

June 12, 2008
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Ted Godemann called the three hundred ninety-eighth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:12 p.m. Thursday, June 12, 2008, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	David Hunzeker	Chuck Starr
PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	Scott Kudrna	Bruce Walker
	Rob Bohling	Roland Meyer	Dan Watermeier
<i>*Left early</i>	Jeff Crunk*	Jim Rush	Paul Weber
	Orval Gigstad	Steve Sherrow	Tom White
	Ted Godemann	Don Siske	Jim Wirth
	Ron Heskett	Mike Speece	

DIRECTORS Duane Sugden
ABSENT:

STAFF Bob Hilske, Manager
PRESENT: Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

GUESTS Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh Ryan Gobber
PRESENT: Bruce Sprague, NRCS, Tecumseh Trent Gobber

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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absence requested by Duane Sugden. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, NRCS 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, Nelson, and Wingert reviewed their written reports. Hilske also distributed some photos of the recent flooding that occurred in the District.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Terry Newell commented on the Auburn Lake Company meeting held recently. He added there will be an additional WHIP signup through June 20. He also reported on the flood control benefits of the dams in the Wilson Creek and South Branch watersheds.

Bruce Sprague, Wildlife Biologist for NRCS, then provided information to the board on the new SAFE (State Acres For wildlife Enhancement) program for upland game birds and prairie chicken habitat. Applications are currently being accepted to enroll 22,000 acres statewide.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported they just finished up the used computer collections. They are looking at applying for another household hazardous waste grant.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad stated their next board meeting was coming up June 16 in Columbus. He also reported on the NACD regional meeting held in Nebraska City.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier stated their next meeting would be in July.

E. Water Policy Task Force Report

No report.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Proposal to Settle Bill for Spillway Repair on Upper Little Nemaha 31W:

Sherrow moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve settlement option 3 to resolve the repair issue on Upper Little Nemaha 31W. This option was discussed among

the NRD, developer, and landowner, and involves the developer and landowner

reimbursing the NRD only for the cost of materials involved with this repair. **Motion**

carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Heskett, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NAY: Crunk, Godemann, Hunzeker, Starr

NOT PRESENT: Sugden

B. Water Resources Committee

1. *Request for Well Permit Variance by Herr Farms:*

Weber moved, seconded by White, to approve the variance requested by Herr Farms for a well four miles west of Humboldt for irrigation. Olsson Associates conducted an analysis of the impact of this well on nearby public supply wells and it was determined the impact would be minimal. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Sugden

2. *Request for Well Permit Variance by Twin Sycamore Farms:*

Weber moved, seconded by White, to approve the variance requested by Twin Sycamore Farms for a well six miles northeast of Humboldt for irrigation. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Sugden

3. *Request for Well Permit Variance by Steven DeBoer:*

Weber moved, seconded by White, to approve the variance requested by Steven DeBoer for a well four miles east of Firth for irrigation. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Crunk, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Sugden

C. Operations & Education Committee-No meeting

D. Executive Committee

4. *Sponsor for Household Hazardous Waste Collection Grant:*

Kudrna moved, seconded by Siske, to submit an application for a household hazardous waste grant. This grant will be similar to one just completed in cooperation with the Five Rivers RC&D, who will actually administer the grant.
Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Crunk, Sugden

3. *Bids for Janitorial Services at NRD Office Complex:*

Kudrna moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the bid submitted by Roesener Cleaning for a three-year contract to provide janitorial services at the NRD office complex at a rate of \$250/month for routine services plus \$550/year for periodic services. No other bids were received, and this is the District's current contractor. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Crunk, Sugden

2. *Selection of Consultant to Complete All Hazard Mitigation Plan*

Kudrna moved, seconded by White, to enter into a contract with JEO Consulting to provide the All Hazard Mitigation Plan within the Nemaha NRD. Hilske added that several county representatives along with NRD directors were involved in interviewing three firms. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Crunk, Sugden

1. *Salary Schedule for FY2009:* Hilske distributed some information to all board members that showed the proposed increases for insurance, retirement, and salaries. There was some discussion about next year setting up a two-year plan for salary and benefit changes.

Kudrna moved, seconded by Watermeier, to approve an approximate increase of 4.6% over the FY08 package resulting in an estimated total of \$839,556 for the FY09 salaries and benefits package. Hilske reviewed the changes to the

insurance premium rates which resulted in a 3.75% overall insurance increase to the District. The Executive Committee expressed interest in becoming more involved next year and earlier in the year to work on setting up a multi-year plan. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush,
Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NAY: Beethe, Hunzeker

NOT PRESENT: Crunk, Sugden

10. REVIEW OF PROPOSED FY2009 BUDGET

Hilske reviewed the budget as proposed so far providing more information on the major programs and projects included. A more detailed budget will be presented next month. Rush recommended that any budget increase be limited to no more than a total of 3.5 percent.

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

The July meeting will be Thursday, July 10, at 8:00 p.m.

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, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer,
Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Crunk, Sugden

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer,
Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Speece, Starr, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Crunk, Sugden

The meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, July 10, 2008, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

(Approved 7/10/08)

J. Duane Sugden, Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District