

February 10, 2005
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Jim Wirth called the three hundred fifty-ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, February 10, 2005, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Scott Kudrna	Don Siske
PRESENT:	Jeff Crunk	Roland Meyer	Mike Speece
	Orval Gigstad	Dave Neddenriep*	Chuck Starr
<i>*Arrived late</i>	Ted Godemann	Gerald Royal	Bruce Walker
	Ron Heskett	Jim Rush	Tom White
	David Hunzeker	Steve Sherrow	Jim Wirth

DIRECTORS	Duane Sugden	Dan Watermeier
ABSENT:	Doug Wahlstrom	

STAFF	Bob Hilske, Manager
PRESENT:	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Aaron Stalder, Resource Specialist

GUESTS	Wally Valasek, NRCS, Beatrice
PRESENT:	Bev Puhalla, Pawnee City

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wirth opened the meeting with a moment of silence.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of Publication was presented and is on file.

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Requests for excused absences had been received from Duane Sugden and Dan Watermeier.

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences of Duane Sugden and Dan Watermeier. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske reviewed his written report and briefly discussed some of the legislative bills affecting the NRDs.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Wally Valasek addressed the board and reviewed the President's budget and how it impacts the NRCS.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported that the RC&D's budget was cut in half. Current activities include the EDGE program, brush and weed management, and the regional water supply study. He added that Dottie Holliday had been hired as the new assistant.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad talked briefly about the Legislative Conference and thanked those board members who attended.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

E. Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee

Sherrow reported that they had met and received information about a proposal that is being put together by a developer.

F. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden stated their next meeting will be March 2.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. ***Kent Krause Agreement:*** Sherrow reviewed the history of this issue. The committee was recommending that the Manager notify Mr. Krause that the NRD will not pay the bill for the new tile since he did not follow instructions to contact the NRD prior to

any work being done. He added that consequently, Mr. Krause's installation of the tile line was at his own risk. Starr felt the letter should make clear that the draft agreement sent to Mr. Krause, which the board did not approve last month, was not on the table for consideration.

2. ***Request for Easement on Steamboat Trace Right-of-Way to access WRP Land:*** Sherrow explained where the access would be needed. The committee discussed alternatives to an easement and a need to have more details included in the easement. No action was taken pending receipt of additional information.
3. ***Director's Seminar:*** No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. ***Project WET Conference Financial Support Request:*** No action was taken on this item pending receipt of additional information.
2. ***Director's Seminar:*** Directors were urged to complete and return the information request sheets for the upcoming seminar scheduled for February 25.

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Wolken MBN 88 Issues:*** No action.
2. ***Washington, DC, Conference:*** Godemann reported that he, Don Siske, and Mike Speece would be accompanying the Manager and Assistant Manager.
3. ***Bookkeeping Assistance for RC&D:*** Godemann stated the staff would be meeting with RC&D staff and their accountant to assess the workload involved if the District were to provide this assistance. No action.
4. ***Kudrna Request to be Appointed to Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee:***
Godemann moved, seconded by Royal, to appoint Scott Kudrna to the Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Meyer, Neddenriep, Royal, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, White, Wirth

ABSTAINING: Kudrna

ABSENT: Sugden, Wahlstrom, Watermeier

After some additional discussion regarding membership on the committee,
Godemann moved, seconded by Siske, to appoint David Hunzeker to the Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Meyer, Neddenriep, Royal, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, White, Wirth

ABSTAINING: Hunzeker, Kudrna

ABSENT: Sugden, Wahlstrom, Watermeier

5. *Director's Seminar:* No action.

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

Wirth reminded directors that the March meetings would still be at 5:00 for committees and 6:00 for the board meeting.

11. **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, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Royal, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, White, Wirth

ABSENT: Sugden, Wahlstrom, Watermeier

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Albrecht, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Royal, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, White, Wirth

ABSENT: Sugden, Wahlstrom, Watermeier

The meeting adjourned at 7:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, March 10, 2005, at **6:00 p.m.** at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

(Approved 3/10/05)

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District