

August 11, 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-fifth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, August 11, 2016, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS	Michael McDonald
ABSENT:	Mike Speece

STAFF	Bob Hilske, Manager
PRESENT:	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Karen Mahoney, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS	Richard Wing, Shubert	David Lewis, Cook
PRESENT:	Patsy Wing, Shubert	Linda Patchen, Shubert
	Rick Wilson, JEO	

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Sugden 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**

Siske moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the excused absences requested by Mike McDonald and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves. Rich Wing addressed the board regarding his concerns about the Village of Shubert's water situation. David Lewis explained his parent's water issues that have occurred since a neighboring irrigation well went in.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by D. Sugden, 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.)

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

No report.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

D. Sugden reported that their household hazardous waste collections are coming up this month. They are also working on the Doc Gigstad race that will be September 10 starting in Peru.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad encouraged directors to consider attending the NARD Annual Conference in Kearney in September.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

S. Sugden stated they would not meet again until October.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Discussion on Establishing Trigger Points for Phase 2 Areas:* Wingert explained the method for establishing the different aquifer regions. He is hoping to have five or six groundwater area delineations done soon.

2. *Discussion on Changes to District's Groundwater Management Rules:* Wingert explained that once the aquifer regions are designated as Phase 1 or 2, that will help determine the rules for each region. Gerweck felt the information we are getting will help find out what is underground and make our decisions better. Loseke asked if the landowner has to register their well or could we do it for them. Wingert explained that there are about 10 items of information required as well as a fee of about \$70 to register a well. Loseke further asked if there might be a cost-share program available to help with the cost.

3. ***Small Dam Applications for FY2017:*** A listing of potential applications was provided (filed with these minutes). Nelson explained why some of the higher ranked applications were not approved (easement or site issues, size, etc.). The recommended site is in Gage County for Doug Davison, and NRCS will provide the engineering. Estimated cost is \$40,000 with the NRD providing 75 percent.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the Small Dams Program application for Doug Davison at 75 percent cost-share. After more discussion on the cost-share rate and the cost of the associated wetland determination, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: McDonald, Speece

4. ***Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:*** No applications received.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. ***Resolution for Land & Water Conservation Fund Grant for Duck Creek:*** A copy of the resolution was provided for directors to review.

Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the resolution for the Land & Water Conservation Fund grant for use in providing recreation components for the Duck Creek Project. Hilske explained the process for this 50/50 matching grant with a limit of \$100,000. More details on the components to be included in this grant application will be provided next month. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: McDonald, Speece

2. ***Discussion on Official Name for Recreation Area at Duck Creek:*** Duryea stated the committee discussed whether to continue calling the area Duck Creek or changing it to something else. It appears there may not be another Duck Creek Recreation Area in or near Nebraska. He asked directors to provide their input and ideas prior to the next meeting. No action.
3. ***Update on Potential Changes to NRD Website & Logo:*** Duryea explained that the website would require some redesigning to accommodate online payments and make it easier to update. Loseke felt it is important to include the payment options as well as making the site more user friendly, and finding a designer who is familiar with NRDs may be an advantage. Therefore, the committee recommended increasing the budget for the website redesign. Romine added that the website should probably be

updated at least every four or five years. Duryea added that while we are updating the website we may also consider freshening up our logo.

Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to include an additional \$5,000 in the FY17 budget for website design. There was some discussion about the timeline for getting the new site in place. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: McDonald, Speece

C. **Executive Committee**

1. ***Revisions to District's Erosion & Sediment Control Rules & Regulations:*** Hodges explained that the Natural Resources Commission would have to approve this also before it is final.

Hodges moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the Erosion & Sediment Control Rules & Regulations including the table of soil loss measures. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: McDonald, Speece

2. ***Voting Delegates for NARD Annual Conference:*** Sugden suggested that Orval Gigstad serve as delegate and Dan Hodges as alternate at the conference.

10. **FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Hilske explained that there were some changes since last month. A different small dam was included, and the bids came in lower than anticipated for the Buck Creek road project. The groundwater consulting was increased from \$65,000 to \$80,000. Some Duck Creek recreation components were adjusted to help balance the budget. S. Sugden stressed that the committee did not want to increase the property tax request, so it will remain the same as last year. Hilske had also met with NRCS to come up with a plan for using the TSP funds we are holding.

Hodges moved, seconded by Gerweck, to set the public hearing for the budget at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 8. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: McDonald, Speece

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEPTEMBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next board meeting will be on September 8th.

12. **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, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: McDonald, Speece

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

Bohling moved, seconded by Siske, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: McDonald, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 9:29 p.m.

Approved September 8, 2016

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District