

April 8, 2010
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

In the absence of Chair Kudrna and Vice Chair Beethe, Secretary/Treasurer Rob Bohling called the four hundred twentieth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 8, 2010, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Lynn Heng	William Umland
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Ron Heskett	Bruce Walker
	Charles Duryea	Jim Rush	Paul Weber
	Orval Gigstad	Don Siske	Tom White
	Ted Godemann	Duane Sugden	Jim Wirth
	Wayne Goering	Steve Sugden	

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Scott Kudrna	Dan Watermeier

STAFF
PRESENT: Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
Allison Caspers, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS
PRESENT: Leroy Stokes, NRCS, Lincoln
Arlis Plummer, NRCS, Lincoln

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Sec/Treasurer Bohling 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**

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences requested by Lisa Beethe, Scott Kudrna, Mike Speece and Dan Watermeier. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and guests introduced themselves.
Bohling announced that Manager Bob Hilske was not present at the meeting as his father passed away and that a card would be circulated for Directors to sign.

5. **MINUTES**

White moved, seconded by Siske, 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**

Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager, pointed out to the Board that the Manager's and Assistant Manager's reports were included with their handouts and they could let him know if they had any questions or concerns.

8. **PRESENTATION BY NRCS ON REHABILITATION ALTERNATIVES FOR WILSON CREEK STRUCTURE 8-H IN OTOE COUNTY**

Leroy Stokes and Arlis Plummer, NRCS, Lincoln, gave a very informative presentation on the rehab alternatives for Wilson Creek 8-H. Stokes told the Board that because of various changes, the structure was upgraded from a low-hazard to high-hazard classification. He also noted the rehab will provide flood protection for an additional 70 years as well as minimize the risk of loss of life. Arlis Plummer spoke to the Board about the proposed design, various construction and environmental issues, and estimated costs. She noted that a public hearing will be set up in the very near future to receive public input and answer any questions.

9. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was received from the Tecumseh NRCS office for the Board's review.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

A written report prepared by Scott Kudrna was presented to the Board.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad mentioned that the NARD Board of Directors will be meeting in Lincoln on Monday, April 12, 2010. He felt that he would have more on Legislative issues next month for the Board.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

E. Nebraska Water Resources Association

Duane Sugden reported that activity as well as funding has really slowed down with the NWWRA. Sugden noted that LB 1057, would form a new Republican River Task Force, and that they would be taking \$50,000 out of the old Task Fund to support the new fund.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. **Update on the District's Development of a Mitigation Plan for the Caspers Road Dam Project:** Nelson gave a brief update to the Board. No action.
2. **Review/Action on Bids Received for the Construction of the Ed Bruening Grade Stabilization Structure in Johnson County:** Bids were received as follows

Contractor	Bid
Gyhra Construction	\$50,959.02
Lottman Excavating	\$51,380.60
Neuvirth's Construction	\$62,924.50
<i>Engineer's Estimate: \$50,350.00</i>	

Wirth moved, seconded by S. Sugden, to accept Gyhra Construction's bid of \$50,959.02 for the Ed Bruening structure. Motion carried.

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

3. **Review/Action on Bids Received for Repair Work on Wilson Creek Structure 2-27 in Otoe County:** Bids were received as follows

Contractor	Bid
Neuvirth's Construction	\$19,464.00
MSMSS Rogge Enterprises	\$33,708.00
<i>NRD's Budget: \$20,000.00</i>	

Wirth moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to accept Neuvirth's Construction's bid of \$19,464.00 for repair work on Wilson Creek 2-27. Motion carried.

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

4. **Return of the \$1,000 Deposit to Tim and Tom Teten for a Muddy Creek Dam:**
Wirth moved, seconded by Gigstad, to return the \$1,000 deposit to Tim and Tom Teten for a Muddy Creek Dam that won't be built. Motion carried.

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

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. *Review/Action on a Request by Norris School for a \$100 Grant to Pay for Costs Associated with Attending the State Envirothon:*
S. Sugden moved, seconded by White, to approve the request from Norris High School for \$100 to help with costs associated with the Nebraska State Envirothon. It was noted that this amount had been budgeted for and that assistance has been provided in past years. **Motion carried.**

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

2. *Discussion/Action on the Contract Issues with Rieger Lawn and Landscape to Mow District Recreation Areas:*
S. Sugden moved, seconded by White, to allow Rieger Lawn and Landscape to provide the necessary bonds to the NRD by the close of business on April 16, 2010. If they fail to do so, the Board directs Staff to contact one of the other contractors to do the mowing for a one-year contract. Rieger Lawn and Landscape was previously awarded the mowing for the NRD parks. However, to this date they have been unable to provide the District with the necessary bonding requirements; therefore, no contract has been entered into with them. Some Board members felt that they had ample time to come up with the bonding and no extension should be given. It was then discussed that one more week be allowed for them to supply the NRD with the necessary bonding requirements. If not, other action would need to be taken. **Motion carried.**

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

C. Executive Committee

1. *Discussion and Input on FY2011 Salary Schedule:* No discussion was held on the salary schedule as the Board opted to wait until next month when they could discuss this matter more with Manager Bob Hilske.

11. DISCUSSION/ACTION ON WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

Wirth moved, seconded by White, to approve the well permits for the Village of Firth, Harlan Doeschott, and RST Farms, Scott Teten. Three applications for well permits were put before the board for approval. The first well, for municipal supply, is to be located on the north edge of Firth by the Village of Firth; the second well, for irrigation, is to be located three miles south of Panama by Harlan Doeschott; and the last well, for irrigation, is to be

located 1.5 miles northeast of Brock by RST Farms. Chuck Wingert, NRD Water Resources Manager, provided information to the board regarding the wells. **Motion carried**

AYE: Albrecht, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth, Bohling

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

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

Bohling asked the board if there were any items to be placed on the May agenda, and no items were offered.

13. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

AYE: Albrecht, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth, Bohling

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

Motion by White, seconded by Wirth, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth, Bohling

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, May 13, 2010, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 5/13/10

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District