

January 8, 2009
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Ted Godemann called the four hundred fifth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 8, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Mike Speece

STAFF PRESENT: Bob Hilske, Manager
Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant

GUESTS PRESENT: Bob Sullivan, NRCS, Tecumseh Rosie Sugden, Sterling
Verda Umland, Palmyra

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. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Assistant Manager, Scott Nelson, a notary public, administered the oath of office to the following newly elected board members: Rob Bohling, Charles Duryea, Orval Gigstad, Ted Godemann, Lynn Heng, Steve Sugden, William Umland, and Tom White.

4. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Gigstad and Heskett, serving as the nominating committee, provided a slate of nominees for each office. Scott Kudrna was nominated for Chair. Following a motion for nominations to cease and a secret ballot, Kudrna was elected Chair with a total of 17 votes. Lisa Beethe was nominated for Vice-Chair. Following a motion for nominations to cease and a secret ballot, Beethe was elected Vice-Chair with a total of 19 votes. Rob Bohling was nominated for Secretary/Treasurer. Following a motion for nominations to cease and a secret ballot,

Bohling was elected Secretary/Treasurer with a total of 18 votes. Orval Gigstad was nominated for NARD representative. Following a motion that nominations cease and a secret ballot, Gigstad was elected NARD representative with a total of 19 votes. Don Siske was nominated for NARD alternate. Following a motion that nominations cease and a secret ballot, Siske was elected NARD alternate with a total of 18 votes.

5. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

White moved, seconded by Godemann, to approve the excused absence requested by Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, NRCS staff, and guests introduced themselves.

7. **MINUTES**

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

8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

9. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their reports. There was also some discussion on a letter from the Governor regarding 404 permits as well as on road dams in Johnson County.

10. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bob Sullivan reported on the national audit workload recently undertaken in their offices. He also announced that Don Ulrich had retired and that an open house would be held on January 28 in Syracuse. They will be having a contractors meeting February 19 in Auburn.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna stated they have applied for funds to help with school lab collections and shredding paper. Hilske added that we received notice that the household hazardous waste grant was approved for about \$15,000.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reminded directors of the upcoming NARD Legislative Conference as well as the Washington, DC, trip in March. He also explained the handout regarding NACD's legislative priorities.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier stated their next meeting would be in conjunction with the Legislative Conference this month.

E. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden reported that they met in Kearney on December 17 and reduced the size of the Task Force by eliminating one irrigator from the Upper Loup and one from the Lower Loup basins. They decided to continue the Task Force through 2014 if funding is available. They may ask the Environmental Trust for funding. DNR does not think the Task Force is necessary and will probably not continue to pay their expenses though there is still \$160,000 in the fund. He said it was estimated to cost about \$9,000 for each meeting, which includes the cost of a facilitator. Their next meeting is March 10 in Lincoln.

11. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. Programs & Projects Committee****1. Iron Horse Trail Lake Restoration Project Proposal:**

Godemann moved, seconded by White, to proceed expeditiously with the Iron

Horse Trail Lake restoration project. Beethe asked if this approves any funding, and Hilske replied that we won't approve funding until another agreement is brought to the board. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece

B. Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee**1. Staff Authority to Temporarily Elevate Areas to Higher Groundwater Management**

Phase: Weber reported that the committee discussed this and explained the reasons for considering this authority. The committee will continue discussing this item and defining some terms before making any recommendations. No action.

C. Operations & Education Committee**1. Seminar on NRD Responsibilities, Programs, & Projects for Directors:**

Siske moved, seconded by Wirth, to hold a seminar for directors on February 24

from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. at the NRD offices. Directors were urged to submit their ideas to the staff for topics to be discussed at the seminar. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece

D. Executive Committee

1. ***Resolution to Include Peru Drainage District & Peru Dike District as part of Nemaha NRD's All Hazard Mitigation Plan:*** Beethe explained that this would not require funding from the NRD nor require us to manage any of their projects.

Beethe moved, seconded by White, to approve the resolution to include the Peru Drainage District and Peru Dike District in our All Hazard Mitigation Plan. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece

2. ***Voting Delegates for NARD Legislative Conference:***
Duane Sugden moved, seconded by Godemann, to designate Orval Gigstad as our voting delegate and Don Siske as alternate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece

3. ***2009 Committee Structure and Appointment Process:*** Kudrna asked directors to notify him or the staff of their preferences for committee assignments. The Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee will continue.

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

Kudrna stated the next meeting would be February 12 at 7:00 p.m. Hilske asked any directors who were interested in going on the Washington, DC, trip to let him know very soon.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Speece

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, February 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 2/12/09

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District