

March 12, 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 seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 12, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Ron Heskett	Bruce Walker
PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	Scott Kudrna	Paul Weber
	Rob Bohling	Don Siske	Tom White
	Charles Duryea	Duane Sugden	Jim Wirth
	Ted Godemann	Steve Sugden	
	Lynn Heng	William Umland	

DIRECTORS	Orval Gigstad	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Jim Rush	Dan Watermeier

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

GUESTS	Bruce Sprague, 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. **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO SUBDISTRICT 4**

No applications were received for the position, so we will continue to advertise the vacancy. No action.

4. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Godemann moved, seconded by White, to approve the excused absence requested by Orval Gigstad, Jim Rush, Mike Speece, and Dan Watermeier. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and guest introduced themselves.

6. **MINUTES**

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

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

8. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their reports.

9. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Bruce Sprague briefly highlighted a few items from their written report. He then provided handouts and information regarding the SAFE program adding that they are getting close to running out of acres for the program.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported on the household hazardous waste grant and efforts to raise additional funds since the grant award was less than the requested amount. He also reported on a high school chemical lab clean up that will be held next spring. The Five Rivers Weed Management Area is purchasing signs about sericea lespedeza and phragmites to help educate the public on these two weeds.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Hilske reported that NARD will be working on their budget and that the Washington, DC, trip would be held in March. NARD is planning to start attending more farm shows across the state.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

E. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden reported that they had just met in Lincoln but that there were only 20 in attendance. They are required to have one more meeting, which will be October 20, 2009. Their executive committee will meet April 9 to try for one more push to keep the Task Force in tact to complete some of their needs.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Bids for Dennis Schuster WHIP Structure:* Bids received were as follows:

Contractor	Bid
Gyhra Construction	\$68,635.00
B.A.B., Inc.	\$71,423.56
Prange Construction	\$82,963.26
<i>Engineer's Estimate: \$71,831.56</i>	

Heng moved, seconded by Godemann, to approve the bid of \$68,635 submitted by Gyhra Construction for the Dennis Schuster WHIP structure. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

2. *Interlocal Agreement with Nebraska Game and Parks for Iron Horse Reservoir Restoration:* The District is awaiting a response from Game and Parks regarding some items in the agreement that need to be changed; therefore, no action was taken.
3. *Request by Otoe County for Assistance with a Drainage Channel near Talmage:* Further investigation and discussion is necessary at this point before any action could be considered.
4. *District/County Plan for Road Issue Associated with Hartmann Family Dam:* The Committee reviewed the actions by the County to connect the tube under their road to the tube through the dam. The District's engineer has recommended that the County remove their tube, and the District would be responsible for some rip rap at an estimated cost of \$850.

B. Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee – No meeting

C. Operations & Education Committee

1. *Hay Bids for Iron Horse Trail Lake:* Bids received were as follows:

Name	Bid
Ed Findlay, Table Rock	\$450.00
Terry Frank, Humboldt	\$333.33

Wirth moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to accept the bid of \$450.00 submitted by Ed Findlay for harvesting hay at Iron Horse Trail Lake. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

2. *Meriwether Lewis Museum Request for Assistance with Grass Seeding:* Wirth stated the committee discussed this request but felt the District currently has no program that fits this type of project. It was suggested that perhaps FEMA funds could be used since the seeding is in a flood damaged area. No action.

D. Executive Committee

1. *Update on Legislative Activity:* Hilske reviewed selected legislation and provided a listing of bills related to natural resources.
3. *Process for Developing Future Salary Schedules:* Beethe reported that the committee will continue to review more information and discuss this further. No action.
4. *Proposal for Purchase of New Copy Machine:* A summary of proposals received was as follows:

Vendor	Model	Price w/trade	Service Contract (BW/Color)
Modern Methods	Lanier LB540CSPF	\$9,747.00	\$0.008/\$0.065
Midwest Office Automations	Ricoh MP4000sp	\$9,747.00	\$0.009/\$0.065
Solution One	Konica Minolta bizhub C451	\$11,000.00	\$0.0075/\$0.075
Modern Methods	Canon IRC4080i	\$13,050.00	\$0.009/\$0.065

Beethe moved, seconded by Siske, to approve purchase of the Lanier

LB540CSPF from Modern Methods at a cost of \$9,747.00 with trade-in of current copier. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

5. ***Resolution Requesting Resource Development Fund Assistance for Buck and Duck Creek Watershed Project:*** Hilske reported that he has completed the application for funding but was advised to wait on submitting the application. No action.

2. ***Buck Creek Land Rights Negotiations:***
Beethe moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing land rights negotiations. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

The board went into executive session at 8:22 p.m.

D. Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to return to regular session. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

The board returned to regular session at 8:29 p.m.

11. **WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED**

Well permit applications received for board consideration were as follows:

Applicant	Permit No.	Legal Description
Voltmer Family Farms Corporation	N375	NE ¼ 32-1-18
Voltmer Family Farms Corporation	N376	NE ¼ 32-1-18
Voltmer Family Farms Corporation	N377	SE ¼ 32-1-18
Herr Farms Incorporated	N378	SE ¼ 7-3-13

White moved, seconded by Albrecht, to approve well permits No. N375, N376, N377, and N378. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

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

Kudrna stated the next meeting would be April 9 and would return to 8:00 p.m.

13. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Rush, Speece, Watermeier

The meeting adjourned at 8:32 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, April 9, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 4/9/09

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District