

December 11, 2008  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Ted Godemann called the four hundred fourth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 11, 2008, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	David Hunzeker	Chuck Starr
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Beethe*	Scott Kudrna	Duane Sugden
	Rob Bohling	Roland Meyer	Dan Watermeier
<i>*Arrived late or left early</i>	Jeff Crunk*	Jim Rush	Tom White
	Orval Gigstad	Steve Sherrow	Jim Wirth
	Ted Godemann	Don Siske	

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Ron Heskett	Bruce Walker
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mike Speece	Paul Weber

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Jason Sall, NRCS, Tecumseh	Carol Sisco, The Pawnee Republican
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Steve Sugden, Douglas	William Umland, Palmyra
	Charles Duryea, Humboldt	Blayne Anthony, Talmage
	Steve Satra, Nebraska Game & Parks Commission, Lincoln	Andy Appleget, The Flatwater Group
	Rick Krushenisky, The Flatwater Group	

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 Lisa Beethe, Mike Speece, Ron Heskett, and Bruce Walker. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, NRCS staff, and guests introduced themselves. Chair Godemann then presented awards to each of the following directors for their years of service on the board: David Hunzeker, Roland Meyer, Steve Sherrow, Chuck Starr, and Jeff Crunk.

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**

Hilske, Nelson, and Wingert reviewed their reports. Hilske also explained what types of projects require 404 permits.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Jason Sall commented that the RCs and DCs were consumed with the financial audit taking place in the NRCS offices; however, other staff were still conducting business as usual.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Kudrna stated Tammy Timms had been detailed to the Beatrice NRCS office to help with the audit. Their annual meeting was coming up in December. They are continuing with their recycling project efforts and finished up a wine school. They are also going to offer an advanced wine school and a brewery school next year.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad commented on the national legislative priorities for NACD and will provide more information next month.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Watermeier stated the Governor still wants to meet regarding the Resources Development Fund.

**E. Water Policy Task Force Report**

Sugden reported that they are supposed to meet December 17 in Kearney. They have a subcommittee working on restructuring the Task Force, and it would probably be discussed this month. He felt that they may reduce the number of irrigators on it. Sugden had also been contacted about taking a position on the Nebraska Water Resources Association.

9. **PRESENTATION BY THE FLATWATER GROUP ON PROPOSED PLANS TO RENOVATE IRON HORSE TRAIL LAKE**

Representatives of The Flatwater Group provided information on the project background, summary of sediment reduction recommendations, installation design process, installation measures, construction cost estimate and project budget, and estimated project timeline. There was some discussion on the cash flow issues. Shawn Kreienhop added that NDEQ was dictating somewhat the amount of sediment that needs to be removed in the project.

10. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee**

1. *Proposed Changes to Groundwater Management Plan & Rules:* Wingert reviewed events since the September meeting. He then reviewed the rules and regulations for each phase.
2. *Adoption of Proposed Revisions to District Groundwater Rules and Regulations:* **White moved, seconded by Wirth, to adopt the proposed revisions to the Groundwater Rules and Regulations. Motion carried.**

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

3. *Issuance of Administrative Order Establishing Effective Date for New Groundwater Rules & Regulations:* **White moved, seconded by Wirth, to establish the effective date for the new Groundwater Rules and Regulations as February 1, 2009. Motion carried.**

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

4. *Establishing Date to Terminate Temporary Stay on Construction of New Wells:* **White moved, seconded by Sugden, to establish February 1, 2009, as the date when the present, temporary stay on construction of new water wells will be terminated.** After some discussion, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Watermeier, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Beethe, Heskett, Speece, Walker, Weber

5. *Exempt from Temporary Stay on Construction of New Wells any Wells Permitted but not Completed Prior to Implementation of Stay:*

**White moved, seconded by Wirth, to exempt from the temporary stay wells permitted but not completed prior to the stay. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Watermeier, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Beethe, Heskett, Speece, Walker, Weber

Wingert thanked the Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee for their time and contributions. Wirth commended Wingert for his work on this issue.

### **C. Operations & Education Committee**

1. *Revisions to Urban Special Project Program Policy:*

**Siske moved, seconded by Albrecht, to approve the revisions to the Urban Special Project policy as presented.** After some discussion on the new ranking process, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Watermeier, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Crunk, Heskett, Speece, Walker, Weber

2. *Seminar on NRD Responsibilities, Programs, & Projects for Directors:* Siske stated the committee was considering an afternoon session possibly prior to a board meeting. He asked directors to submit their ideas for subject matter and schedules to the staff. No action.

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

Godemann stated the next meeting would be January 8 at 7:00 p.m. Directors were reminded of deadlines for registering for the NARD Legislative Conference in January and the Washington, DC, trip in March.

### 12. CONSENT AGENDA

**White moved, seconded by Albrecht, to add Paul Weber to the excused absences. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Watermeier, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Crunk, Heskett, Speece, Walker, Weber

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

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Watermeier, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Crunk, Heskett, Speece, Walker, Weber

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Kudrna moved, seconded by Albrecht, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Watermeier, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Crunk, Heskett, Speece, Walker, Weber

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, January 8, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

*Approved 1/8/09*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District