

PUBLIC NOTICE

The South Platte Natural Resources District will hold a regular public meeting on **December 18, 2007** 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 November 13, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors
 - B. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. *Ratify Treasurer's Report For November 2007 and Accounts Payable
4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns
5. *Fiscal Year 2007 Audit Report - Rauner & Associates, P.C.
6. Director and Staff Reports
7. Agency Reports
 - A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 1. NRCS Report - Kristin Miller, DC-NRCS
 - B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)
 1. NARD Report - Johnson
 2. NARD 2008 Legislative Conference, February 4-6, 2008, Lincoln, NE- Horn
 3. *Voting Delegate and Alternate for 2008 NARD Legislative Conference
 - C. Panhandle Resources Conservation and Development (PRC&D)
 1. PRC&D Report - Burkhart-Kriesel
 2. Panhandle RC&D Board Member Survey and Annual Report 2006-2007
 - D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)
 1. NDNR Report - Rexroth
8. Committee Reports
 - A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee – Hutchison
 1. Discussion about Conservation Tree Fabric Mulch and Potential Girdling Impact
 2. Flow Meter Update
 - a. Nonfunctional Flow Meters
 - b. Discussion concerning Irrigation Water Use that exceeds an

Allocation

3. Discuss the December 3, 2007 IMP Work Group Meeting and Setting Hearing Date for the IMP and Proposed Modifications to the Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations
 4. *Discussion and Action on Corrective Action Plan Proposed by Dr. Miriam Shaw (Prairie Animal Hospital) after Consultation with SPNRD Staff
 - a. *Action to consider Dr. Shaw's Variance Request with Conditions
 5. Variance Advisory Group
 - a. Review Gene Dowd's Situation Regarding the Nebraska Department of Road Highway 71 Project
 - b. Review Requests brought before the Group
 - c. *Action as Desired on the Variance Requests Recommended by the Group
 6. *Action as Desired on Application(s) to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tracts
 - a. Craig Maas' Variance Transfer Request Approved by the SPNRD Board on July 10, 2007
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- B. District Operations Committee - Johnson
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 2. *Action as Desired on Request Concerning the NACD Washington Office Campaign
 3. *Discuss Waiving Advertising for Water Resources Coordinator Position Vacancy, and instead, Advertise for Natural Resources Coordinator Position
 4. Issues Regarding the Clean Harbors Citizens' Monitoring Committee (CMC)
 - a. *Action on Recommendation to Amend Policies to Change Regular Meeting Date to the Third Monday of Each Month
 - b. *Action on Recommendations to:
 1. Authorize Creation and Participation in a new Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) Subaccount for the CMC
 2. Authorize Manager to Transfer Majority of CMC's Money Market Funds to NPAIT
 3. Authorization to Change Money Market Account at the First National Bank, Kimball to a Regular Free Checking Account for the Purpose of Receiving Future Transfers of Funds from NPAIT; and
 4. Authorize, at Manager's Discretion, to maintain a Minimum Balance in the Checking Account at First National Bank, Kimball
9. Review Fall 2007 Ground Water Level Observation Program Data - Liebig
 10. Final 2007 Chemigation Report - Wittrock

11. Platte River Basin Water Issues
 - A. COHYST Report - Horn
 - B. OA Basin Plan Subcommittee Report - Horn
 12. Correspondence
 13. Upcoming Dates
 - A. SPNRD Christmas Luncheon - December 20, 2007
 - B. SPNRD Office Closed, Christmas Day - December 25, 2007
 - C. SPNRD Office Closed, New Years Day - January 1, 2008
 14. Adjourn
- *Denotes Action Items

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, December 18, 2007*, at the SPNRD Offices, 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.

*Note: December 11, 2007 meeting was rescheduled to December 18, 2007 due to snow storm.

