

October 8, 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 fourteenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 6:00 p.m. Thursday, October 8, 2009, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS	Ted Godemann	Jim Rush
ABSENT:	Lynn Heng	

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

GUESTS	Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	

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 Ted Godemann and Lynn Heng. 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. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. **STAFF REPORT**

Hilske and Nelson reviewed their reports.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Terry Newell reported that NRCS held 13 CSP meetings with over 370 people in attendance, and they had 252 applications. NRCS will have a first quarter audit coming up soon.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported that their state conference in Scottsbluff that week. In addition to receiving awards for Outstanding Performance by a Council and Outstanding Youth Involvement Award, Five Rivers was the first council in the nation to achieve the enhanced level of Circle of Diamonds status. Hilske expressed appreciation to the RC&D for sending a letter of support to the legislative committee that is receiving comments on LR181.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reviewed the resolutions that were discussed at the annual conference in Kearney.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

E. Nebraska Water Resources Association

Duane Sugden reported they had met and worked on the budget. They are also getting ready for their convention in November. He thanked the NRD for paying dues to the Association.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Bids for Repair Work on Wilson Creek 12-3:* Bids received were as follows:

Contractor	Bid
B.A.B., Inc.	\$18,624.84
Neuvirth's Construction	\$24,578.50
Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Inc.	\$28,463.89
Prange Construction	\$38,913.09
Budget Estimate: \$25,000	

S. Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the bid of \$18,624.84 from B.A.B., Inc., for repair work at Wilson Creek 12-3. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Godemann, Heng, Rush

2. *Bids for Iron Horse Trail Lake Restoration Project:* Bids received were as follows:

Contractor	Bid
Shanahan Bros. Construction, Inc.	\$1,928,832.39
Commercial Contractors Equipment, Inc.	\$2,195,000.00
Frahm Construction, Inc.	\$2,467,573.20
Yost Excavating, Inc.	\$2,479,510.55
Van Kirk Bros. Contracting	\$2,945,014.01
Prange Construction, Inc.	\$3,090,040.75

S. Sugden moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the bid of \$1,928,832.39 submitted by Shanahan Bros. Construction, Inc., for the Iron Horse Trail Lake Restoration Project. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Duryea, Gigstad, Goering, Heskett, Kudrna, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

ABSTAINING: Beethe

NOT PRESENT: Godemann, Heng, Rush

3. *Proposed Drainage Improvement Project for Village of Firth:* Steve Sugden explained that Olsson Associates had met with their committee to explain this proposed project which includes a retention pond to catch water coming from above the village. They are going to come back next spring after their plans are finalized and they know how much funding is available. Hilske added that they estimated the project at about \$600,000 and are pursuing block grant funding. No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee – No Meeting

C. Executive Committee

1. *Resolution Adopting Changes to NARD 457 Retirement Program:*
Beethe moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the resolution consenting to the amendment and restatement of the NARD 457 Deferred Compensation Plan.
Hilske explained these changes will bring the plan into compliance with the Pension Protection Act and other laws and match the regular retirement program. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Godemann, Heng, Rush

10. **WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS – NONE**

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

Kudrna stated the November meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings starting at 6:00 p.m.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

D. Sugden 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, Siske, Speece, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Umland, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Godemann, Heng, Rush

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Godemann, Heng, Rush

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 7:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 11/12/09

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District