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### **Tri-Basin NRD to Participate in Hazard Mitigation Plan Renewal Process**

Tri-Basin Natural Resources District will work cooperatively with Emergency Management personnel from Gosper, Phelps, and Kearney Counties to revise and renew the area's Hazard Mitigation Plan. According to federal law, a county or area must have a Hazard Mitigation Plan in place in order to receive federal funds in the event of a natural disaster. Federal funds will cover 75 percent of the cost of the plan renewal; each county involved and Tri-Basin NRD will provide one-fourth of the remaining 25 percent of the cost. A hazard mitigation plan is intended to identify ways to minimize damage and destruction resulting from a disaster.

"It's always cheaper to plan ahead than it is to clean up and rebuild after a tornado or other disaster," said NRD manager John Thorburn.

Tri-Basin Directors will hold two public hearings in conjunction with the May board meeting at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, May 17. Proposed revisions to the district's by-laws will be the focus of one of the hearings. The second hearing will cover revisions to the district's erosion and sediment control rules. The proposed changes would correlate with changes made to Nebraska's erosion and sediment control law last year.

Tri-Basin NRD's board also:

- Approved four certified irrigated acre transfers.
- Approved seven applications for well decommissioning cost-share funds totaling \$3,500, 13 applications for Tri-Basin NRD windbreak cost-share totaling \$12,920.37, and 14 applications for Tri-Basin NRD and NSCWP irrigation water management cost-share funds totaling \$10,500.

Tri-Basin NRD's next Board of Directors meeting will be Tuesday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at Tri-Basin NRD, 1723 Burlington in Holdrege, Nebraska.

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