

March 8, 2007
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Ted Godemann called the three hundred eighty-third meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:10 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2007, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	David Hunzeker	Chuck Starr
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Scott Kudrna	Duane Sugden
	Lisa Beethe	Roland Meyer	Bruce Walker
	Jeff Crunk	Jim Rush	Paul Weber
	Orval Gigstad	Steve Sherrow	Tom White
	Ted Godemann	Don Siske	Jim Wirth
	Ron Heskett	Mike Speece	

DIRECTORS Dan Watermeier
ABSENT:

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

GUESTS Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:

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 Dan Watermeier. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, NRCS staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Starr asked for a change to his comments made on page 4 during the Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee item 1. **White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the minutes as amended. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

White moved, seconded by Wirth, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted.

Kudrna clarified that he had reimbursed the District for his wife's airline ticket. **Motion carried on consent agenda.**

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske reviewed his written report. Crunk asked what the cost would be to the District to just do nothing on the Wilson Creek 8-H dam; Hilske replied that we have to do something to protect the highway from flooding. Nelson then reviewed his written report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Terry Newell reviewed his written report. He announced that Roger Reichmuth had accepted the DC position at Wahoo and would be leaving at the end of March. Don Ulrich will be the acting RC after that time. Stephen Kennedy has been serving as acting RC in Pawnee City with Mark Nowack to assume that role next. Newell also briefly commented on the restructuring of NRCS adding that there could be 6-10 offices closing statewide. Newell then reviewed the Memorandum of Understanding outlining the responsibilities of each agency. He specifically read the civil rights section of the document.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported no meeting had been held in January, and their February meeting would be next week. The household hazardous waste grant has been approved with collections to be scheduled soon. He also alerted directors that they should have received a questionnaire from RC&D that will be used to help determine which programs to pursue.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Beethe reported on funding, upcoming Sericea Lespedeza workshops, and the Governor's attempt to eliminate the state noxious weed board.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Hilske commented that Watermeier's committee has been working on the Resource Development Fund and how to prioritize future projects.

E. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden reported their big topic has been where they will get their money.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Bids for Brandt & Brinkman Small Dams:* Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Brinkman	Brandt	Total Bid
Carstens Construction	\$24,371.80	\$25,100.20	\$49,472.00
B.A.B., Inc.	\$29,488.10	\$30,851.70	\$60,339.80
Sunneberg Construction	\$30,953.85	\$32,289.45	\$63,243.30
Virginia Construction	\$31,661.39	\$32,084.19	\$63,745.58
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$29,507.10</i>	<i>\$29,160.00</i>	<i>\$58,667.10</i>

Sherrow moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve the total bid of \$49,472.00 from Carstens Construction for the Brinkman and Brandt small dams. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

2. *Update on Release of Water for Livestock from Lorton Road Structure:* Sherrow reported that this is still under review by the State and that the State has been in contact with Otoe County. Hilske added that he had asked for a letter from the State clarifying that Otoe County held the water storage permit for this structure and, therefore, had the say over letting water out of it. A letter had not yet been received, however.

B. Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee (No meeting this month.)

C. Operations & Education Committee

1. *Bids for 6 Additional RV Electrical Hookups at Kirkman's Cove:* Bids received for the electrical portion of the project were (option is for dusk-to-dawn light):

Bidder	Base Bid	Total Bid w/Option
Al Wusk, Sterling	\$6,167.00	\$7,107.00
Gottula Trenching, Steinauer	\$5,462.00	\$6,896.00*
Lamb Electric, Unadilla	\$8,826.62	\$9,876.62

*Bid did not include all required items.

