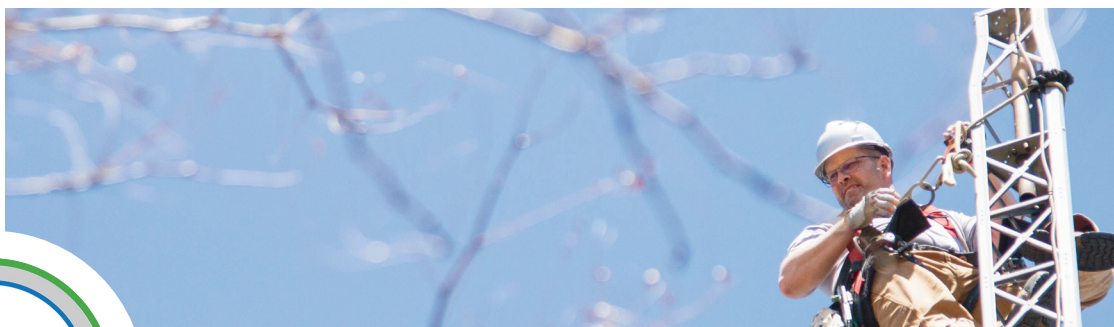


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TWIN PLATTE NATURAL RESOURCES DISTRICT

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EVENTS

BOARD MEETINGS

Board meetings are on the second Thursday of every month, located on the second floor of Great Western Bank

June 11 @ 7:30 PM CT

July 9 @ 7:30 PM CT

August 13 @ 7:30 PM CT

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TPNRD OFFICE REMAINS OPEN; COVID-19

The Twin Platte Natural Resources District (TPNRD) office is remaining open during the COVID-19 Virus outbreak. The staff is still in the office and continuing work in the field as normal. However, it is asked of the public, if they have a question or need assistance from any staff, to please call ahead of time before visiting the office. Please keep an eye on tpnrd.org for further updates on meeting information or cancellations.



VIRTUAL CLASSROOM AND ACTIVITY PACKETS

TPNRD has educational activity books and other resources available for youth. These packets include coloring pages, activity books, and maps of NRD outdoor recreation areas throughout the whole state. For more activities and other information about TPNRD, please visit the website at tpnrd.org/programs/virtualclassroom. TPNRD covers Arthur, McPherson, Lincoln, and Keith Counties. If you live outside of North Platte and are not able to travel to town and would like an activity packet mailed to you, please contact the office and the staff will work something out to provide these resources to you.



PAPERLESS UPDATES

Please call the office and provide the staff with your name and email address if you would like to receive newsletters and updates online.

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WWW.TPNRD.ORG
(308) 535-8080





CONNECTING WATER DATA PIECES



TPNRD has installed 30 flow meters around the District. The goal of the TPNRD Water Data Program is to not require the use of flow meters in the District. These 30 flow meters have been strategically placed around the District to provide validation for the data collected by the new Water Data Program.



TPNRD is working with Paige Wireless to take ground water data collection to new heights. Paige Wireless has been installing devices to provide quick and efficient data. The information will then be sent directly to the growers dashboard to provide real time water use data.

SPOTLIGHT

TPNRD would like to welcome Amy Harsch, Project Facilitator for the Nebraska Water Balance Alliance (NEWBA). NEWBA is a partner in the TPNRD Water Data Program and continues to bring awareness to ground water conservation in Nebraska. Amy resides in central Nebraska where she and her husband actively farm. Her career has spanned the agriculture sector with notable contributions to the Nebraska Pork Producers Association, Central Community College's Precision Ag Program, and CropMertics. Amy looks forward to meeting each of you in the near future and helping you reach your ag water management goals.



