



Newsletter

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2019 DATES:

GiSC Open Houses:

Sept. 9-North Platte

Sept. 10-Brady

Sept. 11-Paxton & Ogallala

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TPNRD Second

Increment IMP

Begins Sept.11

Public Board

Meetings:

Second Thursday of every

month. Sept. 12 at 3 pm

located in the USDA

Conference Center

HOW YOUR TAXES HELP PROTECT OUR WATER

2020 Budget for Fiscal Year Approved for Public Hearing

On Aug. 8, 2019 the TPNRD board approved for public hearing the 2020 Fiscal Year Budget. For the past two years, the TPNRD has reduced the property tax funding half a million dollars from what it was the previous year. The property tax fund remains the same as it was for the 2019 Fiscal Year. It is estimated there will be a property tax levy reduction of 1.77% from the 2019 Fiscal Year. The occupation tax levy which funds the TPNRD NCORPE Project also remains the same for the 2020 Fiscal Year as it was in the 2019 Fiscal Year. The

Budget Public Hearing will occur Sept. 12, 2019 at 3 pm at the USDA Conference Center in North Platte.

Integrated Management Plan Approval

Approved at the TPNRD board meeting was the second increment of the TPNRD Integrated Management Plan (IMP) as well as the second increment of the Basin Wide IMP. The IMP is a plan that is put in place to save water for future generations and to put water back in the river. Each IMP increment lasts 10 years, and the second increment of both the Basin Wide and TPNRD plan will go into effect Sept. 11, 2019.

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Sundstrom Family Wins 2019 Leopold Conservation Award; Hosts Tour on Land



The success of the Sundstrom ranch is dependent on teamwork from several different entities, but most importantly would not be possible without the daily efforts from Russ's daughter, Cheyenne (left), and his wife, Angela (right).



The Sundstrom family shows visitors around their grasslands and discuss the wide varieties of naturally occurring vegetation that grows in each pasture. Russ shares information about the different techniques of grazing used on the pastures and the benefits these techniques have on the land, the soil, and the livestock. Each pasture is unique in its own way, and not only enriches the livestock, but also provides a solid habitat for a variety of wildlife and insects.



Stories Happening in the District



Roric Paulman Hosts Field Day



Roric Paulman (top right) hosts field day for agriculture technology companies. Kent Miller (top left), General Manager of the TPNRD, discusses the IMP and the importance of the second increment for the district to avoid regulations. The second increment goes into effect on Sept. 11, 2019 and is designed to put water back into the Platte River.



Billy Tiller (bottom center), CEO of Grower Information Services Coop from Lubbock, TX, shares the mission of this farmer owned company that is teaming up with the TPNRD to digitize farmer's water data. Doing so will help farmers keep track of all of their water data in one place so it is accessible anywhere; at home, in the field, or on the go. Paulman has used this data system and finds it to be a very efficient tool. It not only benefits how he operates his farm, but also decreases water usage long term.

OPEN HOUSES: STOP BY AND SAY HELLO

North Platte:

Sept. 9, 2019
Lincoln Co. Fairgrounds
1pm-4pm CT

Brady:

Sept. 10, 2019
Brady Community Building
1pm-4pm CT

Paxton:

Sept. 11, 2019
Ole's Big Game Steakhouse
Meeting Room
9am-11am MT

Ogallala:

Sept. 11, 2019
Lake McConaughy Visitors Center
1pm-4pm MT



Billy Tiller (left), CEO of GiSC Coop, talks with Glen Bowers (right) of TPNRD, at the Keith County Fair.



Acres



Crop



Well Flow



Hours of Pumping



TPNRD Partnering With GiSC; How to Sign Up for New Water Data Program

Staff from the TPNRD and GiSC offices will be hosting open houses to assist producers in signing up for the new Water Data Program that will help guide the district in this second increment of the IMP. Drop by for as long as you like, grab some refreshments, and staff will be there to answer any questions you may have. The link to register for GiSC will be live Sept. 9 in the afternoon, and can be found at tpnrd.aghub.coop/register

NEED A TREE PLANTED IN YOUR YARD?

Must live in North Platte, Ogallala, or Sutherland:

TPNRD has an Urban Forestry Program which will cost-share \$50 per tree up to \$100.00 maximum of two trees, per year. This program is in place to help you plant a tree in a location that is visible from the street. For more information contact Dave Slattery with TPNRD at (308) 535-8080 or stop into the office on the second floor of Great Western Bank, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, to pick up an application.



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Public Board Meetings are on the second Thursday of every month located on the second floor of Great Western Bank Center, 111 South Dewey Street, North Platte, NE.

TPNRD Staff Spotlight:

The Twin Platte NRD would like to welcome our newest employee, Sydney Norris. She is a graduate of UNK, with a degree in journalism and a minor in photography. She is our Media & Communications Coordinator, and is working to spread the message of the Twin Platte NRD through all facets of information, such as web page, social media, newsletters, design, print publications, videos, photography, and educating the youth. Feel free to give her a call if you have any upcoming events or ideas of information to be shared within the district.



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Please call the office at (308) 535-8080 and provide us with your name and email address so that we can send you electronic updates and newsletters for you to be in the know on the go.

TPNRD Staff

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