

March 10, 2011
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Beethe called the four hundred thirtieth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, March 10, 2011, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	John Albrecht	Ted Godemann	Duane Sugden
	Charles Bausch	Dave Guhde	Steve Sugden
	Lisa Beethe	Scott Kudrna	William Umland
<i>*Arrived late</i>	Rob Bohling	William Niedfeldt	Bruce Walker
	*Orval Gigstad	Don Siske	Dan Watermeier
	Mike Gilson	Mike Speece	Tom White

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Charles Duryea	Paul Weber
	Wayne Goering	

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

GUESTS PRESENT:	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh	Verda Umland, Palmyra
	Judy Albrecht, Nebraska City	Dave Arends (?), Lincoln

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

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences requested by Charles Duryea, Wayne Goering, and Paul Weber. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the minutes as submitted. 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 reviewed his written report and updated the board on current legislation. Nelson reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Roger Reichmuth reviewed his written report. He added that all local EQIP funds are obligated and that CRP sign-up would be starting again soon.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna commented on the funding issue which is always a battle every year. RC&D costs about \$51 million annually nationwide. If they are zeroed out, they will try to survive by seeking local funds.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that this year's basin tour will go into Wyoming and will be held June 13-14. He also reported that it is unsure whether NARD will be able to have a tent at Husker Harvest Days this year because they are limiting the number of spots that are provided free of charge.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier stated they will not meet again until June.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Agreement with Village of Firth for Storm Water Drainage Improvement Project: Godemann moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the agreement with the Village of Firth for a storm water drainage improvement project and authorize the Chair to sign it. Hilske reviewed the history of this project adding that our share of the project is limited to 40 percent of the cost not to exceed \$100,000. Based on the bids that were just opened, the District's share should be around \$88,000. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Gilson, Godemann, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Goering, Weber

2. *Agreement with NRCS for Rehabilitation of Wilson Creek 8-H:*

Godemann moved, seconded by White, to approve the agreement with the NRCS for the rehabilitation of Wilson Creek 8-H and authorize the Chair to sign it.

Hilske reviewed the project which is a 65/35 cost-share arrangement. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Gilson, Godemann, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Goering, Weber

3. *Draft Agreement with Nebraska Department of Roads for Rehabilitation of Brownell 1-5-A:* No action was required on this agreement pending approval from the Department of Roads.

4. *Well Permit Applications:* The following applications for well permits were reviewed by the Committee:

Name	Location	Capacity	Purpose
SJD Farms	1.5 miles northeast of Firth	1200 gpm	Irrigation
Myron Dorn, etal	1.5 miles southwest of Firth	1050 gpm	Irrigation
Myron Dorn, etal	3 miles southeast of Sterling	1000 gpm	Irrigation
Scott Prange	4.5 miles south of Sterling	600 gpm	Irrigation
Scott Prange	2.5 miles north of Lewiston	600 gpm	Irrigation

Godemann moved, seconded by White, to approve well permit applications for the following irrigation wells: SJD Farms 1.5 miles northeast of Firth; Myron Dorn, etal, 1.5 miles southwest of Firth; Myron Dorn, etal, 3 miles southeast of Sterling; Scott Prange, 4.5 miles south of Sterling; and Scott Prange, 2.5 miles north of Lewiston. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Gilson, Godemann, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Goering, Weber

5. *Draft of District's 10-Year Master Plan:* No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. *Draft of District's 10-Year Master Plan:* Kudrna stated the committee reviewed some of the education and information items but no changes were suggested.

2. Report on District's Efforts to Control Serecia Lespedeza at Kirkman's Cove:

Kudrna reviewed some of the efforts used to date to control this noxious weed and the current status of the infestation. He stated the staff plans to burn the area this spring, and the area will not be grazed this year.

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

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 14, returning to 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings starting at 7:00.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Gilson, Godemann, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White
NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Goering, Weber

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Gigstad, Gilson, Godemann, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White
NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Goering, Weber

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, April 14, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 4/14/11

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District