508.85	\$ 79,528.89
LPCSI-EQIP Security First Bank CDs	\$ 300,267.51	\$ 300,786.51
SPRCC NPAIT	\$ 49,818.98	\$ 49,831.53

Discussion was held about accounts payable. Horn urged the board to ask questions or come at any time to the office and review receipts/invoices. With no further discussion Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the Treasurer's Report and pay the accounts payable in the amount of \$35,382.94. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

4. Hearing on the Proposed FY 2010 Budget - Beginning at 7:15 p.m.

The Hearing on the Proposed FY 2010 Budget was opened at 7:15 p.m. by Chair Rexroth. Rexroth turned the meeting over to General Manager Rod Horn who reviewed and the board discussed the FY2009-2010 Budget (combined South Platte NRD and Citizens' Monitoring Committee) in the amount of \$2,530,152.50. Property tax request is \$820,356.34 (.050485 cents per \$100 valuation). Discussion was held about the board's action in a prior year to set aside dollars to decertify acres under the Integrated Management Plan. Horn reviewed the unused restricted funds, lid exceptions and the benefits gain through interlocal agreements. The Hearing was adjourned at 7: 28 p.m.

5. Hearing to Set Final Tax Request for FY 2010 Budget – Beginning at 7:30 p.m. or immediately following the Budget Hearing, whichever is later

The Hearing to Set the Final Tax Request for the FY 2010 Budget opened at 7:31 p.m. by Chair Rexroth. Horn reviewed the proposed property tax request of \$820,356.34 with a proposed tax rate of .050485 cents per \$100 valuation (a decrease from FY 2009 Budget). He explained that a Special Hearing was necessary because the request is different from the prior year. With no further questions or discussion the meeting was adjourned at 7:33 p.m.

The regular board of directors meeting reconvened at 7:33 p.m.

6. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None.

7. Director and Staff Reports

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

- Glanz reported working on temporary deferments, which he tagged and GPSd. He figured gallons per minute on a broken flow meter and spot checked flow meters. One replacement meter is broken. He inspected a new flow meter that was installed, went with Liebig to inspect Benish's moisture blocks that were installed (Benish had attended Gary Stone's seminar), assisted with the Oliver Reservoir clean-up along with other staff and worked on the Technical Manual.
- Ogle worked on the Conservation Awards Banquet, went to Lodgepole to meet with the Nancy Fawcett Memorial Library Board concerning a possible Cash for Grass demonstration plot, checked a Cash for Grass site in Big Springs and spoke with staff at South Platte School in Big Springs, worked on meals and other preparations for the Range Judging contest in Deuel County, along with preparing for the next issue of the Pipeline.
- Liebig worked on the water accounting GIS-a grant was received through the IWMP funds (Nebraska Department of Natural Resources)-he worked on data for that project and worked with other NRDs on the project. He and Horn met with Perry Van Newkirk (Castronics), met with the Kimball County Commissioners and the Kimball Planning Commission in regard to Alan Adamson's buyout of acres along the Lodgepole Creek. He worked on designing and ordering a new projector system for the conference room, updated the technical manual, and was appointed Chair of the PBHEP Water Accounting Tracking Committee. He worked with Ryan Reisdorff, new Water Resources Program Specialist.

