

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

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Wayne Goering	Steve Sugden
PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	Ron Heskett	William Umland
	Rob Bohling	Jim Rush	Bruce Walker
	Charles Duryea	Scott Kudrna	Paul Weber
	Orval Gigstad	Don Siske	Tom White
	Ted Godemann	Duane Sugden	

DIRECTORS	Lynn Heng	Dan Watermeier
ABSENT:	Mike Speece	Jim Wirth

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

GUESTS	Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Verda Umland, Palmyra

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 Mike Speece, Dan Watermeier, and Jim Wirth. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD 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. Rush questioned the amounts spent for fuel with one vendor and also asked about expenditures for attendance at meeting and conferences. Hilske explained that this vendor allows us to charge fuel on account, which is necessary since not all staff have NRD credit cards. In addition this is a full-service station that provides some repairs and other services. The board consensus was that staff should attempt to purchase fuel at the lowest reasonable cost. There was some discussion about the value of attending these conferences, which were included in the budget; Chair Kudrna suggested there be more advance communication between staff and the board regarding which conferences staff will be attending. **Motion carried on consent agenda.**

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their reports.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

In addition to his regular, written report, Terry Newell reviewed the NRCS 2009 work plan accomplishments.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reviewed their last meeting which included a tour of Endicott Clay. They have some extra money from the household hazardous waste grant and are looking for ways to use it, which may require an extension of the grant.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that their recent meeting was at the Lower Republican NRD, and they talked with the NRD staff about the problems they are facing. The NARD Foundation is redirecting some of its money previously used for internships to FFA events instead.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

E. Nebraska Water Resources Association

Duane Sugden reported that their last Water Task Force meeting was held October 20. There is about \$130,000 left in their budget. The Nebraska Water Resources Association convention was scheduled for November 22-24.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee-No meeting

B. Operations & Education Committee – No Meeting

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Process for Obtaining a Line of Credit:*** Beethe reported the committee reviewed cash flow issues coming up in conjunction with the Iron Horse and Buck/Duck Watershed projects. They discussed asking for up to \$1 million over a year or so. The committee recommended that before looking elsewhere, staff contact Farmers Bank of Cook to find out what they would be able to offer. Hilske added that it would likely be next spring before the line of credit is needed. No action.
2. ***Request for Assistance from Small Watershed Fund for Buck Creek:*** Hilske explained how this state fund could be used to reimburse some of our land rights costs associated with this project. He estimated it could amount to \$70,000.

Beethe moved, seconded by Siske, to approve and authorize the Chair and Secretary to sign the resolution requesting reimbursement of land rights costs from the Nebraska Small Watershed Fund for the Buck Creek project. Motion carried.

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

3. ***Nominating Committee for 2010 Board Officers:*** Kudrna asked for volunteers to serve as a nominating committee. Gigstad and Weber offered to serve on the committee.

4. ***FY2009 Audit:***

Godemann moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the FY2009 audit report as presented. Since the three-year contract with Art White & Associates ended this year, there was some discussion about advertising for proposals next year and some requirements that should be included in future contracts. **Motion carried.**

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

5. ***Hiring a Consultant to Assist with Caspers 404 Permit Application:*** Hilske explained the information that the Corps is requesting and the need for additional assistance in compiling this information.

White moved, seconded by Gigstad, to authorize staff to hire a consultant to assist with the Caspers 404 permit information requested by the Corps, if necessary. Some discussion was held on whether this permit could be transferred to another reviewer and if that would reduce some of the information required and associated expenses to compile the information. Rush questioned whether our Congressional delegation could be of help with this matter. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NAY: Rush

NOT PRESENT: Heng, Speece, Watermeier, Wirth

10. WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS – NONE

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

Kudrna stated the December meeting would begin at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings starting at 6:00 p.m. Weber asked anyone interested in the officer positions to contact Gigstad or himself.

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, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Goering, Heskett, Kudrna, Rush, Siske,
D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White

ABSTAINING: Godemann

NOT PRESENT: Heng, Speece, Watermeier, Wirth

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Albrecht, Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Godemann, Goering, Heskett, Kudrna,
Rush, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Weber, White

NOT PRESENT: Heng, Speece, Watermeier, Wirth

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, December 10, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 12/10/09

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District