

June 9, 2005  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Vice-Chair Ted Godemann called the three hundred sixty-third meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, June 9, 2005, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	Dave Neddenriep	Duane Sugden
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Jeff Crunk*	Jim Rush	Bruce Walker
	Ted Godemann	Steve Sherrow	Dan Watermeier
	David Hunzeker	Don Siske	Paul Weber
<i>*Left early</i>	Scott Kudrna	Chuck Starr	Tom White
	Roland Meyer		

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Orval Gigstad	Gerald Royal	Jim Wirth
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ron Heskett	Mike Speece	

<b>STAFF</b>	Bob Hilske, Manager
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Artis Fisher, Business Assistant
	Tomas Chalé Aké, Projects Crew Leader

<b>GUESTS</b>	Wes Pope, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Blaine Horalek, Lincoln

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Vice-Chair Godemann 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 Orval Gigstad, Gerald Royal, Ron Heskett, Mike Speece, and Jim Wirth.

**White moved, seconded by Kudrna, to approve the excused absences of Orval Gigstad, Gerald Royal, Ron Heskett, Mike Speece, and Jim Wirth. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

**White moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the minutes as submitted.** Crunk asked for a correction on Item 10.C.2 on Page 6 of the minutes. White and Sugden withdrew the motion and second.

**Crunk moved, seconded by Starr, to amend the May 12, 2005, minutes to read on Page 6, Item 10.C.2, in the last sentence as follows: “Crunk asked for copies of the information that Sherrow and Godemann have regarding the project since in his opinion the board apparently did not have the same information.” Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Crunk, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSTAINING:** Rush

**ABSENT:** Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

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

6. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

**White moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the Treasurer’s Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their written reports. Hilske also reviewed some of the legislation from the recently completed session.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. ***Request by Blaine Horalek to Lift Easement Restrictions on His Property at UBN 27-R:*** Sherrow explained the situation and issues involved and how they pertained to the NRD’s easement on Mr. Horalek’s property. Mr. Horalek reviewed his purchase of the property and the location where he wants to build a house and how that impacts the easement area. He explained that the easement was not disclosed to him prior to his purchase of the property. Sherrow added that there might be some adjustments that could be made regarding the NRD’s access route to the dam. Nelson reviewed the restrictions that the board had approved on this particular

structure, which includes not allowing any permanent structures within an easement area. Staff was directed to meet with Mr. Horalek to further investigate options for addressing this issue.

**8. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Pope reviewed his written report and updated the board on the Conservation Security Program.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Kudrna stated RC&D had been contacted by Senator Hagel's staff about the water supply study grant application that did not get approved and indicated their support for the study. They are hoping to have a household hazardous waste and used computer collection in 2006 or 2007 if grant funding is received. The weed management meetings are progressing well.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

No report. The next meeting and basin tour were scheduled for June 20-21.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Watermeier reported that a lot of discussion at their May meeting centered on the Water Policy Task Force. He also brought a project assessment from the Resource Development Fund for board members to review.

**E. Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee**

No meeting had been held in the past month.

**F. Water Policy Task Force Report**

Sugden stated the Task Force Funding Committee met in May and came up with three proposals. Next month the committees will review the budget and make recommendations for adjustments. Changes can then be made at the August meeting and recommendations for what to do based on property taxes for the September hearing and meeting.

**10. REVIEW OF FY 05/06 BUDGET**

Artis Fisher reviewed the preliminary budget using a PowerPoint presentation. She pointed out that revenue figures are unknown and that expenditures are based upon best estimates at this time. At the July meeting more details will be provided, and a schedule of actions needed will be provided.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

**A. Programs & Projects Committee, con't.**

2. *Request by Craig Hemje to Assist with Leakage Problems on his Dam:* Sherrow reviewed the request and problems at this site. It appears the water may be leaking under the dam through a shale layer. The committee recommended staff continue to investigate this and develop a proposal for possible board action.

