

“Nebraska’s Stimulus Package – Water”

Nebraska State Irrigation Association & Nebraska Water Resources Association

November 22-24, 2009

Kearney Holiday Inn Convention Center

Sunday, November 22

7:00 p.m. Nebraska State Irrigation Association
Board of Directors’ Meeting

Monday, November 23

8:00 a.m. NSIA Annual Membership Meeting
Convention Registration Desk Opens

9:00 a.m. Opening General Session

Tom Knutson, President, NSIA
Gary Westphal, President, NWRA

Welcome

Senator Galen Hadley, District 37

Keynote Address

Hon. Dave Heineman, Governor

9:45 a.m. Exhibitors Introductions

10:00 a.m. Break - Exhibit Area Open
Coffee and Danish

10:45 a.m. “The Impacts of Federal Environmental Legislation On Nebraska Water Policy Programs”

Julie MacDonald

11:30 a.m. Washington D.C. Water Action Report

Tom Donnelly, NWRA

Noon Luncheon

Presiding: Will Sheets, Director, NWRA
“Global Irrigation Issues”
Bernard Keip, Valmont

1:15 p.m. “Funding Water Resources Program Needs”

Brian Barels, NPPD, Panel Moderator
Dick Hadenfeldt, Chairperson, NRC
Steve Gaul, Planning & Assistance, NRC
Senator Lavon Heidemann, District 1

2:15 p.m. “Vegetation and Invasive Species Management Program”

Senator Tom Carlson, District 38
Steve Chick, NRCS

3:00 p.m. Break – Exhibit Area Open

3:30 p.m. “A New State Water Planning Process”

Michael Jess, Panel Moderator
W. Don Nelson, Publisher of *Prairie Fire*
Dayle Williamson, Office of Senator Ben Nelson
Mike Purcell, Wyoming Water Office
Bob Kuzlka, UNL

4:30 p.m. Activities Report – DNR

Brain Dunnigan, Director

6:00 p.m. Social Hour – Hosted by Holiday Inn

7:00 p.m. Dinner – Presiding: DeMaris Johnson & Lee Orton

Tuesday, November 24

8:00 a.m. NWRA Annual Membership Meeting

8:30 a.m. Exhibit Area Open

9:00 a.m. “Integrated Water Management – What we intended.”

Ed Schrock, Past Chairman, Water Policy Task Force

9:30 a.m. “Integrated Water Management – What we have gotten.”

Panel Discussion
Ron Bishop, Central Platte NRD
Ron Cacek, North Platte NRD
Jasper Fanning, Upper Republican NRD
Dennis Strauch, Pathfinder Irrigation District
Don Kraus, Central Public Power & Irrigation District
Brad Egerton, Frenchman-Cambridge Irrigation District
Brian Dunnigan, Director DNR

10:15 a.m. Break - Exhibit Area Open

10:45 a.m. Continue Panel Presentation

11:15 a.m. “Integrated Water Management – What do we need?”

Senator Deb Fischer, District 43

11:45 a.m. Legislative Interim Activity & Projecting 2010 Issues

Trent Nowka & Amy Prenda, Cutshall & Nowka

12:30 p.m. Luncheon

Senator Chris Langemeier, District 23, Chairman,
Natural Resource Committee

1:30 p.m. NWRA Board of Directors Meeting