

May 12, 2011
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Beethe called the four hundred thirty-second meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2011, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Wayne Goering	Duane Sugden
PRESENT:	Charles Bausch	Dave Guhde	Steve Sugden
	Lisa Beethe	Scott Kudrna	William Umland
	Rob Bohling	William Niedfeldt	Dan Watermeier
	Charles Duryea	Don Siske	Paul Weber
	Ted Godemann	Mike Speece	Tom White

DIRECTORS	Orval Gigstad	Bruce Walker
ABSENT:	Mike Gilson	

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

GUESTS	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	

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**

Siske moved, seconded by Albrecht, to approve the excused absences requested by Mike Gilson and Bruce Walker. 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 presented. 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. Nelson reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Roger Reichmuth distributed and reviewed his written report. He expressed his appreciation for the outstanding group of NRD clerks in their offices.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna stated they would be meeting the following week.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Hilske stated the annual basin tour would be in June in western Nebraska.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier stated their next meeting would be June 8-9 in Sidney. He added that he was planning to attend the open house for the Leigh dam (Maple Creek Recreation Area) on May 21.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Change Order from Shanahan Brothers for Buck Creek Dam Project:*

Weber moved, seconded by White, to approve up to 50 percent of the additional costs requested by Shanahan Brothers for the Buck Creek dam construction, contingent upon entering into an agreement with NRCS. Hilske explained that this is an NRCS funded project; therefore, a final decision is pending from their State office as to whether they will pay 100 percent of the additional costs. However, this action would provide the contractor assurance that someone will compensate them for their additional expenses incurred during the construction delays. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Goering, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, White

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Gilson, Walker

2. ***Discussion on Sharing Costs with Nemaha County to Raise/Improve Roads Impacted by Buck Creek Dam:*** Hilske explained the roads involved and the fact that a bridge on one of the roads recently failed inspection. There was some discussion about whether the County would have been forced to replace this bridge and if, therefore, the Board generally felt the District's share of the road improvements should be limited to the difference between the cost of the bridge and the cost of a road dam. No action.
3. ***Well Permit Applications:*** The following applications for well permits were reviewed by the Committee:

Name	Location	Capacity	Purpose
Craig Behrends	7 miles north of Humboldt	500 gpm	Irrigation
Beatrice Concrete	1 mile west of Palmyra (modification from 40 to 80 gpm)		Commercial/Industrial

Weber moved, seconded by White, to approve well permit applications for the following wells: Craig Behrends, irrigation, 7 miles north of Humboldt; Beatrice Concrete, commercial, 1 mile west of Palmyra. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Goering, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, White

ABSTAINING: Speece

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Gilson, Walker

4. ***Review Master Plan Action Items:*** Weber reported their committee reviewed the plans and had no recommendations for changes or additions.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. ***Review Planned Activities for Iron Horse Trail Lake Grand Opening:*** Kudrna reported that the committee was updated on plans for a formal grand opening and dedication ceremony on June 25. Directors were encouraged to consider helping at the event, and more details will be provided as they are finalized. No action.
2. ***Establishing a Budget for Iron Horse Trail Lake Grand Opening Event:***
Kudrna moved, seconded by Siske, to approve expenditure of up to \$2,000 for the Iron Horse Trail Lake grand opening event. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Goering, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, White

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Gilson, Walker

3. ***Peru Area Development Committee Trail Related Promotional Activities:*** Kudrna explained the kinds of activities and projects that this group has in mind for the trail. No commitment has been requested of the District. This group is in the process of applying for a tourism grant to help fund improvements to the campground and shelter at Peru as well as some interactive trail websites. No action.
4. ***Review Master Plan Action Items:*** Kudrna stated the committee reviewed the actions items and felt the plan looked good. No action.

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Request by Five Rivers RC&D to Locate their Office in NRD Basement:*** Bohling reported the committee met with Alan Richard, Chair of the RC&D board, and toured the basement. They felt improvements could be made if necessary to accommodate the RC&D.

Bohling moved, seconded by Watermeier, to provide the RC&D, if needed, office space and meeting room with details to be determined at a later date regarding capital improvements and rent. Godemann questioned whether this action was premature until we know what their situation is for sure. Hilske explained that for now the RC&D just needs to have a place to temporarily house their office and supplies in the event their lease is terminated with little or no advance notice. Kudrna added that until the RC&D finds other funding, there wouldn't be a need to address a long-term commitment. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Goering, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, White

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Gilson, Walker

2. ***District Policy for Appointing Persons to Vacant Board Seats:*** Hilske reviewed the changes made since last month to the proposed policy.

Bohling moved, seconded by S. Sugden, to approve the policy for appointing persons to vacant board seats as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bausch, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Godemann, Goering, Guhde, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Watermeier, Weber, White

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Gilson, Walker

3. **Discussion on Procedure for Evaluating NRD Subdistrict Populations & Adjusting Boundaries to Reflect 2010 Census Data:** Hilske reviewed the process required and the timetable for making changes. He suggested that if any directors know for certain that they will not be running again, this might aid in making decisions. No action.
4. **Discussion on NRD's FY2012 Salary Schedule:** Bohling reported that the committee consensus at this time was to consider trying to hold the overall increase to two percent, including salary and insurance. Therefore, they would talk about it more after we find out what the insurance premiums will be. Duane Sugden expressed concern that this may not even cover cost-of-living. No action.
5. **Review Master Plan Action Items:** No action.

10. **FY2012 BUDGET PLAN**

Hilske reported that the budget committee, comprised of Beethe, Kudrna, and White, would probably meet with the staff sometime around May 26 to begin looking at mainly the proposed expenditures.

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

Beethe conveyed a thank-you from students at Johnson County Central for some help provided by NRD staff with a water-related project. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, June 9, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 6/9/11

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District