Siske moved, seconded by Albrecht, to approve the bid of \$7,107.00 from Al Wusk for the installation of six additional electrical hookups and a dusk-to-dawn light at Kirkman’s Cove. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Crunk

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

2. ***Bids for Standing Hay at Kirkman’s Cove & Iron Horse:*** Bids received for harvesting hay at these two recreation areas were as follows:

Bidder	Kirkman’s Cove	Iron Horse
Eldon Snoke	\$2,310.00	
L.J. (Bud) Casey	\$1,526.48	
Roland Burns	\$1,500.00	\$261.00
Gary Whitney	\$1,120.00	\$ 80.00
Dirk Dobrovolny	\$ 975.67	\$327.67
Terry Frank		\$222.22
Terry Bowhay		\$200.00 <i>(No deposit check included)</i>

Siske moved, seconded by Wirth, to accept the high bid of \$2,310.00 from Eldon Snoke for the hay at Kirkman’s Cove and the high bid of \$327.67 from Dirk Dobrovolny for the hay at Iron Horse Trail Lake. Hilske explained that there may be some adjustment required if Richardson County declares sericea lespedeza a noxious weed prior to harvest since there is some present on Kirkman’s. However, he added that the bidder is aware of its presence and that staff was researching methods for controlling it prior to harvest. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

3. ***Quotes for Chemicals:*** Quotes received for chemicals to be used in District recreation areas and on watershed structures were as follows:

	Midwest Farmers Co-op, Elmwood	Farmers Co-op, Tecumseh
60 Gallons Roundup Ultra Max	\$1,500.00	\$1,998.00
2 Gallons Remedy	\$210.00	\$208.00
2 ½ Gallons Grazon P+D	\$87.50	\$86.63
10 Gallons Activator 90	\$170.00	\$183.50
5 Gallons Pathway	\$170.00	\$161.40
10 Gallons Princep 4L	\$191.50	\$213.60
Total	\$2,329.00	\$2,851.13

Siske moved, seconded by White, to accept the quote of \$2,329.00 submitted by the Midwest Farmers Co-op for chemicals. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

4. ***Request to Allow Motorized Vehicle Use on NRD Recreation Area Lakes:*** Siske explained that a group had approached the NRD about allowing them to race their motorcycles on the frozen lakes at the parks in the winter. However, liability and insurance concerns prompted the committee to recommend against approving the request.

Kudrna moved, seconded by Rush, not to allow motorized vehicles on the frozen lake surfaces at NRD public recreation areas. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

D. Executive Committee

1. Bids for Audit: Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	Notes
Schulz & Assoc., Beatrice	\$6,600	\$6,600	\$6,600	Single Audit or GASB 34 - \$45/hour
Waldron, Riggs & Lloyd, Lincoln	\$7,000- \$8,000	\$7,000- \$8,000	\$7,000- \$8,000	
Prosser & Prosser, Falls City	\$4,500	\$4,500	\$4,500	Includes single audit and budget assistance
Dana F. Cole & Co., Lincoln	\$5,450	\$5,650	\$5,850	Single Audit-\$1,200; \$800 add'l. for 1 st year
Arthur White & Assoc., Tarkio, MO	\$3,400	\$3,400	\$3,400	Single Audit-\$500; \$350 budget assistance

Kudrna moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the bid submitted by Art White in the amount of \$3,400/year plus \$500/year for single audit and \$350 for budget assistance. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

- 2. Discussion on District Policy Regarding Director and Staff Attendance at Conferences:** Kudrna reviewed the conferences that are normally attended each year as well as some additional trips. The Executive Committee had discussed having the Manager provide a report on the purpose of the conferences and the information obtained at each. Rush asked who has the oversight on what meetings are attended. Hilske explained that when the budget is put together, the meetings planned for the year are included. Godemann suggested that a form be made that could be filled out providing information about why we would attend a particular conference. Crunk asked if the agendas for such meetings could be reviewed ahead of time to determine the value of attending. No action was taken.
- 3. Update on Legislative Activity:** This item was covered under Staff Report.
- 4. Update on Washington, DC, Trip:** Kudrna reported that in addition to the meetings scheduled by NARD, NNRD would be meeting with Congressional representatives regarding funding for the Duck/Buck project.

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

Godemann reminded everyone that the meetings would return to 7:00 for committees and 8:00 for the board meeting beginning with the April 12 meeting. Speece complimented the staff, landowners, and task force for their work on the Muddy Creek project.

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

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Watermeier

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, April 12, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

(Approved 4/12/07)

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District