

March 10, 2005
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Jim Wirth called the three hundred sixtieth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2005, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Scott Kudrna	Chuck Starr
PRESENT:	Jeff Crunk	Roland Meyer	Duane Sugden
	Ted Godemann	Gerald Royal	Bruce Walker
	Ron Heskett	Don Siske	Tom White
	David Hunzeker	Mike Speece	Jim Wirth

DIRECTORS	Orval Gigstad	Jim Rush	Dan Watermeier
ABSENT:	Dave Neddenriep	Steve Sherrow	

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

GUESTS	Wes Pope, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Carol Sisco, <i>The Pawnee Republican</i> , Pawnee City

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, Chair Wirth 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, Dave Neddenriep, Jim Rush, Steve Sherrow, and Dan Watermeier.

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences of Orval Gigstad, Dave Neddenriep, Jim Rush, Steve Sherrow, and Dan Watermeier. 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. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their written reports.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Wes Pope distributed his written report adding that everyone was busy with EQIP contracts and that there had been a slight increase in funding this year.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported that at their meeting earlier in the day, they had determined that the NRD's bookkeeping assistance would not be required at this time. Due to federal budget cuts, two western councils could be eliminated. A meeting on brush management will be held March 14, and he also announced that pesticide collections would be held within the next month or so. They are still waiting for word from Washington regarding the water supply study grant.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

In Gigstad's absence, Hilske reported that the NARD board had voted to increase both the employer and employee contributions to the retirement program over a two-year period.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

E. Pawnee County Lake Steering Committee

Hilske stated no meetings had been held within the past month.

F. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden reported they had met the previous week and had set up some committees to review changes to legislation. He noted that there appears to be some blame placed on the NRDs for failing to regulate water. The Task Force submitted a \$4.5 million, 2-year budget to the Governor. They will meet again in August.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. **Request for Easement on Steamboat Trace Right-of-Way to Access WRP Land:**
 Walker stated the committee had no new information to report on this item at this time. No action.
2. **Patrick Borer Dam Bid Approval:** Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Bid
B.A.B., Inc.	\$27,357.63
Malone Construction	\$30,953.20
Gyhra Construction	\$31,132.50
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$20,246.65</i>

Walker moved, seconded by Speece, to approve the bid of \$27,357.63 from B.A.B., Inc., for the Patrick Borer dam. Nelson stated the landowner, who would pay half the cost, was agreeable to accepting the bid, which was above the estimate. **Motion carried.**

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

3. **Workman Site 1 and Site 2 Dam Bid Approval:** Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Workman 1	Workman 2	Total Bid
Gyhra Construction	\$17,277.20	\$24,411.90	\$41,689.10
Malone Construction	\$23,812.70	\$30,754.40	\$54,567.10
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$16,500.00</i>	<i>\$19,700.00</i>	<i>\$36,200.00</i>

Walker moved, seconded by White, to approve the total bid of \$41,689.10 from Gyhra Construction for the Workman Site 1 and Site 2 dams. Hilske stated contractors had expressed concern about fuel prices and that some who frequently bid did not because of heavy workloads. **Motion carried.**

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

4. **Milstead and Plager Dam Bid Approval:** Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Milstead	Plager	Total Bid
L&J Midway Farms	\$20,662.45	\$19,281.29	\$39,943.74
Gyhra Construction	\$22,614.20	\$19,366.00	\$41,980.20
Malone Construction	\$28,607.50	\$25,387.25	\$53,994.75
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$16,400.00</i>	<i>\$18,900.00</i>	<i>\$35,300.00</i>

Walker moved, seconded by White, to approve the total bid of \$39,943.74 from L&J Midway Farms for the Milstead and Plager dams. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Gigstad, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Watermeier

5. Klaus Hartmann Mitigation Easement:

Walker moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve a \$1.00 easement with Klaus Hartmann for 35.8 acres of mitigation in the Middle Big Nemaha Watershed. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Gigstad, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Watermeier

6. Request to Place Structure in Wildlife Habitat Area in Upper Big Nemaha 27-R:

Walker reported the committee was not in favor of allowing a garage to be built within this area. Some additional discussion was held on what kinds of construction would be allowed including types and number of docks on a lake.

Walker moved, seconded by Crunk, to deny the request to build a garage within the wildlife habitat area at Upper Big Nemaha 27-R. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Gigstad, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Watermeier

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. Requests for Financial Contributions: Project WET Conference & NACEE Conference:

White moved, seconded by Siske, to deny the requests for financial assistance for the Project WET and NACEE Conferences. Motion carried.

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

2. **Hay Bid Approval:** White reported that no bids were received for the hay at Iron Horse. Some discussion was held on what to do with the hay at this area. Bids for harvesting hay at Kirkman's Cove were as follows:

Bidder	Bid-Kirkman's Cove
Todd Mayer, Humboldt	\$1,306.00
Gary Whitney, Humboldt	\$ 975.00
<i>2004 High Bid</i>	<i>\$1,101.00</i>

White moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the bid of \$1,306.00 from Todd Mayer for the harvesting of hay at Kirkman's Cove. Motion carried.

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

3. **Peru State College Arbor Day Event:**
White moved, seconded by Siske, to provide 250 trees for an Arbor Day giveaway at Peru State College on April 22. Motion carried.

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

C. Executive Committee

1. **Wolken MBN 88 Issues:** No action.
2. **New Pickup Bid Approval:** Bids received for a 2005 ½-ton, 4x4, extended cab, regular fuel pickup were as follows:

	Field Ford	Hullman's	Meyer-Earp	Tincher	Brinkman Bros.
Make	Ford	Ford	Chevy	Ford	Chevy
Model	F-150	F-150	Silverado	F-150	Silverado
Bid	\$20,747.65	\$20,950.00	\$21,200.00	\$21,796.00	\$21,990.00

Godemann moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the bid of \$20,747.65 from Field Ford for a 2005 Ford F-150 4x4 pickup. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Gigstad, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Watermeier

3. ***Doug Wahlstrom Resignation:*** Godemann stated since Doug Wahlstrom had submitted his resignation, we would need to advertise to fill the vacancy. No action.
4. ***Washington, DC, Trip:*** Godemann reported that Speece and Siske would be accompanying the Manager and Assistant Manager next week to Washington, DC.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, APRIL MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

Wirth reminded directors that the April 14 meeting would return to 7:00 for committees and 8:00 for the board meeting. Godemann stated that, tentatively, a presentation on the Pawnee County Lake may be made by the private side.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

ABSENT: Gigstad, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Watermeier

12. ADJOURNMENT

Heskett moved, seconded by Albrecht, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

ABSENT: Gigstad, Neddenriep, Rush, Sherrow, Watermeier

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, April 14, 2005, at **8:00 p.m.** at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

(Approved 4/14/05)

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District