SAVE THE DATE

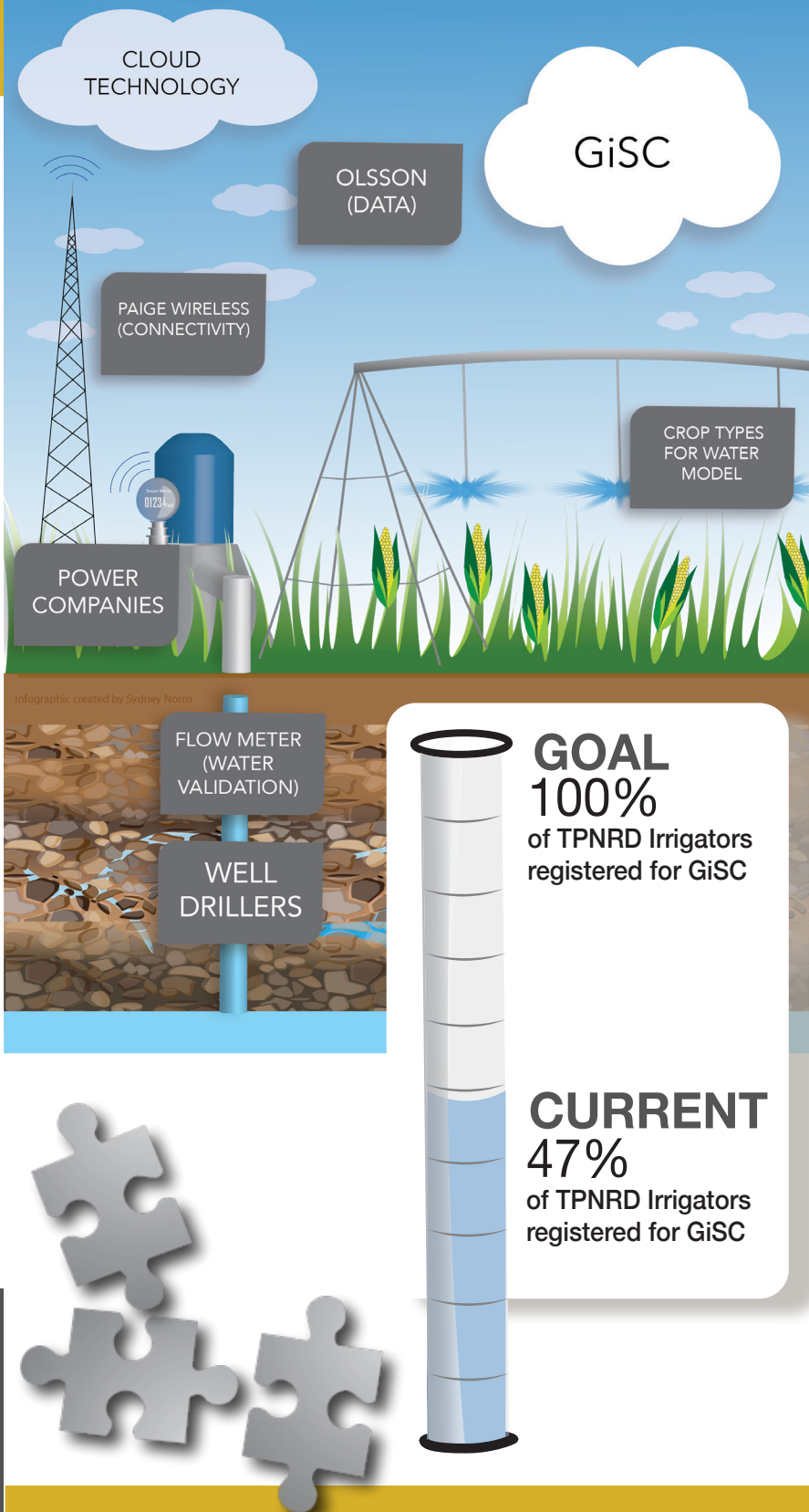
Water Data Program Open Houses Coming Soon

TPNRD is excited to announce they have reached almost 50% sign up for the new Water Data Program. The goal is to reach 100% sign up by the end of 2020. If you are unsure of the steps to take in signing up, or what to do after you sign up, please stay tuned for more information where these Open Houses will be taking place. The dates below are tentative.

Monday, Aug. 31 | Tuesday, Sep. 1 | Wednesday, Sep. 2 | Thursday, Sep. 3



COMPONENTS OF THE TPNRD WATER DATA PROGRAM



WATER DATA PROGRAM INFORMATION

WHY IS TPNRD UTILIZING THIS PROGRAM?

- To gather accurate data for ground water models, reduce ground water use, and prevent regulations

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

- Register at home: tpnrd.aghub.coop/register
- Visit the TPNRD office and the staff will help you sign up

HAVE A QUESTION?

- Give TPNRD a call at (308) 535-8080

WHAT IS THE NEXT STEP AFTER MY FIELDS ARE REGISTERED?

HOW DO I GET THE FLOW RATE OF MY WELL TESTED?

- Several well drillers have contracts with the TPNRD for this program; please verify with your driller to make sure they have a contract.
- Please contact one of them, and the TPNRD will pay for the cost of the flow rate test, *but only* if the tests are done during the months of July, August, and September.

DO I NEED TO DO ANYTHING AFTER I REGISTER?

- If you have made changes from diesel to electric, or made any changes to your acres, please update your information on your portal found at water.gisc.coop.
- After planting, please change the crop and tillage type for each registered field on your online portal.
- The password information to log on was created when you first selected your acres and signed up.

WHEN WILL INFORMATION START COLLECTING?

- As long as your electrical provider is sharing your pumping information, the automatic calculations will begin once irrigation begins.
- Log onto your account portal to view the data that has been collected.
- TPNRD is partnering with several agencies to make sure all of the pieces are connected to provide real time data for the grower.

CONNECTING WATER DATA PIECES

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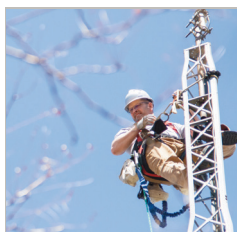
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TPNRD CONSERVATION PROGRAMS

Grasslands and Wildlife
Windbreaks and Urban Forestry Tree Programs
Ground Water Quality and Quantity
Environmental Education

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