

July 9, 2009  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Vice-Chair Lisa Beethe called the four hundred eleventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, July 9, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	Wayne Goering	Steve Sugden
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Beethe	Lynn Heng	William Umland
	Rob Bohling	Ron Heskett	Bruce Walker
	Charles Duryea	Jim Rush	Paul Weber
	Orval Gigstad	Don Siske	Tom White
	Ted Godemann	Duane Sugden	Jim Wirth

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Scott Kudrna	Dan Watermeier
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mike Speece	

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Vice-Chair Beethe 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**

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

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and guests introduced themselves.

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 and Nelson reviewed their reports.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Terry Newell provided his written report. He further reviewed some issues with the Corps of Engineers regarding 404 permit requirements. They are in the process of writing contracts for farm bill programs. Newell also reviewed how the NRCS offices address the natural resources needs within the Nemaha NRD.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

No report.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reviewed some upcoming bylaw changes regarding terms for officers and talked briefly on the concerns regarding Legislative Resolution 181.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

No report.

**E. Nebraska Water Resources Association**

Duane Sugden reported they met with the Nebraska State Irrigation Association to plan for the convention coming up in Kearney in September. They will ask Senator Deb Fisher to come to their convention to speak on LB962 as well as Ed Schrock. They meet again on September 17 in Grand Island.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

*1. Project Agreement with Randall K. Miller:*

**Heng moved, seconded by Godemann, to approve the Project Agreement with Randall K. Miller Revocable Trust to provide 25% cost-share up to \$10,000 and serve as contracting officer for construction of a WHIP dam in Gage County. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

## **B. Operations & Education Committee – No Meeting**

## **C. Executive Committee**

- 1. Plans for Addressing Legislative Resolution 181 & Developing a Statewide Public Relations Campaign:* Hilske reviewed the goals and objectives of the NARD public relations plan. Gigstad added that NARD is buying an advertisement in the Nebraska Farmer to promote the NRDs.
- 2. Resolution Adopting Required Changes to NARD 457 Retirement Program:* Hilske explained the 457 program and the changes proposed. However, the resolution had not yet been received and would probably be on next month's agenda.
- 3. Board Meeting Dates for August:* Hilske explained that the next regular meeting is scheduled August 13, but budget valuations would not be received until August 21. Therefore, the board would either have to move their regular meeting to August 27 or hold a special meeting on that date in addition to the August 13 meeting. Rush felt the regular meeting should be moved to the 27<sup>th</sup>. Hilske did point out that this would put seven weeks between the July and August meetings and only two weeks between the August and September meetings. Duane Sugden thought it would be well worth the time and expense to have a special meeting to review the budget figures.

**White moved, seconded by Albrecht, to hold a special meeting on Thursday, August 27, at 8:00 p.m. to review the budget.** Rush suggested having the budget ready to review on August 13 as well. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

- 4. Update on Buck Creek Land Rights Negotiations:*  
**Bohling moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to go into executive session to discuss land rights on Buck Creek. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

The board went into executive session at 9:00 p.m.

**Albrecht moved, seconded by Walker, to return to regular session. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

The board returned to regular session at 9:20 p.m. No action was taken.

**10. FY 2010 DRAFT BUDGET**

Allison Caspers provided a PowerPoint presentation of the impacts to the budget and some of the specific programs and projects included this year. Hilske then reviewed in more detail the funds required for the Buck and Duck Creek land rights and construction. Since no funds have been identified yet to finance the land rights for Duck Creek, he reviewed other options including borrowing money until grants can be secured. It was the board's consensus that the Duck Creek land rights expense should be included in the budget even though a funding source had not yet been identified, which would allow the project to move forward this year.

**11. INCREASING RESTRICTED FUNDS ALLOWANCE AN ADDITIONAL 1% FOR FY 2009/2010 BUDGET**

Hilske explained the reason for considering this increase and that it does not require the board to increase its budget or spending for this year.

**White moved, seconded by Sugden, to increase the restricted fund allowance an additional one percent for FY2009-2010. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

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

Beethe stated the next meeting would be August 13 at 8:00 p.m. with committees scheduled prior to the meeting as needed. A special board meeting to review the budget will be held August 27 at 8:00 p.m.

**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, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

**Siske moved, seconded by White, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Kudrna, Speece, Watermeier

The meeting adjourned at 10:15 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, August 13, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

*Approved August 13, 2009*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District