The board meeting was recessed at 7:15 p.m. for the budget hearing

- Wittrock distributed a NARD survey of results for the Tree/Shrub Planting Program. He discussed the Buffer Strip Program. Applications were signed and sent to Lincoln. In addition to those that extended their contracts, two new applications were received. Chemigation will be wrapped up this week. An informal irrigation runoff complaint southwest of Potter was investigated. Several new applications were received for the *WILD* Nebraska Program. Those will be addressed by the board in October. He sprayed thistle at Oliver and mowed. The spillway gate was opened at Oliver Reservoir to flush out debris in the pipe. DNR requested that this be done on an annual basis. He worked with Emily Munter on "Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska" (Environmental Trust Fund Grant). He also reported 100 acres of use on the new Great Plains Grass Drill.
- Kaiser pumped monitoring wells and recorder wells, sampled Oliver Reservoir, took fall domestic samples, attended High Plains Weed Management Association meetings, and worked on the NET grant "Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the SPNRD". He said the ground water quality data looks good.
- Reisdorff, new Water Resources Program Specialist, began work today so had nothing to report.
- Horn reported on the Managers Meeting he attended at Ogallala. A 20 minute presentation will be given by a member of the Accountability and Disclosure Commission at the October 13 board meeting. This is in response to a request at a prior board meeting for the board members to be informed on voting under circumstances of possible conflict of interest. The Ground Water Management and Protection Act Coalition met. There are currently about 17 members in the coalition. He discussed NRDs that are moving forward with a lawsuit against FSA regarding the Freedom of Information Act. He and Larry Rutt plan to attend a Joint Meeting of NRDs tomorrow in North Platte.

8. Agency Reports

A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Kristin Miller, District Conservationist, distributed the NRCS monthly report, commenting on various items in the report. An upcoming activity is the Range Judging Contest in Deuel County on September 15, 2009.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

Johnson gave a short NARD report. He encouraged the board to read the NARD newsletter.

2. NARD Annual Conference – September 27-29, 2009

a. NARD Resolutions

Horn reviewed the five NARD Resolutions. Horn requested the board to let the delegates know how to vote on the resolutions. The process of evaluating the resolutions at the NARD Conference was explained.

3. Report on Legislative Natural Resources Committee 2009 Interim Hearing Schedule

Discussion was held on LR181, LR235, LR124 and LR128. October interim studies are planned throughout Nebraska.

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

1. PRC&D Report

Cheryl Burkhardt-Kriesel discussed the State Conference to be held in Gering in October.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Keith Rexroth reported the next meeting will be held in conjunction with the NARD Annual Conference.

9. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources/Project and Programs Committee

1. *Discussion and Action on Proposed Changes to the District's *WILD* Nebraska Program

Emily Munter attended the committee meeting. She and Wittrock reviewed with the committee the proposed changes to the District's *WILD* Nebraska Program and answered committee questions. Hutchison moved on behalf of the committee and Burkhardt-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the changes to the District's *WILD* Nebraska Program. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

2. *Discussion and Action on the Proposed Conservation Tree/Shrub Price Increases and Changes to the District's Conservation Tree Program Policies

Wittrock reviewed the proposed changes with the committee. Pricing proposed is bare root stock, \$.80 (no change); regular potted stock, \$1.50; and small potted stock, \$1.25. Other changes to the policies are due to removal of services (the SPNRD no longer plants trees or sprays trees). Hutchison moved on behalf of the committee and Burkhardt-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the changes to tree and shrub prices and other proposed changes to the District's Conservation Tree Program Policies. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

3. *Action to Adopt Proposed Amendments to SPNRD's Technical Manual for Ground Water Management

Liebig reviewed the proposed amendments to the SPNRD Technical Manual during the committee meeting. Hutchison discussed the wording changes to the Technical Manual that the committee suggested and Liebig incorporated into the Technical Manual. Discussion was held about setting a rate for flow meter repair in the amount of \$300. Fifty percent cost-share was discussed as the cost-share rate. After discussion, Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the amendments to the Technical Manual for Ground Water Management and set maximum flow meter repair cost-share at \$300, with 50% cost-share for a maximum of \$150 per flow meter (lower of the actual cost or \$150). A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

4. *Authorization to Offer Cost-Share Assistance for Flow Meters that have been Replaced within the last 12 months beginning September 8, 2009 that would have met all the Guidelines and Requirements set forth by the Technical Manual for Replacement Flow Meters

The board and staff worked on a program to assist cooperators to replace flow meters that are defective. This came about because of a request made by Russ McMillen. NSWCP average costs will be used for replacement flow meters. The cost-share will be submitted on SPNRD forms. Hutchison moved on behalf of the committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to offer cost-share assistance for flow meters that have been in place for twelve months beginning September 8, 2009 and that meet the guidelines set forth in the Technical Manual for Replacement Flow Meters. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: None

Motion Carried.

