

April 9, 2009  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Scott Kudrna called the four hundred eighth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 9, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	Lynn Heng	Bruce Walker
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Beethe	Scott Kudrna	Dan Watermeier
	Rob Bohling	Don Siske	Paul Weber
	Charles Duryea	Mike Speece	Tom White
	Orval Gigstad	Duane Sugden	Jim Wirth
	Ted Godemann	William Umland	

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Ron Heskett	Steve Sugden
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jim Rush	

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Stephen Kennedy, NRCS, Auburn
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Wayne Goering, Nebraska City

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Chair Kudrna 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. **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO SUBDISTRICT 4**

Wayne Goering was at the meeting to observe the board and obtain more information but was not prepared to make his application at this time.

4. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

**White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absence requested by Ron Heskett, Jim Rush, and Steve Sugden. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

5. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and guests introduced themselves.

6. **MINUTES**

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

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

8. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their reports.

9. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Stephen Kennedy briefed the board on some of the activities from the various offices. He added that they had received about \$9 million in EQIP applications but will probably only get about \$1 million of those approved.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Kudrna reported that every county had finalized their household hazardous waste schedules and locations. They also had a presentation on the high school science lab clean up program to be held next spring.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad proposed that a tree planting ceremony be held at 6:45 on May 14 just prior to the regular board/committee meetings here at the office in honor of the late Olin Sims, NACD president. He further reported that NARD is investigating a building that may be for sale on the Husker Harvest Days site. He added that NACD's president is being considered for a USDA appointment in Washington, DC.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Watermeier reported he is the chair of the legislative and budget committee. He explained that they were required to come up with a secondary budget to cut five percent, and it looks like that will happen. It will include cutting \$200,000 out of SWCP and \$100,000 out of the interrelated water management budget.

**E. Water Policy Task Force Report**

Sugden reported that the April 9 deadline for the push for the task force did not materialize. He attended a legislative breakfast in Lincoln and was assured there would be money for the vegetation management program through LB98. This would provide \$2 million per year for both the Platte and Republican.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. *Bids for Ray Caspers Muddy Creek Road Dam:* Bids received were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid</b>
Don Bruna Construction	\$156,160.40
B.A.B., Inc.	\$172,132.08
Kreifels Conservation	\$193,280.80
Gyhra Construction	\$205,081.30
Prange Construction	\$245,545.20
<i>Engineer's Estimate: \$184,708</i>	

**Heng moved, seconded by Godemann, to approve the bid of \$156,160.40 submitted by Don Bruna Construction for the Ray Caspers Muddy Creek road dam. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

**ABSTAINING:** Beethe

**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

2. *Clyle Lavigne Muddy Creek Road Dam Project Cancellation:*  
**Heng moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to reimburse the \$1,000 deposit to Clyle Lavigne due to the cancellation of the road dam project at no fault of the landowner.** Heng explained that the cost of the project had increased about three times over the original estimate. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

3. *Interlocal Agreement with Nebraska Game & Parks for Iron Horse Restoration:*  
**Heng moved, seconded by Siske, to enter into an agreement with Nebraska Game and Parks for the Iron Horse Trail Lake restoration project. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth  
**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

**4. *Shoreline Stabilization Project Request by Bill & Paula Velanders-Upper Little Nemaha 21:***

**Heng moved, seconded by Godemann, to budget \$3,500 in FY2010 for the Velanders shoreline stabilization project contingent upon available funding.** This project will also help protect the project for the NRD as well. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth  
**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

**5. *Review NRD Projects for All Hazard Mitigation Plan:*** The committee reviewed the projects but had no comments.

**B. Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee** – No meeting

**C. Operations & Education Committee**

**1. *Norris Envirothon Assistance Request:***

**Weber moved, seconded by White, to provide the \$100 state contest registration fee for the Norris High School Envirothon team.** White added that this is a very good investment, and this team has excelled every year. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth  
**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

**2. *Request by Lakeview Golf Club for Installing New Restroom:*** Weber explained that the golf club had asked if the NRD would allow a new restroom to be added to the course and also if the NRD would be willing to contribute to the cost. There was some discussion about the location and whether it would benefit park visitors. No action pending receipt of additional information.

**3. *Review NRD Projects for All Hazard Mitigation Plan:*** The committee provided some comments on projects listed and their priorities.

**D. Executive Committee**

**1. *Update on Legislative Activity:*** Hilske reviewed selected legislation and provided a listing of bills related to natural resources.

2. **Update on Buck Creek Land Rights Negotiations:** Beethe reported that there was no new information to report beyond that provided in staff reports.
3. **Process for Developing Future Salary Schedules:** Beethe stated the committee was not asking for action yet and that they are continuing to review information.
4. **Committee to Review Property & Liability Insurance Proposals:** John Albrecht and Ted Godemann volunteered to serve on this committee. (Tom White later also volunteered.)
5. **Amendment to Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD:**  
**Beethe moved, seconded by Watermeier, to approve the amendment to the Interlocal Agreement with Lower Platte South NRD to include a cost-share program for land in the Stevens Creek Watershed in Lancaster County.** Hilske further explained this would allow LPSNRD to provide cost-share funding the landowners within the Nemaha NRD who are also in the Stevens Creek Watershed. A small portion of this watershed in Lancaster County lies within the Nemaha NRD. The NNRD would have the first opportunity to provide funds for any applications received from this area. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth  
**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

6. **Review NRD Projects Proposed for All Hazard Mitigation Plan:** There was some discussion on the projects listed and directors were urged to contact staff with their comments.

11. **WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – None Received**

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

Heng requested that a tree planting also be scheduled in honor of Don Larson, long-time NRD director who had passed away recently. It was the board's consensus to plant a tree at the NRD office along with the tree for Olin Sims next month. Kudrna stated the next meeting would be May 14 at 8:00 p.m. with the ceremonial tree plantings at 6:45 p.m.

13. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth  
**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Kudrna, Siske,  
Speece, D. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Heskett, Rush, S. Sugden

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, May 14, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

*Approved 5/14/09*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District