

January 13, 2005
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Dan Watermeier called the three hundred fifty-eighth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, January 13, 2005, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Roland Meyer	Chuck Starr
PRESENT:	Jeff Crunk	Dave Neddenriep	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	Gerald Royal	Bruce Walker
	Ted Godemann	Jim Rush	Dan Watermeier
	Ron Heskett	Steve Sherrow	Tom White
	David Hunzeker	Don Siske	Jim Wirth
	Scott Kudrna	Mike Speece	

DIRECTORS Doug Wahlstrom
ABSENT:

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

GUESTS Wes Pope, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:

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

2. **OATH OF OFFICE**

Scott Nelson, a Notary Public, administered the oath of office to the following newly elected members of the board of directors: Chuck Starr, Roland Meyer, Jeff Crunk, Steve Sherrow, Orval Gigstad, Dave Neddenriep, David Hunzeker, Tom White, and Ted Godemann. (Nelson later administered the oath to Mike Speece who arrived just prior to the election of officers.)

3. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of Publication was presented and is on file.

4. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

A request for excused absence had been received from Doug Wahlstrom.

Sugden moved, seconded by White, to approve the excused absence of Doug Wahlstrom. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves. New directors David Hunzeker and Roland Meyer provided some additional information about themselves.

6. **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

White reported that the following had agreed to be nominated for the position of Vice-Chair: Ted Godemann, Scott Kudrna, Jim Rush, and Don Siske. Following a secret ballot vote, a subsequent vote was required to break a tie between Ted Godemann and Scott Kudrna. Ted Godemann was elected Vice-Chair in the second secret ballot.

Nominees for Secretary/Treasurer were Chuck Starr, Scott Kudrna, Jim Rush, and Don Siske. Following a secret ballot vote, a subsequent vote was required to break a tie between Chuck Starr and Scott Kudrna. Scott Kudrna was elected Secretary/Treasurer in the second secret ballot.

White stated the only nominee for Chair was Jim Wirth. No nominations were received from the floor. In a secret ballot vote, Wirth was elected Chair.

Nominees for NARD Representative and Alternate were Orval Gigstad and Gerald Royal. Following a secret ballot vote, Orval Gigstad was elected as Representative and Gerald Royal as alternate.

Watermeier then yielded the Chair to Jim Wirth.

7. **MINUTES**

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

8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

White moved, seconded by Albrecht, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Crunk asked that a report of park permit revenue collected for 2004 be provided at the next meeting. **Motion carried on consent agenda.**

9. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske & Nelson reviewed their written reports.

10. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Pope distributed a written report and reviewed the CSP program.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna stated their next meeting would be in about two weeks and that no one had been hired yet to replace Merri Johnson.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reminded directors of the upcoming Legislative Conference. He also reported on an NACD Water Policy Committee meeting he had attended in Arizona.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier stated their next meeting would be later in the month.

E. Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee

Hilske stated a meeting had been scheduled for January 20. He added that Tom Farwell had been a member of this committee as a board representative and suggested that if someone else wanted to be on this committee that they could be appointed by the board.

F. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden stated their last meeting was in November, and he offered the minutes for anyone wishing to review them. Funding was a major issue, and there was also concern about the change in the Governor's office. There had also been discussion about the definition of a constructed well.

11. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Kent Krause Agreement:* Kudrna reviewed the draft agreement prepared by the staff along with changes provided by the committee. The staff was directed to forward the amended agreement to Mr. Krause. No action.
2. *Approval of Middle Big Nemaha 88 Sale:*
Kudrna moved, seconded by Sherrow, to approve the sale of 149.77 acres at Middle Big Nemaha 88 to Max Gramann for a total of \$323,503.20. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

3. *Formally Close Out South Branch Watershed:*

Kudrna moved, seconded by Siske, to request that NRCS formally close the South Branch Watershed and authorize the Chair to sign the appropriate documents. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

4. *Frey Dam Payment Issue:* Hilske reviewed the project and the issues that were addressed at an on-site visit with Mr. Frey, NRD, and the engineer in November.

Kudrna moved, seconded by White, to direct staff to pursue collection of the \$1,845.66 from Mr. Frey for his share of seeding and fencing costs. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Watermeier

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

5. *Contract with HWS for Geological Investigation on Duck Creek:* Kudrna explained the cost overruns from the original projections and the need to proceed before the cropping season starts. The committee recommended authorizing the Manager to negotiate with NRCS on funding the overruns.

Kudrna moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the contract with HWS and authorize the Manager to negotiate with NRCS for the additional costs. Sherrow expressed concern about the direction of the project and the amount of the overrun. He was concerned about the difference between the costs in the planning phase versus what we are seeing in the construction phase. Hilske discussed possible results of negotiations with NRCS to help provide for the additional expenses. After considerable discussion, **motion carried.**

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

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. ***Carbon Management Program Incentives:*** White stated a copy of the proposed incentives for participants in the carbon management education program were distributed. Hilske added that there is still room for a few more participants.

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the Carbon Management Program Incentives as proposed. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

2. ***Directors Seminar:*** White stated the seminar is tentatively scheduled for February 25 at the NRD office. Directors were asked to forward suggestions for the seminar to staff. No action.

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Wolken MBN 88 Issues:*** Wirth stated Wolken are trying to get this property into the Wetlands Reserve Program and that, if successful, it is hoped they will then agree to sign the easement. No action.

2. ***Interlocal Agreement with NARD to Administer TSP Funds:***
Wirth moved, seconded by Godemann, to approve the agreement with NARD to administer TSP funds. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

3. ***Voting Delegates for NARD Legislative Conference:*** Gigstad stated he would be attending and would be willing to serve as the voting delegate. Sugden agreed to serve as the alternate.

4. **Washington, DC, Conference:** Wirth stated Mike Speece and Ted Godemann had expressed interest in attending but that the budget allowed for three directors to attend. Anyone interested was to contact the Manager within the next week.

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

Wirth stated new committee assignments would be made for the next meeting and asked directors to notify him or the staff of their preferences.

13. **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, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, White, Wirth

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

14. **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, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, White, Wirth

ABSENT: Wahlstrom

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, February 10, 2005, at **6:00 p.m.** at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

(Approved 2/10/05)

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District