Board Members Present

Keith Rexroth, Chair	Larry Rutt
Cheryl Burkhart-Kriesel, Vice-Chair	Paul Hutchison
Tom Biggs, Secretary	Jim Johnson

Board Members Absent

Deb Crago (Excused)

Others Present

Julia Peetz, Rauner & Associates

NRD Staff Present

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

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

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

1. Final Agenda December 18, 2007 meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
2. Tentative and Final Agenda, December 10, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. Final Agenda, December 18, 2007 meeting of the District Operations Committee
4. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
5. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
6. November 2007 Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
7. December 3 and 12, 2007 Manager's Letters
8. December 18, 2007 Manager's Report with attached USDA Conservation Innovation Grant Biannual Progress Report
9. Timeline to Implement Plan/Rules and Regulations for the IMP; Draft Timeline for SPNRD/NDNR IMP and Modifying the SPNRD Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations; and Draft 12-16-07 suggested language to incorporate into the SPNRD/NDNR IMP - regarding section 7.4.6
10. Staff Reports: Travis Glanz, Don Ogle, Linda Suhr and Jodi Livingstone and Christmas Luncheon Invitation
11. Memo regarding Kristin Miller's information on EQIP and various funding available
12. Solicitation of Proposals to Purchase a new pickup
13. FY2007 Audit Report
14. Fall 2007 Ground Water Level Report
15. SPNRD Chemigation Program Report 2007
16. Variance Advisory Group Recommendations to the SPNRD from the meeting on November 20, 2007
17. Dr. Miriam Shaw's Corrective Action Plan after consultation with the Staff of the SPNRD and November 16, 2007 letter sent to Dr. Shaw from the SPNRD
18. Information on Craig Maas' Transfer of irrigated acres
19. Two form letters that staff is proposing for dealing with cooperators who exceed the current allocation and with nonfunctional flow meters
20. High Plains Hydrology LLC Status Report, November 30, 2007 for the Groundwater Modeling Support for the Nebraska Cooperative Hydrology Study
21. Monthly report for November 2007 from Julie Gogoi
22. Star Herald November 18, 2007 article, "Simple Words on Water Policy Carry a Big Stick"
23. USDOJ, Bureau of Reclamation Great Plains Region confirmation for supporting flow meter project in the amount of \$50,000
24. Various correspondences from NARD regarding NACD Washington Office Campaign
25. NARD Information and Tentative Agenda for the 2008 Legislative Conference
26. Minutes of the following: NARD Risk Pool Board of Directors Meeting, November 5, 2007; NARD Risk Pool Executive Committee Meeting, November 4, 2007; NARD Risk Pool Budget Committee Meeting, November 5, 2007; NARD Board of Directors Meeting, November 5, 2007; NARD Legislative Committee Meeting, November 5, 2007; NARD Program and Planning Committee Meeting, November 5, 2007; and the NARD Fiscal Planning Committee Meeting, November 5, 2007
27. Panhandle RC&D Board Member Survey and the 2006-2007 Annual Report
28. Jill Richter email regarding average cost determination for NSWCP verses the new NRCS methodology
29. MILCO Environmental Services, Inc., Project Status Report - Third Quarter 2007

30. Per Diem/Expense Sheet

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair Rexroth convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m., welcoming visitors. Deb Crago was 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 November 13, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the November 13, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Treasurer's Report November 2007 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 SPNRD accounts are as follows:

<u>Account</u>	<u>11/1/07</u>	<u>11/30/07</u>
SPNRD Checking	\$ 379,462.27	\$ 336,035.25
Citizens' Monitoring	\$ 16,508.26	\$ 23,520.74
NPAIT-GW Festival	\$ 1,130.04	\$ 1,133.90
NPAIT-LPCSI-EQIP	\$ 131,681.50	\$ 132,127.66

Investment accounts were reviewed. Accounts payable was presented in the amount of \$52,929.10. Some discussion followed. Moved by Burkhart-Kriesel and seconded by Biggs to ratify the November Treasurer's Report. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Crago

Motion Carried.

4. Public Comments and/or Concerns

None.

5. *Fiscal Year 2007 Audit Report

Julia Peetz, CPA with Rauner & Associates, reviewed the FY2007 Audit report. There were no major concerns with the financial control of the entity and no management concerns. Rauner's gave the audit a clean opinion and said the bookkeeping was materially correct. As always, the accounting firm pointed out that the office is small and there is little segregation of duties; however Horn pointed out that

changes are being incorporated with Livingstone handling the deposits and accounts receivable side on the MAS90 accounting system. Peetz said one way to bring the office into further compliance is requesting that bank statements be sent to a board member. She complimented Horn on the MD&A. Moved by Johnson and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to accept and approve the FY2007 Audit report. A roll call vote was taken.

