

May 14, 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 ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:15 p.m. Thursday, May 14, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Ron Heskett	Steve Sugden
PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	Scott Kudrna	William Umland
	Rob Bohling	Jim Rush	Bruce Walker
	Ted Godemann	Don Siske	Dan Watermeier
	Lynn Heng	Duane Sugden	Tom White

DIRECTORS	Charles Duryea	Mike Speece	Jim Wirth
ABSENT:	Orval Gigstad	Paul Weber	

STAFF	Bob Hilske, Manager
PRESENT:	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Aaron Stalder, Resources Specialist
	Shawn Kreienhop, Resources Specialist

GUESTS	Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Wayne Goering, Nebraska City

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**

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences requested by Charles Duryea, Orval Gigstad, Mike Speece, Paul Weber, and Jim Wirth. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM**

D. Sugden moved, seconded by White, to add the following agenda item to the Executive Committee as an emergency item: Discussion/Action to allow the Board Treasurer and staff to establish an emergency account with a second bank within the Nemaha NRD in the event Farmers Bank of Cook cannot provide enough pledged securities to cover District deposits. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Gigstad, Speece, Weber, Wirth

5. **APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR TO SUBDISTRICT 4**

Wayne Goering introduced himself and provided some information about himself.

White moved, seconded by Albrecht, to appoint Wayne Goering to the board of directors representing Subdistrict 4. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Godemann, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Gigstad, Speece, Weber, Wirth

Scott Nelson, a notary public, then administered the oath of office to Wayne Goering.

6. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and guests introduced themselves.

7. **MINUTES**

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

8. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

9. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their reports.

10. **UPDATE ON BUCK & DUCK CREEK WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PROJECT**

Shawn Kreienhop gave a presentation on the watershed management project, practices and cost-share to be provided, partners involved, goals and objectives, and the budget for this project.

11. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Terry Newell followed up on the NRCS role in the Duck and Buck Watershed. He reported on the EQIP applications and funds, WHIP applications, and wetland issues. He added that Bryce Bauer is the new RC in Otoe County.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reviewed the results of the household hazardous waste collections. If there is any money left, they may have a computer or television pick up.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Hilske reported that NARD had filled both of its vacant staff positions.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier reported they worked on appropriating their funds since the budget is done. They lost \$100,000 in SWCP and Small Watershed Funds and \$200,000 in IWMP.

E. Water Policy Task Force Report

Duane Sugden reported that Senator Langemeier did not wish to continue with the task force but may ask some members from this group to sit on a smaller committee to help him. There is another meeting in October, but this will probably be the last report. Sugden reported on the Nebraska Water Resources Association's work on the statewide water plan; they will have a workshop June 11 in Grand Island. Since he is now a member of the NWRA, Sugden asked to have their reports listed in this spot on future agendas.

12. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *FY2010 Small Dams Program Requests:* Heng reported that the landowner with the highest priority project requested additional time to decide whether to continue. Therefore, the committee directed Nelson to contact the landowner prior to the next meeting for his decision. No action.
2. *Duck Creek Recreation Area Plan Development Update:* Heng reported that the committee reviewed the plans. No action.

B. Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee – No meeting

C. Operations & Education Committee

1. *FY2010 Urban Special Project Applications:* Applications received and funding requests were as follows: Sterling Community Association-\$10,384.30 City of Nebraska City-\$25,000; City of Falls City-\$11,000.

Walker moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the applications submitted by the Sterling Community Association for \$10,384.30 and City of Falls City for \$11,000. There was considerable discussion about the ranking system and the points assigned to each category and whether the ranking should be the only and final

criteria used for approvals. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Gigstad, Speece, Weber, Wirth

2. ***Chemical Quotes:*** Quotes received for chemicals to be used for recreation areas were as follows:

	Farmers Co-op, Humboldt	Farmers Co-op, Tecumseh
60 Gallons Roundup Original	\$ -	\$4,683.60
60 Gallons Roundup Generic	\$1,200.00	\$2,085.00
3 Gallons Remedy	\$315.00	\$367.26
30 Gallons 2-4-D Amine	\$459.00	\$465.90
15 Gallons Grazon P+D	\$570.00	\$619.50
15 Gallons Element 4	\$1,125.00	\$1,522.50
20 Gallons Activator 90 (liquid) or Tradition 93 (liquid) Surfactant	\$460.00	\$520.80
5 Gallons Pasture Guard	\$292.50	\$342.35
25 oz. dry Escort	\$340.80	\$337.20
Total w/Roundup Original		\$8,859.11
Total w/Generic Roundup substitution	\$4,762.30	\$6,260.51

Walker moved, seconded by Albrecht, to accept the quote from Farmers Coop, Humboldt in the amount of \$4,762.30 for chemicals to be delivered to the NRD headquarters in Tecumseh. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Gigstad, Speece, Weber, Wirth

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 the committee had reviewed a proposal for the main easement but had no action.
3. ***Update on Selection of a Firm to Provide Property, Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance:*** The committee suggested that the insurance committee

that interviewed the agents provide a recommendation on a quote at the next meeting.

4. ***Establishment of Preliminary FY2010 Salary Schedule for NRD Staff:*** The committee is still reviewing draft material and will have a recommendation at the next meeting.
5. ***Emergency Item:*** Hilske explained the issue with obtaining securities from the Farmers Bank of Cook to cover our deposits. He added that this is a typical situation when May tax collections are received each year and that end-of-year expenditures in June should bring our deposits back down. Kudrna questioned whether our mortgage loan could be used as security and asked staff to check with our auditor on this question.

S. Sugden moved, seconded by White, to authorize staff and the Treasurer to establish an account at another bank to be used in the event of an emergency. It was board consensus that this should be done soon in case funds needed to be transferred for a short period of time. **Motion carried.**

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

13. WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS RECEIVED

The following well permit applications were received:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Capacity</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Bill Othmer	2.25 miles SW of Elk Creek	300-500 gpm	Irrigation
Lynn Binder	2.5 miles south of Rulo	800 gpm	Irrigation
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Godemann moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the well permit applications for Bill Othmer and two for Lynn Binder as submitted. Motion carried.

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

14. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, JUNE MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

Kudrna stated the next meeting would be June 11 at 8:00 p.m. with committees scheduled prior to the meeting as needed.

15. **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, Beethe, Bohling, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Gigstad, Speece, Weber, Wirth

16. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Godemann, Goering, Heng, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, White

NOT PRESENT: Duryea, Gigstad, Speece, Weber, Wirth

The meeting adjourned at 9:47 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 6/11/09

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District