5. *Discussion and Action as Desired Concerning Mr. Perry Van Newkirk's Certified Irrigated Acres Options

Perry Van Newkirk is the owner of Castronics which owns 114.4 certified irrigated acres on the east side of Kimball between the railroad tracks and Highway 30. Van Newkirk was present at the committee meeting. He is in the process of gifting land to the City of Kimball for a railroad spur and requested that the SPNRD buy his certified irrigated acres (some of the acres are being actively irrigated). There are two irrigation wells on the property. The committee asked Van Newkirk to suggest a price for the irrigated acres. The committee also asked Van Newkirk to work with staff to see if he qualifies to transfer acres. IMP rule states that acres accrued to the SPNRD water bank. The 60% rule was discussed. The Variance Advisory Group will need to address any transfer. No action was taken on this agenda item.

B. District Operations Committee

1. *Action on 2009 Conservation Awards Program Nominations

The committee discussed the nominations that were brought forth by the nominating committee. The farm award nomination was declined and Beyer Farms, Inc. was discussed as the 2009 Conservation Farm Award nomination. The other awards are Environmental Educator, Jane Alschwede (Gurley) and Tree Planter/Caretaker, Barney Steger (Chappell). There was no nomination

for Grassland Manager. Johnson moved on behalf of the committee and Halligan seconded the motion to approve the nominations and accept the nomination of Beyer Farms, Inc. as the Conservation Farm Award recipient. A roll call vote was taken.

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

2. *Action on 2009 Conservation Awards Banquet Budget

Expenses in the amount of \$2,853.56 and income in the amount of \$1,023.00 was proposed for the 2009 Conservation Awards Banquet budget. Johnson moved on behalf of the committee and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the budget. A roll call vote was taken.

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

3. *Discussion and Action as Desired Regarding NSWCP Policies

NC-14 covers all planned grazing practices and the perimeter fence component (changes proposed to the NSWCP Policies) is only a portion of that practice. Kristin Miller was present at the committee meeting and gave guidance to the committee. The committee recommended limiting the perimeter fence component to a cap of \$9,000 cost-share per cooperator per year. They also discussed that the project must be complete and ready to turn in cattle before cost-share is paid.

Applications will be accepted no sooner than 12 months prior to CRP contract expiration.

Discussion followed. Johnson moved on behalf of the committee and Halligan seconded the motion to approve the NSWCP Policies to limit perimeter fence to a cap of \$9,000 per landowner per year with a completed project, and applications will be accepted no sooner than 12 months prior to CRP contract expiration. A roll call vote was taken.

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

4. *Request to Approve NSWCP Applications

Four NC-14 Planned Grazing, perimeter fence applications, all over the amount Horn is authorized to approve, were brought to the committee for review: Knowles, 157.30 acres in the amount of \$5,842.98; Larkin, 301.41 acres in the amount of \$12,410.76; Larkin, 145.05 acres in the amount of \$7,598.96; and Reichman, 51.50 acres in the amount of \$6,397.30. Three of the applications are under the \$9,000 approved cap. Larkin will be limited to one application under the approved policy in agenda item 3 above. Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the NSWCP applications subject to the policy changes made in agenda item 3 above. (Larkin will have only one application approved). A roll call vote was taken. Wittrock said the grant "Preserving CRP Grassland Benefits in Western Nebraska" if approved could provide additional dollars to offset landowner costs for perimeter fencing.

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

5. *Discussion and Action Regarding the following Matter Concerning Local Government Miscellaneous Expenditure

a. *Rescind Current Policy Adopted by the SPNRD Board of Directors on May 9, 2006
This agenda item was not acted on.

b. *Rescind Action taken by the SPNRD Board at its August 11, 2009 meeting Adopting a NARD Resolution Regarding Meal Fees

Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to rescind the August 11, 2009 action adopting NARD Resolution regarding meal fees. A roll call vote was taken.

