

April 14, 2016  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chair Steve Sugden called the four hundred ninety-first meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2016, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Alan Romine
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Jenny Kearney	Don Siske
	Charles Duryea	Jon Keithley	Mike Speece
	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Dave Guhde	Russel Moss	Steve Sugden
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne

<b>STAFF</b>	Bob Hilske, Manager
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

<b>GUESTS</b>	Richard Wing, Shubert	Jon Mohr, LakeTech, Lincoln
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Patsy Wing, Shubert	Roy Rieschick, Falls City
	Linda Patchen, Shubert	Gary Bedea, Table Rock
	Caitlin Shafer, Shubert	Diane Wolsleben, Table Rock
	Zeb Shafer, Shubert	Robert Stepanek, DuBois
	Pam Plager, Table Rock	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
	Richard Plager, Humboldt	Ryan Gobber, Humboldt
	Ryan Rieschick, Auburn	Andrew Rieschick, Falls City
	Rick Wilson, JEO, Lincoln	Lalit Jha, JEO, Lincoln

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Niedfeldt announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of Publication was presented and is on file.

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

None.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

**Siske moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**D. Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his report. Nelson reviewed his report. (Both are filed with the minutes.)  
Mike McDonald reported on the Washington, DC, trip.

*Update on Nemaha River Basin Plan:* Jon Mohr with LakeTech Engineering reviewed the progress made on the plan and answered questions from the board.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth provided a written report. They are working on lots of CRP contracts, staking some conservation work, and wrapping up EQIP.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

D. Sugden reported on the invasive weed seminar held recently and tours scheduled for May 19 and June 23-24.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad mentioned the awards deadlines and the recent fun run sponsored by the NARD, which raised money for the Foundation. He also pointed out the dates for the next showings of the NET special about NRDs.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

S. Sugden reported that the scoring committee met and scored all the projects. Their recommendation will go forward to the whole Commission.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

*1. Potential Revisions to Groundwater Rules Updates:* Gerweck reported that the committee started looking into all the things that need to be addressed. They also talked about educating the well managers and helping them operate better. He emphasized that they are not trying to make a rule to address every potential situation. They are pushing to have some extra meetings to continue moving this forward. S. Sugden explained why the Executive Committee met and the need to get a working session going to address these changes in a quicker manner. (See Executive Committee for further action to schedule a meeting.)

**2. Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:** Applications received were as follows:

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N669	E&M Farms, Inc.	NW¼ SW¼ 35-4-12, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	291
N670**	Ryan Gobber	NW¼ NE¼ 35-4-13, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	269
N671**	Ryan Gobber	SW¼ NE¼ 35-4-13, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	226
N672	Richard Plager	NE¼ NW¼ 11-3-12, Pawnee Co.	800	Irrigation	213
** These wells may or may not both be constructed depending upon flowrate of the first well constructed – 800 gpm is the total desired flowrate sought.					

Wingert reviewed permit application N669. Gary Bedea expressed concern about the number of high capacity wells upstream of the Pawnee County Rural Water wells. He asked when it will stop. His readings show a reduction of about five feet, though he admitted that may not be completely accurate.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permit #N669 for E&M Farms, Inc.** Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** Siske

**Gerweck moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve well permits N670 and N671.** Wingert reviewed the two permit applications for Ryan Gobber, adding that they may not both be drilled if the desired flowrate could be attained with just one well. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** McDonald, Siske

**Gerweck moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve well permit N672.** Wingert explained this permit application, which was 4,202 feet and 4,787 feet southeast of the two Pawnee County RWD # 1 wells and 3,662 feet southwest of the Humboldt public supply well. After some discussion, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden

**NAY:** Duryea, McDonald, Niedfeldt, Siske, Thorne

**3. Request by Ryan Gobber to Allow Transfer of Irrigation Water:**

**Gerweck moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the request by Ryan Gobber to transfer irrigation water from the SE¼ of 28-4-12, Johnson County,**

**to irrigate an additional 110 acres in the NW ¼ of 33-4-12, Johnson County.**

Wingert explained the rules for a transfer permit. Ryan Gobber added that this well has plenty of water for this purpose. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** Duryea, McDonald, Siske

***4. Shubert Request for Assisting with Transducer Installation in their Village Well and Laptop/Tablet Purchase:***

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the bid from Rieschick Drilling Co. of \$2,050.00 to provide assistance to Shubert to install transducers.** Gerweck clarified that the action did not include purchase of a laptop or tablet for the Village. McDonald asked if there would be any matching funds from Shubert for this project, and Zeb Shafer replied the Village would not be providing any funds for the project. After further discussion **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

***5. Mullin Request to Extend their Iron Horse Watershed Grassland Contract:***

Gerweck explained that the committee decided not to extend this contract because the benefit was not large enough to justify the cost.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Gigstad, not to extend the Iron Horse Watershed grassland contract with the Mullin family.** Stukenholtz explained that there is no grant available this time to help with the payment, which has increased. Also, a sediment basin is now in place to help protect the lake. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** Siske

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

- 1. Update on Steamboat Trace Lease Agreement with Lakeshore Farms:*** Duryea reported that payment was received, and staff will now work to establish communication with them to talk about the maintenance issues near the trail. No action.

2. **Potential Award Nominations:** Duryea stated the committee reviewed and is recommending submitting an award nomination for Ken Malone, vo-ag instructor from Palmyra High School, for the Teacher of the Year.

**Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to nominate Ken Malone for the NARD 2016 Teacher of the Year award. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

3. **Quotes for a New Boat Dock at Kirkman's Cove:** Duryea explained that two quotes were obtained for docks from Super Deck in Minneapolis at a cost of \$10,290 and On the Water in Fremont for \$13,958. He explained the differences between the two docks and that the staff was recommending the dock from On the Water. He added that the quote from On the Water included installation as well as some other options not included in the other quote.

**Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the quote of \$13,958 from On the Water for a boat dock to be installed at Kirkman's Cove. After some discussion, motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

### C. **Executive Committee**

1. **Set a Date/Time for a Special Board Meeting to Discuss Updating Groundwater Management Rules:** Hodges provided three options for scheduling this meeting: May 3, 4, or 5. By consensus the meeting date was set for Wednesday, May 4, beginning at 6:30 p.m. A draft agenda will be emailed to all board members.
2. **FY2017 Staff Salary Adjustments:** Hodges reported that the committee was just beginning that process and would continue next month. No action.
3. **Proposal from Schulz and Associates to Provide District Auditing Services:** Hodges stated that our current auditor had agreed to provide a proposal for providing auditing services for FY2016, FY2017, and FY2018.

**Hodges moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve a three-year extension to the contract with Schulz and Associates to provide the District's auditing services at the annual rate of \$6,600 for the general audit and \$1,500 for the federal audit, if required. Hilske added that these rates are same as the rates quoted for the previous three-year contract. After discussion about the federal audit requirements, motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MAY MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

Lalit Jha with JEO Engineering introduced Rick Wilson, a new member of their team. Directors were encouraged to bring their ideas for things to be addressed in the groundwater rules to the special meeting on May 4 at 6:30 p.m. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 12, at 8:00 p.m.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

**D. Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the consent agenda.** Consent agenda items: Excused Absences, Minutes, Treasurer's Report. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**Siske moved, seconded by Gigstad, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.

*Approved May 12, 2016*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District