

July 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-fourth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, July 14, 2016, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Rob Bohling	Doug Iske	Alan Romine
PRESENT:	Charles Duryea	Jon Keithley	Don Siske
	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Mike Speece
<i>*Left early</i>	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz
	Dave Guhde*	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Steve Sugden

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe
ABSENT:	Jenny Kearney
	Kevin Thorne

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	Jim Rush, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Patsy Wing, Shubert	Keith Grimm, Hiawatha, KS
	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh	Linda Patchen, Shubert
	Peggy Oliver, Shubert	Zeb Shafer, Shubert
	Caitlin Shafer, Shubert	Matt Bauman, Falls City
	John Bauman, Falls City	Duane Windhorst, Syracuse
	Jessica Jones, Tecumseh	

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 D. Sugden, to approve the excused absences requested by Lisa Beethe, Jenny Kearney, and Kevin Thorne. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by Gigstad, 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

Reichmuth provided a brief review of some items in his written report.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Jessica Jones distributed a list of the projects currently underway and briefly reviewed a few events coming up. They will hold household hazardous waste collections in August with funding from the Environmental Trust. They also plan to apply for an electronics recycling grant.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that the National Envirothon might be held in Nebraska in 2020. He added that David Potter resigned from the NARD board because he has been hired as the new Assistant Manager at Lower Platte South NRD.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

S. Sugden reported that they adopted the state's new Sediment and Erosion Control Plan. They also approved some District plans. The Resource Development Funds were distributed.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Review Data Produced by LBG Consulting for Elk Creek-Shubert Study Area:

Wingert reported that we received 25 maps from LBG for the Elk Creek to Shubert area. They include all information assembled together and provide thickness and elevations and some cross sections. These will be useful in developing different management areas in the District.

2. **Discussion on Need/Plan to Collect Groundwater Data for Remainder of NRD:** Gerweck explained that the committee talked about the need to get more data. LBG provided a reasonable proposal to do the north side of the District. Wingert added that the information just came about a week earlier, so he was still sorting through it. Gerweck suggested in the next meeting or two providing a slide show of some of the maps and explaining them to the entire board.

3. **Discussion on Changes to District Groundwater Management Rules:** Gerweck explained that once the management areas have been defined, we could change some of the rules and regulations to fit each area. The committee also discussed setting up provisional boundaries until enough information is available to establish permanent boundaries, considering different triggers for designating a Phase 2 area, and changing requirements for each phase. No action was taken.

5. **Update on Village of Shubert Public Water Supply Well Concern:** Wingert provided some data from their wells that was taken earlier that day. He added that recently he submitted a Notice of Intent to Nebraska Emergency Management as part of FEMA’s hazard mitigation program about possible funding for another, backup well for the Village. There were some questions and discussion with citizens from Shubert about options for their current well. After collecting data over the summer, a plan will be developed later this year based on that information.

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

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N674	Blane Anthony	SW¼ SW¼ Section 32-6-14, Nemaha Co.	200	Irrigation	223
N675	Blane Anthony	NW¼ SW¼ Section 32-6-14, Nemaha Co.	200	Irrigation	221
N676	Kent P. Saylor Trust	SW¼ SW¼ Section 22-1-17, Richardson Co.	400	Irrigation	248
N677	Kent P. Saylor Trust	NW¼ SW¼ Section 27-1-17, Richardson Co.	400	Irrigation	221

Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permits N674 and N675 for Blane Anthony. After some discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NAY: Siske

ABSTAINING: Hodges

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kearney, Thorne

Gerweck moved, seconded by Keithley, to approve well permits N676 and N677 for Kent P. Saylor Trust. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kearney, Thorne

B. Operations & Education Committee

- 1. Bids for Duck Creek Phase 1 Recreation Development Project:** Bids received for construction of interior roads, parking lots, and camper pads were as follows:

Bidder	Total Bid
Tim Sisco Construction	\$520,496.05
High Plains Enterprises	\$529,460.44
Kreifels Conservation & Excavating	\$591,698.55
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$473,178.00</i>

Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the bid of \$520,496.05 submitted by Tim Sisco Construction for the Duck Creek Phase 1 Recreation Development Project. Hilske added that the engineer's estimate may not have been as accurate as usual since the engineer (NRCS) did not have a lot of comparable work to use in preparing the estimate. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kearney, Thorne

- 2. Discussion/Action on Participating with the Platte River Time Lapse Project:** Duryea explained the request for funds to help with this project. The committee felt we had enough local needs right now to fund instead. Gigstad added that he felt it is a good project but may not apply to our District. No action.

C. Executive Committee

- 1. Providing NRD Patrons the Option of Using Credit/Debit Cards:** Hodges explained that this would not be happening right away but perhaps considered next year when Duck Creek opens. Hilske explained how this would make processing park permit payments more efficient. Mahoney explained how this would work and the time it could save. No action.
- 2. Proposal Offered by The Harry A. Koch Co. for Accident Coverage for Board Members:** Hodges explained that this would be supplemental coverage for board members while on NRD business. However, the committee felt board members already had their own insurance and were not in favor of adding this. No action.

3. **Update on Edwards/Yost Land Donation:** Hodges explained that no agreement had been signed yet because they are dealing with some family issues right now. The appraisal is done and we have it. No action.
4. **Agreement with Conservation & Survey to Complete Bore Hole Investigations:** Hodges explained that they would drill five holes and that there would be no net cost to the District.

Hodges moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the agreement with The Conservation and Survey Division for additional test hole drilling and monitoring well installation. Conservation & Survey will also do some on-site training for NRD staff while they are drilling the holes. After further discussion about the information to be provided from these wells, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kearney, Thorne

Gigstad introduced Duane Windhorst and asked the board to listen to his problem/request. Mr. Windhorst explained that he lives southwest of Syracuse and has been experiencing severe erosion along the banks of the Muddy Creek where he winters his cattle. It has become difficult to get his cattle to the stream for water causing him to haul water instead. He asked if the District might be able to provide some assistance to install a rural water hookup at the site. He distributed some photos of the problem area. He was not interested in a planned grazing system, which would be required in order to qualify for SWCP funding.

10. FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSION

- A. **Overview:** Mahoney reviewed the budget summary adding that property taxes were not adjusted from FY 2016 in this summary. S. Sugden felt we should not increase our tax request this year. Hilske reviewed the major project and program expenses. S. Sugden also felt we should start applying for Water Sustainability Funds and other grants. D. Sugden asked what our next projects will be when Duck Creek is finished. S. Sugden recommended preparing a four or five year plan of projects.
- B. **Increasing the Restricted Fund Allowance by an Additional One Percent:** Hilske explained the purpose behind this increase and stressed that approving it does not automatically increase the budget.

Gerweck moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to increase the restricted fund allowance by an additional one percent for the FY 17 budget. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kearney, Thorne

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

Gigstad reported on the celebration held at Unadilla in late June where their new trail, which received Urban Special Project funds, was dedicated. The NRD received credit and appreciation for the funding and for assistance with various projects. Directors were reminded to let staff know their intentions for attending the NARD Annual Conference at Kearney in September. The August board meeting will be on the 11th.

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

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kearney, Thorne

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved 8/11/16

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District