

April 10, 2008
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Ted Godemann called the three hundred ninety-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:25 p.m. Thursday, April 10, 2008, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Ron Heskett	Duane Sugden
PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	David Hunzeker	Bruce Walker
	Rob Bohling	Scott Kudrna	Dan Watermeier
	Jeff Crunk	Jim Rush	Paul Weber
	Orval Gigstad	Don Siske	Tom White
	Ted Godemann	Chuck Starr	Jim Wirth

DIRECTORS	Roland Meyer	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Steve Sherrow	

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

GUESTS	Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Bill Umland, Palmyra

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Chair Godemann announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of Publication was presented and is on file.

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

White moved, seconded by Albrecht, to approve the excused absences requested by Roland Meyer, Steve Sherrow, and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, NRCS staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske & Nelson reviewed their written reports. Wingert reported on the Water Resources Committee's recent meeting.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Terry Newell reported on the emergency WHIP sign-up held recently. He added that he had checked into obtaining assistance for Keith Bohling's project but that the only option would be tort claim and could possibly take up to two years.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported that they would have a state meeting in Grand Island the next week. Since there was money left over after the Nebraska City computer collection, another collection would most likely be held yet this spring.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

As a result of some discussion in Executive Committee about the proposed dues increase, new staff position, and funding for it, Gigstad will be getting more information and details prior to the next meeting.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier stated he is now the chair of their Programs Committee. A lot of discussion at their last meeting centered on legislative issues. He seemed more confident, however, after talking with Senator Heidemann that the Resource Development Fund may at least maintain its level of funding

E. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden commented on Ann Bleed's recent retirement and their next meeting in October.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Request by Vernon Latrom: Walker explained the landowner's request. The committee, however, did not feel it was the NRD's responsibility to provide access since this was already compensated in the easement; and the committee suggested that the landowner try to get an easement from their neighbor. No action.

- 2. Interlocal Agreement to Develop All-Hazard Mitigation Plan:*
Heskett moved, seconded by White, to enter into an interlocal agreement with Johnson, Nemaha, Otoe, Pawnee, and Richardson Counties to develop an all-hazard mitigation plan. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Meyer, Sherrow, Speece

B. Water Resources Committee

- 1. Report of April 3, 2008, Water Resources Committee Meeting:* Wingert had reviewed this meeting during his staff report.
- 2. Adoption of Flow Meter Cost-Share Policy:*
Weber moved, seconded by White, to approve the policy for a flow meter cost-share program as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Meyer, Sherrow, Speece

- 3. Issuance of Order to Revise District Groundwater Rules & Regulations:* Godemann reported that a hearing was held just prior to the board meeting with a few visitors in attendance and some questions received.

Sugden moved, seconded by Albrecht, to issue an order stating that Rule 4.7.a, the temporary closure to well permits, shall remain in effect until October 15, 2008. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Meyer, Sherrow, Speece

C. Operations & Education Committee

- 1. Sponsorship for Norris Envirothon Team at State Contest:*
Siske moved, seconded by White, to provide the \$100 registration fee for the Norris Envirothon team to attend the state contest. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Meyer, Sherrow, Speece

2. **Review of Urban Special Project Program Policy:** Siske reported that the committee continues to work on updating the policy. No action.

D. Executive Committee

1. **Feasibility of Hiring a Qualified Engineer on Staff:** Kudrna reported that the committee had reviewed information provided by the Manager including potential costs. Hilske will be checking further with other NRD's that have engineers on staff for more information. No action.
2. **Legislative Activities:** This item was covered during the staff report.

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

The May meeting will be Thursday, May 8, at 8:00 p.m.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Meyer, Sherrow, Speece

12. ADJOURNMENT

Albrecht moved, seconded by White, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Meyer, Sherrow, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, May 8, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 5/8/08

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District