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. *Review/Approve Proposals Submitted by Carbon Education Program Participants:* Seven proposals were received for carbon management projects. Incentive payments previously set by the board will provide \$25/acre to a maximum of 40 acres per participant and will be split over two years. In addition 50% cost-share will be provided for seeding and drilling. Estimated payments total around \$3,000 per year.

**White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the proposals submitted by Chris Rohrbaugh, Jay Gerdes, Jim Gerdes, John Howe, John Kreienhop, Bob Baum, and Glen Baum for carbon management projects.** Hilske reviewed the program and how the payments would be made. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Crunk, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSENT:** Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

**C. Executive Committee**

2. *Review/Approval of Janitor Bids:* Bids received for a three-year contract to provide janitorial services for the NRD's offices were as follows:

Contractor	Bid, per month (Renewable annually)		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Roesener Cleaning, Cook	\$238.75	\$243.75	\$243.75
Scott Nelson, Filley	\$325.00	\$330.00	\$340.00
Mike Davison, Tecumseh	\$475.00	\$500.00	\$525.00
Jana Engelken, Steinauer	\$495.00	\$530.00	\$567.00
<i>Last Year's Low Bid: \$220</i>			

**Kudrna moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the bid submitted by Roesener Cleaning for \$238.75/month in Year 1 and \$243.75/month in Years 2 and 3.**

Hilske stated the contract would be similar to the mowing contracts in that it would be renewable annually over a three-year period. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Crunk, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSENT:** Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

3. *Discussion/Action on the Dissolution of the Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee:* Godemann invited Sherrow to comment on the item since he had asked to have it on the agenda. Sherrow suggested deferring action on this item until after the board has heard from William Reed regarding his plans for the project.

1. *Salary and Personnel Issues:*

**Kudrna moved, seconded by Sugden, to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Crunk, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSENT:** Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

The board went into executive session at 9:50 p.m.

**Kudrna moved, seconded by Sugden, to return to regular session. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSENT:** Crunk, Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

The board returned to regular session at 9:57 p.m.

**Kudrna moved, seconded by White, to approve the proposed salary schedule as submitted for NRCS clerks and non-based staff (Hilske, Nelson, S. Kreienhop) and direct that the Manager readjust the proposed increases for the remainder of the staff to an overall increase of no more than 5 percent. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSENT:** Crunk, Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

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

Godemann stated the next meeting would be Thursday, July 14, with committees at 7:00 p.m. and the regular meeting at 8:00 p.m. unless other arrangements are made in conjunction with an expected presentation by William Reed.

**Starr moved, seconded by Rush, to have an emergency board meeting to discuss the NRD's participation and/or concern with potential partners in the Pawnee County Lake Project.** Starr felt there may also be some concern about Olssons' role in the project. This would allow the board to have some discussion on this and to get information to landowners about our role in the project. Starr added he had gotten a phone call from a landowner with some concerns and felt this needs to be discussed as soon as possible and before the July meeting. Kudrna felt next month's meeting would be a perfect forum to ask Coach Reed about his understanding of the NRD's role. Hilske stated the office had not received any calls about the project even after all the information in the press. Rush agreed that the board needed to discuss this and find out more about the efforts going on. Nelson added that Coach Reed had been prepared to make a presentation tonight but that it was suggested to wait until July after the board had an opportunity to review some of the information. Watermeier expressed concern that the NRD was listed in some of the information being distributed by Coach Reed. Starr's concern was that he did not want people contacted by this group prior to the July meeting with the impression that the group is working for the NRD. Kudrna suggested waiting until we have all the information before making any decisions. After further discussion, **motion failed.**

**AYE:** Rush, Starr, Weber

**NAY:** Albrecht, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Neddenriep, Sherrow, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, White

**ABSTAINING:** Meyer, Siske

**ABSENT:** Crunk, Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

**AYE:** Albrecht, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSENT:** Crunk, Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Albrecht moved, seconded by Kudrna, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Albrecht, Godemann, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Starr, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White

**ABSENT:** Crunk, Gigstad, Heskett, Royal, Speece, Wirth

The meeting adjourned at 10:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, July 14, 2005, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

*(Approved 7/14/05)*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District