

September 8, 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-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:02 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2011, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	John Albrecht	Wayne Goering	William Umland
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Charles Bausch	Dave Guhde	Bruce Walker
	Lisa Beethe	Don Siske	Dan Watermeier
	Rob Bohling	Mike Speece	Tom White
	Charles Duryea	Duane Sugden	
	Ted Godemann	Steve Sugden	

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Orval Gigstad	Scott Kudrna	Paul Weber
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mike Gilson	William Niedfeldt	

<b>STAFF</b>	Bob Hilske, Manager
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Allison Caspers, Administrative Assistant

<b>GUESTS</b>	Judy Albrecht, Nebraska City
<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**

**White moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the excused absences requested by Orval Gigstad, Mike Gilson, Bill Niedfeldt, and Paul Weber. 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.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

A written report was distributed to all directors.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Hilske reported that the Lower Big Blue NRD approved a \$1,000 dues contribution to the RC&D. Also in October the RC&D will meet in our district and has requested a tour of one of our projects, probably the Iron Horse project.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Hilske reminded everyone of the upcoming annual conference in Kearney.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Watermeier stated their next meeting would be in conjunction with the NARD conference in Kearney later in the month.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

*1. Bids for Repair Work on Upper Little Nemaha 21:* Bids received for this rip rap project were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Bid</b>
Luetchens Land Co.	\$76,100.00
Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Inc.	\$78,000.00
B.A.B., Inc.	\$81,190.00
Prange Construction	\$89,500.00
TCW Construction	\$98,814.47
HR Bookstrom	\$99,500.00

**Godemann moved, seconded by White, to approve the low bid of \$76,100.00 submitted by Luetchen's Land Co. for repair work on Upper Little Nemaha 21. Motion carried.**

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

2. **Well Permit Applications:** Godemann reviewed the two permit applications received. Duane Sugden had some concerns about the permit for Prairie States Enterprises north of Sterling because of some history of problems finding water in this area. Therefore, the committee recommended waiting to take action on that permit until more information could be obtained.

**Godemann moved, seconded by White, to approve the permit submitted by Double T Livestock for an irrigation well 3.5 miles north of Adams. Motion carried.**

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

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

## **C. Executive Committee**

1. **Options for Adjusting NRD Sub-district Boundaries:**  
**S. Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to advance both Option 3 for the Nebraska City area and Option 3 for the remainder of the sub-district boundaries to be considered for final approval at the board's October 13, 2011, meeting.** There was some discussion on how this would affect the current directors since three of the four Nebraska City area directors would end up in the same sub-district. Goering commented that for reasons unrelated to the new sub-district boundaries he may not run for reelection in 2012. After further discussion on the outcomes of both options, **motion carried.**

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

2. **Voting Delegates for NARD Annual Conference:**  
**Bohling moved, seconded by Godemann, to appoint Don Siske as the voting delegate and Duane Sugden as the alternate for the NARD annual conference. Motion carried.**

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

3. ***District Position on Annual Conference Resolutions:*** Only two resolutions had been submitted so far with one being the resolution submitted by our board regarding the well abandonment fund. Hilske reviewed the other resolution which refers to charging the person requesting a variance for the cost of the legal notice. He explained that our process included a fee for the variance anyway, which would have covered this expense. The committee did not feel the board should take a position on the resolution at this time since it is possible it could be amended.

10. **FY2012 BUDGET & RESOLUTION SETTING PROPERTY TAX REQUEST**

**White moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the FY2012 budget with the revisions discussed and approve the resolution setting the property tax request at \$1, 866,625.44 resulting in a levy of 0.041477.** The revisions include reducing the Duck Creek easements by \$2,000 and increasing the youth programs by \$2,000. More discussion took place on the cuts that were made in order to put more money in the Buck and Duck Creek categories while still keeping the overall increase in taxes to five percent. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad, Gilson, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Weber

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

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 13, at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting.

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad, Gilson, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Weber

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad, Gilson, Kudrna, Niedfeldt, Weber

The meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m. The next regular meeting of the Board of Directors will be Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 8:00 p.m. at the NRD headquarters at 62161 Hwy 136 in Tecumseh.

*Approved 10/13/11*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District