

September 13, 2007
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Ted Godemann called the three hundred eighty-ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, September 13, 2007, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	John Albrecht	Scott Kudrna	Bruce Walker
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Roland Meyer	Dan Watermeier
	Orval Gigstad	Jim Rush	Paul Weber
	Ted Godemann	Steve Sherrow	Tom White
	Ron Heskett	Don Siske	Jim Wirth
	David Hunzeker	Duane Sugden	

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Jeff Crunk	Chuck Starr

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

GUESTS	Terry Newell, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Ken Halvorsen, Lancaster Rural Water District No. 1, Bennet

Following the Pledge of Allegiance, a moment of silence was observed. Chair Godemann announced that the Open Meetings Act was posted on the wall at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of Publication was presented and is on file.

EMERGENCY AGENDA ITEM

Gigstad moved, seconded by Sugden, to add the following agenda item to the Executive Committee as an emergency item: Discussion/Action on Granting an Easement to CCC and L-H Partnership to Cross the Steamboat Trace North of Honey Creek to Inspect and Maintain Property in the Wetlands Reserve Program. Hilske explained that this needed to be acted upon tonight because closing will take place on this property next week; the request was received in the mail today. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences requested by Lisa Beethe, Jeff Crunk, and Chuck Starr. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All directors, NRD staff, and NRCS staff introduced themselves. Ken Halvorsen addressed the board regarding the application by Garry Heetderks for a permit to drill an irrigation well northeast of Adams. The well would be in the same section as four of the wells for Lancaster Rural Water District No. 1. He indicated that though the Rural Water District does not necessarily oppose the wells, they are concerned about what effect, if any, this well would have on their wells.

5. **MINUTES**

White moved, seconded by Albrecht, 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 & Nelson reviewed their written reports. Wingert also reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Terry Newell reported that Steve Chick and Ken Noonan were very impressed with the tour held on Tuesday for the Kirkman's Cove Watershed Management Project. He also reported that the cutoff date for EQIP applications for 2008 will be December 14. He reported on the status of several job openings adding that Kelly Kinnison's last day in Tecumseh will be November 13.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Kudrna reported on Howard McNiff's retirement, the serecia lespedeza workshop held September 12, and that they are working on their area plan. He added that Scott Willett is helping out until a replacement is hired for Howard.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad commented on the upcoming annual conference as well as Husker Harvest Days. He added that he is on the Joint Forestry Committee for NACD and, therefore, would be at a meeting in Washington, DC, during the annual conference.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Watermeier reported they had a two-day meeting in July and would meet this month in conjunction with the NARD conference. Their last meeting again was dominated by water issues.

E. Water Policy Task Force Report

Sugden reported their next meeting is October 22 in Kearney and offered the minutes from the previous meeting for anyone interested in reading them.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. **Bids to Repair Wilson Creek 1-9:** Bids received were as follows for this spillway replacement project:

Contractor	Bid Amount
Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Inc.	\$19,970.00
B.A.B., Inc.	\$20,518.39

Sherrow moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve the bid of \$19,970.00 from Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Inc. for Wilson Creek 1-9 structure repair. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT VOTING: Watermeier

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

2. **Bids to Repair Brownell 12-2:** Bids received were as follows for this spillway replacement project:

Contractor	Bid Amount
B.A.B., Inc.	\$16,189.86
Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Inc.	\$17,895.00

Sherrow moved, seconded by Meyer, to approve the bid of \$16,189.86 from B.A.B., Inc., for Brownell 12-2 structure repair. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

B. Water Resources Ad-Hoc Committee

1. *Garry Heetderks Request for Variance to Allow Issuance of a Well Permit:* Weber explained this request but stated the committee would like to get more information before taking action especially considering the concerns of the Rural Water District. Therefore, no action was taken.
2. *Michael Bean Request for Variance to Allow Issuance of a Well Permit:* Weber reported that some of the required information had not been provided with the request; therefore, no action could be taken.

C. Operations & Education Committee - No meeting.

D. Executive Committee

1. *Proposed District Policy for Selecting Firms to Provide Professional Services:* Watermeier moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the policy for selecting firms to provide professional services as presented. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

2. *Positions on NARD Conference Resolutions:* Watermeier stated the committee reviewed the resolutions adding that more information is usually provided at the conference. The committee did not oppose any of the resolutions as submitted. There was some discussion about Resolution 2007-02 regarding the qualifications of the Director of DNR. Sherrow felt it would be unwise to require the DNR director to be a professional engineer.
3. *Voting Delegates for NARD Conference:* Watermeier moved, seconded by Gigstad, to designate Lisa Beethe voting delegate and Don Siske as alternate for the NARD Annual Conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

ABSTAINING: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

4. *Easement to CCC & L-H Partnership to Cross the Steamboat Trace:*

Watermeier moved, seconded by Gigstad, to grant the easement to CCC & L-H Partnership to cross the Steamboat Trace north of Honey Creek to inspect and maintain property in the Wetlands Reserve Program. Kudrna pointed out that this easement is only to cross the trail in one spot. The easement is required by the landowner's WRP contract. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush, Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

10. FY2008 BUDGET & RESOLUTION TO APPROVE PROPERTY TAX AND SET LEVY REQUEST

White moved, seconded by Wirth, to approve the FY2008 budget of \$2,644,245 as presented. Hilske reviewed some of the main points on the budget and the valuations and taxes requested. Some discussion was held on vehicle replacement schedules as well as the resulting percentage increase to property taxes over last year. Godemann clarified that the board's direction last month was to use the same levy as last year to prepare the final budget. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NAY: Rush

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the resolution setting the property tax request at \$1,366,216.90 and the levy at 0.040471. Motion carried.

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth

NAY: Rush

NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

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

Godemann stated the next meeting would be October 11 at 8:00 p.m.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush,
Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Albrecht, Bohling, Gigstad, Godemann, Heskett, Hunzeker, Kudrna, Meyer, Rush,
Sherrow, Siske, Sugden, Walker, Watermeier, Weber, White, Wirth
NOT PRESENT: Beethe, Crunk, Speece, Starr

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, October 11, 2007, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

Approved 10/11/07

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District