

December 10, 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 sixteenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Lisa Beethe	Ron Heskett	Steve Sugden
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Jim Rush	William Umland
	Orval Gigstad	Scott Kudrna	Dan Watermeier
	Ted Godemann	Don Siske	Paul Weber
	Lynn Heng	Duane Sugden	Jim Wirth

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	Wayne Goering	Bruce Walker
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Charles Duryea	Mike Speece	Tom White

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Anna Ferguson, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Verda Umland, Palmyra
	David Rieger, Johnson

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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

**Wirth moved, seconded by Godemann, to approve the excused absences requested by John Albrecht, Charles Duryea, Wayne Goering, Mike Speece, Bruce Walker, and Tom White. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their reports.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Anna Ferguson highlighted some of the items on their written report. She added that February 1 is the deadline for several of the federal programs. The Tecumseh office should have information on their new technician selection soon.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Kudrna reported on a weed management area meeting that focused on phragmites. They are also looking into providing some kind of training for newly elected officials.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported on the death of Dean Johnson, who had been recently elected secretary/treasurer of NARD. He added that the Legislative Conference would be coming up at the end of January.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Watermeier reported on the cuts made by the Legislature to the various natural resources funds. He added that this may change the way applications are handled for Resource Development Funds. Watermeier commended the staff for getting all the SWCP funds spent prior to the Legislature's emergency session since those Districts with state funds remaining have seen them cut.

**E. Nebraska Water Resources Association**

Duane Sugden stated he did not make it to their state conference in Kearney in November.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee-No meeting**

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. *Bids for 3-Year Contract to Mow Grass at NRD Recreation Areas:* Bids received were as follows:

<i>Bidder</i>	<i>Total Bid for 3-Years</i>
Jeff McClintock, Pawnee City <sup>1</sup>	\$32,335.44
JC Dirt Work, Cook <sup>2</sup>	\$34,198.00
Rieger Lawn & Landscape, Johnson	\$40,041.66
Kudu Lawn Care, Tecumseh	\$42,110.00
Stan Borchert Mowing, Sterling	\$43,850.00
Kevin Thornburg, Dewitt	\$46,731.14
<sup>1</sup> Bid omitted amounts for Kirkman's, Wirth Brothers, and Prairie Owl mowing in 2010.	
<sup>2</sup> Bid for 2010 was based on 6 mowings at each park	

**Wirth moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to award the three-year, annually renewable recreation area mowing contract to Rieger Lawn & Landscape for a total of \$40,041.66 for three years.** Wirth further explained that the bid from Jeff McClintock omitted amounts for three of the parks in 2010 and that JC Dirt Work based their 2010 bid on only six mowings at each park instead of 14 mowings at three parks and six mowings at Iron Horse in 2010. Both bidders indicated they would not perform the work in 2010 for those amounts; no bid bond had been required. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

**C. Executive Committee**

- 1. Resolution for Obtaining a 12-Month Line of Credit for \$1 million from Farmers Bank of Cook:*** Beethe reported that after reviewing information received from Farmers Bank of Cook, the committee decided to put the line of credit out for bids to banks throughout the District. No action.
- 2. Resolution to Request Funding from Resource Development Fund for Buck and Duck Creek Watershed Project:***

**Beethe moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the resolution requesting \$1.3 million from the Resource Development Fund for the Buck and Duck Creek Watershed Project. Motion carried.**

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

- 3. Request from Nebraska City Housing Authority to Limit In-Lieu Tax Payment:*** Beethe explained that the Housing Authority wants to change their total in lieu of tax payment and needs all entities to agree in order to do so. The NRD currently receives

only a few hundred dollars each year from the Authority.

**Beethe moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the request by the Nebraska City Housing Authority to set their total in-lieu of tax payment amount at \$8,000 for the next five years. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Albrecht, Duryea, Goering, Speece, Walker, White

**10. WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

**Godemann moved, seconded by Rush, to approve a permit for Willis Meyer to install an irrigation well five miles east of Tecumseh. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Albrecht, Duryea, Goering, Speece, Walker, White

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

Kudrna stated the January 14 meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings held prior. Weber reminded directors to notify himself or Gigstad if they wished to be considered a nominee for an officer position. Directors were reminded about upcoming registration deadlines for the NARD Legislative Conference.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Albrecht, Duryea, Goering, Speece, Walker, White

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Albrecht, Duryea, Goering, Speece, Walker, White

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, January 14, 2010, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 1/14/10

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District