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

6. Director and Staff Reports

Director Johnson and Director Rexroth distributed some articles for the board to read. Rexroth also asked about the possibility of outsourcing the task to read the flow meters.

Liebig, Reisdorff and Wittrock gave oral reports. Glanz, Ogle, Livingstone, Suhr and Horn submitted written reports. Ogle and Horn added oral comments to their written reports. Ogle told the board that the Pipeline Newsletter went to the printer today. He updated them about the irrigation certification training. He also reported that Mark Watson will speak at the January board meeting. Horn shared that he, Liebig and Wittrock met with Rex Peterson, Baker & Associates, Inc., and reviewed some preliminary drawings for the new shop and building remodel. Horn will keep the board apprised with updated information.

Liebig reported reading flow meters and working on shape files. He made a presentation at the Department of Health & Human Services class on flow meters and well abandonment. He worked on the water level report. He met with Horn, Duane Woodward and Julie Gogoi regarding COHYST needs within the SPNRD. He is also working with Reisdorff to learn more about the new position of Water Resources Coordinator he will be undertaking.

Reisdorff announced to the board that he accepted a job with Cabalas in Sidney as their Wildlife and Habitat Consulting Specialist. He thanked the board for the start they gave him in 2002 and all the continued learning opportunities through his job with the SPNRD. He reported working on flow meter readings and the flow meter maintenance data base. He worked with the Variance Advisory Group and the LPCSI-EQIP. He wrote some draft guidelines as requested by the NR/P&P Committee and prepared a list of deadlines to pass on to Liebig.

Wittrock reported that tree sales were slow. The Buffer Strip payments were sent out. He read flow meters and prepared the grass drill for winter storage. He reported that in November, 157 acres were put on the Truax drill and 60 acres on the Horizon. The landscape trees were moved in preparation for the new shop.

7. Agency Reports

A. USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Miller was absent. Rexroth read the message she wanted to convey to the board. She will prepare a written report and it will be distributed to the board at a later date.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

Johnson gave a brief report on NARD activities.

2. NARD 2008 Legislative Conference, February 4-6, 2008, Lincoln, NE
In regard to the NARD 2008 Legislative Conference, Johnson and Rutt along with Rexroth expressed their intention to attend.
3. *Voting Delegate and Alternate for 2008 NARD Legislative Conference
Hutchison moved and Burkhart-Kriesel seconded the motion to approve Johnson as delegate and Rutt as alternate for the 2008 NARD Legislative Conference in February. A roll call vote was taken.

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

C. Panhandle RC& D

1. PRC&D Report
Burkhart-Kriesel encouraged the board to look at the new PRC&D web site. She reported that the Panhandle RC&D received a \$5,000 Diversity Award from NRCS.
2. Panhandle RC&D Board Members Survey and Annual Report 2006-2007
Burkhart-Kriesel pointed to the handout material regarding the Panhandle RC&D.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report
Meeting minutes from the NDNR are included in the handout material. Rexroth said members of the commission met with the Governor regarding additional funding needs for the Resources Development Fund. The commission also discussed the NRCS practice payment method verses the current NSWCP average cost method for reimbursing cooperators in the state for environmental practices. Rexroth will keep the board informed of any changes.

8. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources /Projects & Programs Committee

1. Discussion about conservation Tree Fabric Mulch and Potential Girdling Impact
Discussion was held about the girdling impact of fabric mulch on trees planted throughout the district. Wittrock will continue to research methods to lessen the potential girdling and further discussion by the board will be necessary.
2. Flow Meter Update
 - a. Nonfunctional Flow Meters
Reisdorff reported that about 3% of the flow meters read were nonfunctional. A letter included in the handout material addresses the problem with landowners/operators. Staff will continue to monitor the situation and update the board.
 - b. Discussion concerning Irrigation Water Use that exceeds an Allocation

Reisdorff discussed measures taken when irrigation water use exceeds an allocation. Board discussion followed. A letter included in the handout material addresses the problem. Further discussion followed.

