

October 13, 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-seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, October 13, 2016, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Mike Speece
	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Charles Duryea	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
<i>*Left early</i>	Jim Gerweck*	William Niedfeldt	Steve Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	Alan Romine	Kevin Thorne
	Dan Hodges	Don Siske	

<b>DIRECTORS ABSENT:</b>	Dave Guhde	Jon Keithley
	Jenny Kearney	Russel Moss

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

<b>GUESTS PRESENT:</b>	Christy Hadden, Schulz & Associates
	Keith Grimm
	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, 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 Dave Guhde, Jenny Kearney, Jon Keithley, and Russel Moss. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

**Siske, 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 reported they are busy with layout of conservation practices. They have ranked CSPs and are doing wetland determinations. It looks like there will be another CSP sign-up in 2017.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

D. Sugden reported that 46 people participated in the Doc Gigstad Run. He reported on the recent household hazardous waste collection. They are working on a pollinator grant for honey bees.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported there was a good crowd for the Annual Conference. They raised \$23,300 for the Foundation. He reported on the growing number of requests for support of NETF grants and the need for a policy to address this.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

S. Sugden reported the scoring committee meets for three days at the end of November in Gothenburg.

9. **FY2016 AUDIT**

Christy Hadden with Schulz & Associates presented the FY2016 audit report. She briefly reviewed several areas of the report concluding that the report did not disclose any issues with the District's finances. She thanked the board and staff for the opportunity to work with the District.

**D. Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the FY2016 audit report as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Moss

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. **Discussion on Changes to District’s Groundwater Management Rules:** Gerweck asked how much and how fast does the board wants to move on some of the things discussed back in March. It will take more time than they thought, and they need to gather more information. Hilske explained that we could continue with some of the housekeeping changes to the rules, but then we would have to wait the additional year required by law before making any other changes. The committee felt we should wait and do all the changes at one time so as not to delay additional changes because of the one-year waiting period. It was felt that by the time the studies are completed and we are ready to hold public meetings on the changes, it would be about a year from now. Consensus was to wait for all the data before making any changes to the rules.

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

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N678*	Kent Saylor Trust	SE¼ NE¼ 27-1-17, Richardson County	250	Irrigation	223
N679*	Kent Saylor Trust	SE¼ NE¼ 27-1-17, Richardson County	250	Irrigation	215
N680	Kent Saylor Trust	SW¼ NE¼ 22-1-17, Richardson County	400	Irrigation	235

\*These wells will be tied together.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permits N678, N679, and N680 all for Kent Saylor Trust.** Keith Grimm added that they test pumped and found there was plenty of water there. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

- AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, McDonald, Niedfeldt, Romine, Speece, Stukenholtz, S. Sugden, Thorne  
**NAY:** Siske, D. Sugden  
**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Moss

3. **Dam Repair Bids for Structures in Otoe/Cass Counties:** Bids received were:

	Tim Sisco Construction	B.A.B., Inc.	Kuhl Trenching	Husker Grading	Pat Thomas Construction
Wilson Creek 2-19	\$4,576.00	\$3,960.00	\$6,952.00	\$7,040.00	\$10,560.00
Wilson Creek 2-26	\$2,080.00	\$2,600.00	\$2,560.00	\$3,560.00	\$7,500.00
Wilson Creek 12-25	\$4,160.00	\$5,900.00	\$6,320.00	\$6,920.00	\$9,900.00
Brownell 16-1	\$4,160.00	\$5,900.00	\$8,060.00	\$6,920.00	\$9,900.00
<b>Total Bid</b>	<b>\$14,976.00</b>	<b>\$18,360.00</b>	<b>\$23,892.00</b>	<b>\$24,440.00</b>	<b>\$37,860.00</b>

Nelson reviewed the bids and explained that because of a shortage of Type C rip rap we would be using Type B instead.

**D. Sugden moved, seconded by Iske, to approve the low, total bid of \$14,976.00 from Tim Sisco Construction for rip rap placement on three Wilson Creek and one Brownell watershed structures. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Moss

4. ***Terminating an Agreement with Merlyn Saathoff for Cost-Share Assistance:***  
Nelson explained that the work originally done was somewhat experimental in order to try and address a serious erosion issue. However, it has not worked as hoped. Mr. Saathoff now plans to try and repair what is there instead of removing it; therefore, he is not requesting to terminate his agreement after all. No action.
5. ***Amendment to Contract with HDR for Consulting Service on Kirkman’s Cove Sediment Basin Project:*** Nelson reported that the amendment was not received in time for the meeting. No action.

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. ***Proposals for Updating the NRD Website:*** Duryea reviewed four proposals received as follows:
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<b>Company</b>	<b>Total Quote</b>	<b>References</b>
Design by Bridge, Lincoln	\$4,500.00	Lower Republican NRD, Wilderness Hills HOA, Cathedral School
BCOM, Auburn	\$4,750.00	Merz Farm Equipment, Lincoln Education Assn., Panhandle Partnership
Redthread Creative, Lincoln	\$6,620.00	Lower Platte South NRD, United Way of Lincoln, Kidwell Companies
Unanimous, Lincoln	\$8,700.00	NARD, Upper Big Blue NRD, Upper Republican NRD, Middle Republican NRD

All proposals were within the budgeted amount and included maintenance, training, and support at varying levels. Staff had met with and would be comfortable working with three of the four companies. It was noted that Unanimous had the most experience working with NRDs.

**Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the proposal from Unanimous at a total fee of \$8,700.00 for design and hosting.** After some discussion about their references, NRD experience, and recommendations, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Loseke, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** McDonald

**NOT PRESENT:** Gerweck, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Moss

**C. Executive Committee**

*1. Winter Board Meeting Times:*

**Hodges moved, seconded by Iske, to set the November, 2016, through March, 2017, meeting times at 7:00 p.m. for the board meeting with committee meetings scheduled beforehand accordingly. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gerweck, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Moss

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

The next board meeting will be on Thursday, November 10, beginning at 7:00 p.m. Mike Speece provided information about some new grant funds for bridges and asked the board to consider whether we should be involved with this.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gerweck, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Moss

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gerweck, Guhde, Kearney, Keithley, Moss

The meeting adjourned at 9:55 p.m.

Approved November 10, 2016

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District