

FINAL AGENDA

1. Call to Order - Rexroth
 - A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act
 - B. Legal Notices

2. Minutes
 - A. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors
 - B. Minutes of the October 8, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
 - C. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the District Operations Committee

3. *Treasurer's Report for October 2007 and Accounts Payable

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

5. Director and Staff Reports

6. Agency Reports
 - A. USDA-Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
 1. NRCS Report - Kristin Miller, DC-NRCS
 2. Cost-Share Payments for NSWCP
 - a. Comparison of Average Cost Method and Practice Payment Schedule
 - 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

7. Review 2007 SPNRD Ground Water Quality Monitoring Program Report - Liebig

8. Follow-up Review of the November 5, 2007 IMP Work Group Meeting

9. Committee Reports
 - A. Natural Resources/Projects & Programs Committee - Hutchison
 1. *Action on Wheat Stubble Management Practice Application
 2. *Action to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tracts
 3. Discussion about Conservation Tree Fabric Mulch and Potential Girdling Impact
 4. Update on Flow Meter Program
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and Regulations Compliance Issues Concerning Val Deane Snyder and the
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 - F. NARD Legislative Conference, Embassy Suites, Lincoln - February 4-6, 2008
 - G. NARD Annual Washington D.C. Trip, The Madison, A Loews Hotel - March 10-12, 2008
12. Adjourn

*Denotes Action Items

MINUTES

The meeting of the South Platte Natural Resources District Board of Directors was held Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at the SPNRD 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

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

Board Members Absent

Keith Rexroth, Chair (excused)

Others Present

Kristin Miller, D.C., USDA-NRCS, Lyle Shaw, Dr. Miriam Shaw

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 Coordinator

INFORMATIONAL MATERIAL

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

1. Tentative and Final Agendas, November 13, 2007 meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
2. Tentative and Final Agendas, November 13, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
3. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the SPNRD Board of Directors
4. Minutes of the October 8, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee
5. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the District Operations Committee
6. October 2007 Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable
7. November 5, 2007 Manager's Letter
8. November 13, 2007 Manager's Report with attachments: NRD Managers' Draft Meeting Minutes, November 2, 2007; SPNRD Ground Water Status, Action Steps and Timelines
9. Linda L. Suhr, Administrative Secretary's Report for October 2007; Jodi Livingstone, District Secretary's Report for October 2007; and Doris Curyea's final quarterly report
10. Christmas Luncheon invitation
11. 2007 Ground Water Quality Report
12. 2007 Final Budget Report for the Conservation Awards Banquet
13. Status Report, October 31, 2007, Groundwater Modeling Support for the Nebraska Cooperative Hydrology Study
14. Groundwater Modeler Report, October 2007 (Julie Gogoi)
15. Minutes of the September 25, 2007 meeting of the NE Natural Resources Commission
16. Comparison of Average Cost Method and Practice Payment Schedule (NRCS and NSWCP)
17. NARD memo regarding Legislative Issues for 2008
18. Newspaper Article: "Data Give Insights on Water Issues"
19. September 27, 2007 letter from Rod Horn to Dr. Shaw and October 29, 2007 Draft Conditions for Compliance Re: Dr. Miriam Shaw (Prairie Animal Hospital) alleged violation of Districtwide GWMA Rules and Regulations
20. November 13, 2007 letter from Ryan Reisdorff to Gene Bichlmeier and Val Deane Snyder e: Construction of well G-146042 in SWSW Section 13, Township 15 North, Range 56 West, and potential Violation of the Districtwide GWMA Rules and Regulations
21. NRCS Practice Payment Schedule Talking Points
22. Per Diem/Expense sheet

BOARD MEETING

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair, Burkhart-Kriesel convened the meeting at 7:00 p.m. Chair Rexroth was absent and excused.

A. Nebraska Open Meetings Act

Burkhart-Kriesel stated for the record that a copy of the Nebraska Open Meetings Law is posted in the back of the conference room.

B. Legal Notices

Burkhart-Kriesel stated for the record that the meeting affidavits of publication are included with these minutes.

2. Minutes

A. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the Board of Directors

These minutes were approved as presented.

B. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the Natural Resources/Projects and Programs Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

C. Minutes of the October 9, 2007 meeting of the District Operations Committee

These minutes were approved as presented.

3. *Treasurer's Report October 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>10/1/07</u>	<u>10/31/07</u>
SPNRD Checking	\$ 331,805.75	\$ 379,462.27
Citizens' Monitoring	\$ 16,497.07	\$ 16,508.26
NPAIT-GW Festival	\$ 1,125.99	\$ 1,130.04
NPAIT-LPCSI-EQIP	\$ 131,201.61	\$ 131,681.50

Investment accounts were reviewed. Accounts payable was presented in the amount of \$44,742.87. Some discussion followed. Moved by Johnson and seconded by Crago to approve the October Treasurer's Report and approve and pay Accounts Payable. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth

Motion Carried.

4. Public Questions, Comments and/or Concerns

None

5. Director and Staff Reports

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

Reisdorff reported working with flow meter queries, performing surface water sampling and pumping water rights at Oliver Reservoir. He worked on acre tract updates for the Lodgepole Creek Special Initiative (LPCSI); worked on the Central Sand and Gravel/Val Deane Snyder potential violation in Kimball County and the alleged violation at the Prairie Animal Hospital; worked on items for the Variance Advisory Group (VAG) meeting; and offered input for the INTACT software.