3. Discuss the December 3, 2007 IMP Work Group Meeting and Setting Hearing Date for the IMP and Proposed Modifications to the Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations

Board and staff discussed the December 3, 2007 IMP Work Group meeting and reviewed the timeline in the handout material. The board reviewed proposed language to be incorporated into the IMP as Section 7.4.6 in the IMP. Discussion was held about the necessity to protect villages and encourage them to conserve water at the same time. The board took a straw vote (all were in favor) regarding the process of moving ahead with the IMP and Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations. Discussion was held about having a short regular board meeting on Tuesday, February 12, followed by a public hearing on Wednesday, February 13, 2008 to receive testimony on the IMP and Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations. It was also important to the board to receive confirmation of the proposed IMP plan, if possible, from NDNR before the January board of directors meeting.

4. *Discussion and Action on Corrective Action Plan Proposed by Dr. Miriam Shaw (Prairie Animal Hospital) after Consultation with SPNRD Staff

After discussion and upon recommendation for approval by the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee, it was moved by Hutchison and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve the corrective action plan proposed by Dr. Miriam Shaw. A roll call vote was taken.

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

a. *Action to consider Dr. Shaw's Variance Request with Conditions

After discussion and upon recommendation for approval by the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee, it was moved by Hutchison and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to approve Dr. Shaw's variance request with conditions set forth in the letter attached to these minutes and made a part thereof by this reference. A roll call vote was taken.

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

5. Variance Advisory Group

a. Review Gene Dowd's Situation Regarding the Nebraska Department of Roads Highway 71 Project

Gene Dowd's situation regarding his land that is in the path of the

Highway 71 project was discussed. No action is necessary at this time.

b. Review Requests brought before the Group

Hutchison reviewed the requests in the handout material from the November 20, 2007 meeting of the Variance Advisory Group.

c. *Action as Desired on the Variance Requests Recommended by the Group

After discussion and upon recommendation from the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee, it was moved by Hutchison and seconded by Rutt to approve Marshall Mossberg's request for a variance to drill a new well and transfer certified irrigated acres (not to exceed 46.7 acres) to the SE/4 of the SW/4 of 21-15-55 and/or the NE/4 of the NW/4 of 28-15-55; and to condition drilling the replacement well upon decommissioning of the existing well. Mossberg's land is part of the new four lane expansion of Highway 71. His current irrigation well will be in the highway right-of way.

Also included in the motion was a recommendation to approve the request from Central Sand & Gravel to install a large capacity pump in an existing well located in the SWSW 13-15-56 with conditions as outlined in the letter of November 16, 2007 from Gene Bichlmeier, Central Sand & Gravel Company representative attached to these minutes and made a part thereof by this reference. A roll call vote was taken.

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

6. *Action as Desired on Application(s) to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tracts
a. Craig Maas' Variance Transfer Request Approved by the SPNRD Board on July 10, 2007

Hutchison reviewed the events leading up to the request for a variance from Maas and discussion followed. Reisdorff reported that Maas' acres to be decertified exceed the required acres by 7.5 acres. Maas was in agreement to decertify those additional acres. During the discussion, Rexroth turned the Chair over to Burkhart-Kriesel. He voiced his opinion, not on this motion; but that he is not in favor of the non-labeled end-gun system. If in the future the NRD mandated that all end-guns be shut off, without the end-gun label on Maas' system, it would continue to operate. (All acres were transferred from end-guns). Johnson told the board that he has received numerous contacts (negative) concerning Maas' end-gun retirement. The Chair was turned back to Rexroth. After further discussion and upon recommendation from the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee it was moved by Hutchison and seconded by Biggs to modify Maas' certified acres in all tracts and to decertify a total of 7.5 irrigated acres. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None
Absent: Crago
Motion Carried.

b. EQIP Special Initiative Applications

LPCSI-EQIP applications to modify certified irrigated tracts/acres for Dedic and Burbach were reviewed and discussed. And upon recommendation from the Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee it was moved by Hutchison and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to modify Dedic's and Burbach's certified acres in both tracts as outlined in the applications. A roll call vote was taken.

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

B. District Operations Committee

1. *Action to Proceed with Bidding Process to Purchase New Vehicle

Johnson updated the board on action requested by Wittrock to proceed with bids to replace the current sample truck. After discussion and upon recommendation from the District Operations Committee it was moved by Johnson and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to authorize staff to proceed with letting bids. A roll call vote was taken.

