

June 11, 2009  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Scott Kudrna called the four hundred tenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	Lynn Heng	Steve Sugden
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Beethe	Ron Heskett	William Umland
	Rob Bohling	Scott Kudrna	Bruce Walker
<i>*Left early</i>	Charles Duryea	Jim Rush	Paul Weber
	Orval Gigstad	Don Siske	Jim Wirth
	Ted Godemann	Mike Speece*	
	Wayne Goering	Duane Sugden	

**DIRECTORS** Dan Watermeier  
**ABSENT:** Tom White

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

**GUESTS** Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh  
**PRESENT:**

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Chair Kudrna 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**

**Godemann moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences requested by Dan Watermeier and Tom White. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Siske moved, seconded by D. Sugden, 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 and also reported that they have been busy with program rankings.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Nelson attended the meeting in Kudrna's absence and reported that the main topic discussed was the household hazardous waste collections.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported on the upcoming meetings and basin tour as well as the recent public relations meetings scheduled to address Legislative Resolution 181.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

No report.

**E. Nebraska Water Resources Association**

Duane Sugden reported they met in Grand Island and are trying to work on a statewide water plan. They will meet again on July 7.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

***1. FY2010 Small Dams Program Applications:***

**Heng moved, seconded by Godemann, to budget \$70,000 in the FY2010 budget for the following small dams applications: Ed Bruening, Camp Cornhusker, and Randy Miller.** It was noted that the Bruening dam is in the Turkey Creek Watershed. Total estimated NRD contribution is \$67,500. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Watermeier, White

2. *Contract with The Flatwater Group for Iron Horse Lake Restoration Project:*  
**Heng moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the contract with The Flatwater Group for \$220,000 for construction management services for the Iron Horse Lake Restoration Project.** Nelson explained that if the District does the bidding of the project, the final cost could be less. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Watermeier, White

3. *Steering Committee Recommendation for Remaining Funds Allotted to Muddy Creek Restoration Project:*  
**Heng moved, seconded by Godemann, to direct staff to work with the additional landowners and advisory group to expend the additional funds allotted to the Muddy Creek Restoration Project.** **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Watermeier, White

4. *Refund of Dam Construction Deposit to Duane Caspers:*  
**Heng moved, seconded by Siske, to return the \$1,000 dam construction deposit to Duane Caspers.** It was explained that Caspers' EQIP dam would not receive additional cost-share from the Muddy Creek project; therefore, the NRD would not serve as contracting officer for the project. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Watermeier, White

5. *Richardson County Emergency Management Request to Install Civil Defense Siren at Kirkman's Cove:*  
**Heng moved, seconded by Godemann, to direct staff to develop an agreement with Richardson County Emergency Management to install a siren at Kirkman's Cove.** Godemann explained the offer that was made to him and his understanding that it would be at little or no cost to the District. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Watermeier, White

## **B. Insurance Ad-Hoc Committee**

1. ***Proposals for Property/Liability/Workers Compensation Insurance Coverage: Godemann moved, seconded by Albrecht, to appoint The Casey Agency as the NRD agent of record for property, liability, and workers compensation insurance effective July 1, 2009.*** Hilske explained the process that was taken to obtain the final three proposals from The Casey Agency, Dunbar-Peterson, and Miller-Monroe-Farrell. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Watermeier, White

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

### **D. Executive Committee**

1. ***Update on Legislative Activity:*** Hilske had reviewed selected legislation during his staff report.
2. ***Update on Buck Creek Land Rights Negotiations:*** Beethe reported that Hilske had updated their committee on the latest negotiations. No action.
3. ***Establishment of FY2010 NRD Staff Salary Schedule:*** Hilske distributed a proposed salary schedule which limited the total increase to 2.5 percent. Combined with retirement and insurance benefit increases, the total increase to the budget is \$18,523.

**Beethe moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the NRD staff salary schedule as presented.** Kudrna explained some of the criteria the committee used in coming up with their recommendations. Hilske explained how base salaries are set as well as the effect of minimum wage increases on some of the salaries. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Watermeier, White

4. **Resolution to Open an Account with a Local Bank:** Hilske explained the need for a resolution in order to open an account at the local banks in Tecumseh. Regarding the reason for opening a second account, Kudrna explained that it is not unusual for a bank to have problems pledging securities at times. He further clarified that the emergency associated with this item was based on the timing for placing it on the agenda at the last meeting and not an emergency concern with our current bank. He added that we are protected with the securities currently pledged but that our accountant did not recommend using our current mortgage loan as security. Hilske pointed out that it is unusual to have such a large balance on hand and that our bank is not accustomed to having to pledge for such large sums in our account. Rush questioned if we should limit funds to \$250,000 in any bank at one time. Hilske replied that two banks should be sufficient for the temporary needs of the District.

**Beethe moved, seconded by Siske, to approve a resolution to open a bank account with American National Bank. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Watermeier, White

**10. WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED – NONE**

**11. FY 2010 DRAFT BUDGET**

Hilske explained the schedule for activities involving the budget. Beethe brought up the idea discussed last year of holding the August meeting later in the month after valuations are received. Hilske reviewed some of the major expenditures expected in next year's budget.

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

Kudrna stated the next meeting would be July 9 at 8:00 p.m. with committees scheduled prior to the meeting as needed. The August board meeting date was submitted as an agenda item.

**13. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Godemann 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, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, Wirth

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Watermeier, White

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Watermeier, White

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, July 9, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

*Approved July 9, 2009*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District