Liebig worked with Glanz and Reisdorff on the flow meter shape file; performed surface water sampling; completed work on the GIS Workshop contract; prepared the 2007 SPNRD Ground Water Quality report; and attended the Bessey Nursery Tour with Wittrock.

Wittrock reported that the tree program orders are slow. He worked on tree survival counts; assisted with flow meter fall readings; sprayed thistle at Oliver Reservoir; and attended the Bessey Nursery Tour in Halsey. In preparation for the new shop building project, he worked with the City of Sidney to have trees removed from the SPNRD west lot and planted on Sidney park property.

Ogle reported attending the Land Judging contest, the Regional Envirothon and the Information and Education state meeting held in Nebraska City. He also visited Todd Valley Farms in Mead and the State Print Shop while he was in the eastern end of the state. He pointed out that the final report for the Conservation Awards Banquet was included in the handout material. He prepared various press releases and will attend the No-till conference in Gering November 14 and 15.

In addition to his written report, Horn highlighted Kristin Miller's award mentioned in his Manager's Report. He reminded the board of the VAG meeting on November 20 at the SPNRD offices and the IMP municipal information meeting on November 26 at the Sidney Holiday Inn.

6. Agency Reports

A. USDA/Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)

1. NRCS Report

Miller distributed "NRCS Practice Payment Schedule Talking Points".

2. Cost-Share Payments for NSWCP

a. Comparison of Average Cost Method and Practice Payment Schedule

Miller gave a power point presentation highlighting the NRCS Practice Payment Schedule. Before NSWCP can adopt this type of payment schedule, the Natural Resources Commission will need to make recommendations to the Governor and his approval will be necessary.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts (NARD)

1. NARD Report

Johnson gave a brief report on the positive effect of the NARD Insurance program since the formation of the NARD Risk Pool. He also referred to NARD materials in the handout.

C. Panhandle RC& D

1. PRC&D Report

Burkhart-Kriesel reported that the annual meeting will be held in November and she will report on it during the December SPNRD board meeting.

D. Nebraska Department of Natural Resources (NDNR)

1. NDNR Report

Rexroth was absent. The Minutes of the last NDNR meeting are included in the handout materials.

7. SPNRD 2007 Ground Water Quality Monitoring Program Report

Liebig gave a power point presentation of the SPNRD 2007 Ground Water Quality Monitoring Program. This is the sixteenth year for the program in the SPNRD. Slight increases in average nitrate-nitrogen values for the Sidney GWQMA were reported; from 8.23 ppm in 2006 to 8.31 ppm in 2007. Also, in the South Platte Valley GWMA, increases were 10.33 ppm in 2006 to 10.44 ppm in 2007. However, the average nitrate-nitrogen value for the East Lodgepole Valley GWMA dropped to its lowest level since 1992, reporting 6.57 ppm.

8. Follow-up Review of the November 5, 2007 IMP Work Group Meeting

Horn distributed Don Kraus' comments concerning the IMP. An informational meeting, focusing on explaining the rules in the IMP and providing examples, will be held for the municipalities and communities in the SPNRD on Monday, November 26, 2007 at the Sidney Holiday Inn beginning at 7:00 p.m. The SPNRD Directors are encouraged to attend.

9. Committee Reports

A. Natural Resources /Projects & Programs Committee

1. *Action on Wheat Stubble Management Practice Application

Hutchison reported that the committee reviewed a Wheat Stubble Management Practice Application from Arden Miller. Game and Parks Commission will pay 100% of the practice cost-share, but requested it flow through the SPNRD. Moved by Hutchison and seconded by Rutt to approve Arden Miller's application and approve the pass through of funds through the SPNRD. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Motion Carried.

2. *Action to Modify Certified Irrigated Acres/Tracts

Hutchison reported that the committee reviewed two modifications for certified irrigated acres/tracts in conjunction with the LPCSI (Mohatt Farms and Fornstrom Farms, LLC). Hutchison moved and Crago seconded the motion to approve modification of the two tracts. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth

Motion Carried.

3. Discussion about Conservation Tree Fabric Mulch and Potential Girdling Impact

Hutchison reported that the committee discussed the potential tree girdling impact to the District. Although the holes in fabric are cut larger now, some measures should be taken to ensure the earlier plantings are not forgotten. Further discussion will be necessary.

4. Update on Flow Meter Program

Reisdorff reported that flow meter readings are proceeding throughout the District and are about 20% complete. Broken flow meter problems are being addressed. The flow meter maintenance program is moving slowly but follow-up is in progress.

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

This agenda item was addressed after the Treasurer's report. Dr. Miriam Shaw and Lyle Shaw were present at the meeting. Hutchison explained the alleged violations. Discussion was held about clarification of the active acre definition. After discussion Dr. Shaw requested a hearing at the next board meeting, December 11, 2007. Moved by Hutchison and seconded by Biggs to begin the hearing process. A roll call vote was taken.

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

Nay: None

Absent: Rexroth

Motion Carried.

6. Discussion Regarding Districtwide Ground Water Management Area Rules and Regulations Compliance Issues Concerning Val Deane Snyder and the

Central Sand and Gravel Company

Hutchison reported that no action is necessary at this time, but the board will continue to monitor the compliance issues.

10. Correspondence

Horn urged the board to read information in the handout. He pointed out the Journal Star article, "Data Give Insights on Water Issues".

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12. Adjourn

With no further action, the meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Linda L. Suhr, Recording Secretary

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