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

c. *Consideration to Adopt Uniform Policy Concerning Expenditures for Meals
This agenda item was not acted on.

6. *Authorization to Transfer \$49,855.73 from the NPAIT Account to the SPNRD's Checking Account to Cover Final LPCSI-EQIP Payments

This request is to transfer funds from the NPAIT account to the SPNRD checking account to cover the final LPCSI-EQIP payments and Alan Adamson's first year payment. Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve transferring \$49,855.73 from the NPAIT account to the SPNRD checking account. A roll call vote was taken.

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

7. Review and Action on Proposed NETF Grant Applications

a. *Ratify the SPNRD Sponsored Preserving CRP Grasslands Benefits in Western Nebraska Project Application

b. *Ratify Aerial Geophysical Survey of Selected Panhandle and West Central Aquifers Project Application

c. Ratify Expanding the Hydrogeological Framework for Selected Areas of the South Platte NRD
The committee reviewed all three NETF applications and recommended approval. Johnson moved on behalf of the committee and Halligan seconded the motion to ratify each of the above NEFT grant applications. A roll call vote was taken.

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

8. *Discussion and Action as Desired to Purchase Adjacent Lot(s) to the District's Property in Sidney

Johnson reported this was also discussed at the August board meeting and the committee, at tonight's meeting, recommended discussing the options to purchase adjacent lots with the full board. Horn discussed the location and possible uses of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 5A. The realtor selling the property is Kelly Lapp. Hutchison voiced concern about whether the property could be rezoned later so that possible future capital improvements could be made to the property. The zoning of these lots is residential and the City of Sidney Zoning officer indicated to Horn that the city no longer does spot zoning. Options were discussed for the property including an outdoor classroom or other outdoor teaching area. Lot 5A was discussed for egress/ingress to Circle Court. Two loan options were discussed. Burkhart-Kriesel said the potential value of lots 1 and 2 are worth entering into negotiations, but wasn't sure if lot 5A would be worth the asking price if the SPNRD used it for only a driveway. Halligan moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to enable staff to negotiate regarding purchasing any or all of the lots, 1, 2, 3 and 5A. A roll call vote was taken.

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

9. 2010 fiscal Year Budget

a. *Action on Unused Restricted Funds Authority

1. Increase an Additional One Percent

Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to increase the unused restricted funds an additional one percent. A roll call vote was taken. Over 75% of the directors present voted in favor to increase the unused restricted funds by 1%.

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

b. *Final Approval of CMC Budget

Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve the Citizens' Monitoring Committee budget in the amount of \$119,989. CMC recommended approval of the budget at their last meeting. A roll call vote was taken.

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

c. *Final Approval of SPNRD Budget

Johnson moved and Halligan seconded the motion to approve the South Platte Natural Resources District budget for FY 2010 in the amount of \$2,410,164. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Absent: None
Motion Carried.

d. *Action on Resolution for Setting Final Tax Request for FY 2010

Johnson moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to accept the resolution for setting the final tax request for FY 2010 at \$820,356.34 with a final tax levy of .050485 cents per \$100 valuation. A roll call vote was taken.

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

10. Correspondence

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

11. Upcoming Dates

- A. September 15, 2009 - Range Judging, Deuel County
- B. September 15-17, 2009 - Husker Harvest Days, Grand Island
- C. September 27-29, 2009 - NARD Annual Conference, Holiday Inn, Kearney
- D. October 12, 2009 - Closed, Columbus Day
- E. October 13, 2009 - SPNRD Board Meeting at 7:00 p.m.
- F. October 30, 2009 - Conservation Awards Banquet
- G. January 25-27, 2010 - NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln, Nebraska

12. Adjourn

With no further business the meeting adjourned at 9:44 p.m.

Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

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