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

2. *Action as Desired on Request Concerning the NACD Washington Office Campaign

Johnson reviewed a statewide request for support for the NACD Washington office campaign in the amount of \$200.00 and an additional contribution request of \$100.00 from each district regarding the untimely death of NACD President Olin Sims. Upon recommendation from the District Operations Committee it was moved by Johnson and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to contribute \$300.00 to the NARD for the NACD Washington office campaign. A roll call vote was taken.

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

3. *Discuss Waiving Advertising for Water Resources Coordinator Position Vacancy, and instead, Advertise for Natural Resources Coordinator Position

In light of Reisdorff's resignation as Water Resources Coordinator, and Liebig's

acceptance of the position, and after committee recommendation, it was moved by Johnson and seconded by Biggs to waive advertising for Water Resources Coordinator and instead advertise for a new Natural Resources Coordinator. A roll call vote was taken.

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

4. Issues Regarding the Clean Harbors Citizens' Monitoring Committee
a. *Action on Recommendation to Amend Policies to Change Regular Meeting Date to the Third Monday of Each Month

Upon a request from the Citizens' Monitoring Committee due to scheduling conflicts with committee members and upon recommendation from the District Operations Committee it was moved by Johnson and seconded by Rutt to change the regular meeting date to the third Monday of each month. A roll call vote was taken.

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

b. *Action on Recommendations to:

1. Authorize Creation and Participation in a new Nebraska Public Agency Investment Trust (NPAIT) Subaccount for the CMC
2. Authorize Manager to Transfer Majority of CMC's Money Market Funds to NPAIT
3. Authorization to Change Money Market Account at the First National Bank, Kimball to a Regular Free Checking Account for the Purpose of Receiving Future Transfers of Funds from NPAIT; and
4. Authorize, at Manager's Discretion, to maintain a Minimum Balance in the Checking Account at First National Bank, Kimball

Upon a request from the Citizens' Monitoring Committee due to low interest rates on the current CMC checking account with the Kimball First National Bank and upon recommendation from the District Operations Committee it was moved by Johnson and seconded by Burkhart-Kriesel to authorize creation and participation in a new NPAIT Subaccount; authorize the SPNRD Manager to transfer the majority of CMC's money market funds to NPAIT; to authorize changing the current First National CMC account to a regular free checking account; and to authorize, at the Manager's discretion to maintain a minimum balance in the CMC checking account at the First National Bank, Kimball. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None
Absent: Crago
Motion Carried.

9. Review Fall 2007 Ground Water Level Observation Program Data

Liebig, using a power point presentation, updated the board on one-year, five-year and twenty-year water levels throughout the District. Twenty year results show the following declines: Cheyenne County (Sidney area) -27.5'; Deuel County (tablelands) -5.77'; and Kimball County (Lodgepole Creek) -10.98'. Discussion was interspersed throughout the presentation.

10. Final 2007 Chemigation Report

Wittrock reviewed the 2007 Chemigation report. He reported 343 applications for chemigation were received during the year; 321 were approved and 22 were suspended. The report also included dollars spent on the State mandated program. As always, the program costs the SPNRD more than income received from the permits. Wittrock reported that required information and reports were submitted to NDEQ.

11. Platte River Basin Water Issues

A. COHYST Report

Horn reported that he and Liebig met with Duane Woodward and Julie Gogoi regarding COHYST needs across the SPNRD. The COHYST project continues to move forward.

B. OA Basin Group

Horn had no new information to report.

12. Correspondence

Horn urged the board to read information included in the handout.

13. Upcoming Dates

- A. Variance Advisory Group Meeting, SPNRD Office - December 18, 2007
- B. SPNRD Christmas Luncheon - December 20, 2007
- C. SPNRD office closed, Christmas - December 25, 2007
- D. SPNRD office closed, New Years Day - January 1, 2008
- E. SPNRD Board of Directors Meeting - January 8, 2008
- F. SPNRD office closed, Martin Luther King Day - January 21, 2008
- G. NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln - February 4-6, 2008
- H. NARD Annual Washington D.C. Trip, The Madison, A Loews Hotel
- March 10-12, 2008

14. Adjourn

With no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

*Denotes Action Taken