

November 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 thirty-eighth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:01 p.m. Thursday, November 10, 2011, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Charles Bausch	Wayne Goering	Steve Sugden
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Lisa Beethe	Dave Guhde	William Umland
	Rob Bohling	William Niedfeldt	Bruce Walker
	Charles Duryea	Don Siske	Dan Watermeier
	Orval Gigstad	Mike Speece	Paul Weber
	Mike Gilson	Duane Sugden	Tom White

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	Scott Kudrna
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Ted Godemann	

<b>STAFF</b>	Bob Hilske, Manager
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

<b>GUESTS</b>	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	

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**

**D. Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences requested by John Albrecht and Scott Kudrna. 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 and Nelson reviewed their written reports. Hilske then briefly reviewed the final draft of the District's Master Plan adding that the final report would be brought before the board next month for their approval.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Roger Reichmuth reported that layout is busy right now, especially in Nemaha County and that they will also be working on evaluating EQIP applications after November 18. He added that Craig Willoughby would be transferring to the Beatrice NRCS office, so they are already advertising to fill his position.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Hilske stated that the RC&D toured Iron Horse following their meeting last month. They are working on their budget; there was discussion regarding Gage County's decision not to contribute any dues this year.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported that they met in Gothenburg at the Monsanto Learning Center recently. The board authorized NARD staff to begin investigating putting up a building at Husker Harvest Days instead of using a tent each year.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Watermeier reported they would not meet again until the following week.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. *Well Permit Applications:* Weber stated three applications had been received for well permits and that it appeared there were no issues with any of the three.

**Weber moved, seconded by White, to approve the permits submitted by Gwyn Wingate for an irrigation well with 1000 gpm capacity 3 miles north of Adams; Nick Heetderks for an irrigation well with 1000 gpm capacity 5 miles north of Adams; and from Robert Dunn for an irrigation well with 500 gpm capacity south of Burr. Motion carried.**

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

2. ***Bids for Repairing Upper Big Nemaha G31:*** Bids received for placement of approximately 450 tons of riprap were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
B.A.B., Inc.	\$18,450.00
Gana Trucking	\$21,901.50
Prange Construction	\$24,997.50
Kuhl Trenching & Excavating, Inc.	\$26,617.50
General Excavating	\$36,000.00
<i>NRD Estimate/Budget: \$17,600.00</i>	

**Weber moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the low bid of \$18,450.00 submitted by B.A.B., Inc., for repair work on Upper Big Nemaha G-31. Motion carried.**

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

3. ***Discussion on Addressing Well Permitting in Areas Outside Paleovalley Aquifers:*** Weber reported that Wingert had provided some information and ideas for the committee to review, and the committee then asked him to compile more information for their further review next month. Wingert explained some of the information provided as well as what is already included in the District's Groundwater Management Plan. There was some discussion about looking at test hole logs to help determine whether to approve wells outside the paleovalley. The board also discussed options for restricting the amount someone could pump from an approved well. No action.

**B. Operations & Education Committee – No meeting**

### **C. Executive Committee**

1. **Discussion on Acquiring Conservation Easements to Meet Mitigation Requirements for Buck Creek Dam:** Bohling reported that we are waiting for NRCS to come up with the actual acres needed for mitigation. Hilske stated that the landowner seemed comfortable with the easement offer that the board discussed last month but that nothing will be finalized with him until the acreage amounts are finalized by NRCS. No action.
2. **Nominating Committee for 2012 Board Officers:** Bohling asked for at least two volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Orval Gigstad and Steve Sugden volunteered to serve; anyone with interest in an office should contact them.

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

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, December 8, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. D. Sugden asked to have the "Meet the Staff" handout updated since there are so many new directors on the board.

#### 11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

#### 12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, December 8, 2011, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

*Approved 12/8/11*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District