

September 8, 2016
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Steve Sugden called the four hundred ninety-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, September 8, 2016, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Don Siske
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Mike Speece
	Charles Duryea	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Steve Sugden
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS	Dave Guhde	Alan Romine
ABSENT:	Jenny Kearney	

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

GUESTS	Richard Wing, Shubert
PRESENT:	Patsy Wing, Shubert
	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Sugden 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**

Siske moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the excused absences requested by Dave Guhde, Jenny Kearney, and Alan Romine. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

D. Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Siske moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his report. Nelson reviewed his report. (Both are filed with the minutes.)

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Reichmuth provided a written report and highlighted activities with CRP, CSP, and personnel.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

D. Sugden reported on recent household hazardous waste collections and the upcoming Doc Gigstad run on the Steamboat Trace.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad mentioned that the Annual Conference was coming up in Kearney.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

S. Sugden reported on the 24 small project and 9 large project applications. They don't know how the budget cuts will affect their funds yet. The scoring committee is meeting November 29 for three days.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Discussion on Changes to District's Groundwater Management Rules:* Gerweck reported that they are still plowing through everything and looking hard at the rules. Wingert said they are talking about how to apply the different rules. He showed an example of a risk map that LBG created for the Little Blue NRD. They will probably do a similar map for the Elk Creek to Shubert area. There could be additional requirements in some risk areas. Beethe asked how long it would take to map the whole District and at what cost. Wingert said they estimated about \$15,000 and it could take 6-8 weeks to do the Elk Creek to Shubert area.

2. *Discussion/Action on Continuing the 231 Point Minimum Score for Portions of Richardson County:*

Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to require 300 points as the minimum score for well permit approval in that area of Richardson County which is located east of Highway 75 and north of 705 Road effective until September 30, 2016. Beethe asked how many applications were not approved after the 231-point limit was set last year, and Wingert thought it was around six. There were probably only one or two that were approved. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NAY: Beethe

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Romine

3. *Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:* No applications received.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. *Discussion on Official Name for Recreation Area at Duck Creek:* Duryea explained that the committee felt it would be best to continue calling the area Duck Creek Recreation Area since it is already familiar.
2. *Update on Potential Changes to NRD Website:* Duryea updated the board on the status of the website changes. He listed the four companies that were contacted for proposals, which are due next week. The committee also discussed updating our logo without making major changes. More details next month. No action.
3. *One-Year Extension to Current Mowing Contract for Recreation Areas:*
Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to extend the contract with JC Dirt Work for mowing at the NRD's four recreation areas for one year at the current rate of \$16,899/season. Hilske explained that we are extending it one year instead of advertising a new, three-year contract since we will be adding the Duck Creek site for the 2018 season. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Romine

C. Executive Committee

1. *Bids for Purchase of New Grass Drill:* Bids were received for the following models:

Truax 8 ft.	\$22,031
Truax 8 ft. 2-point	\$22,521
Great Plains 7 ft.	\$27,645
Great Plains 8 ft. 2-point	\$22,250

Hodges moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the purchase of the Truax 8 foot no-till grass drill for \$22,031. Hilske explained that a Nebraska Environmental Trust grant would be adjusted accordingly to pay 75% of the cost since it is less than originally estimated. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Romine

2. ***Voting Delegate (Alternate) for NARD Annual Conference:*** Since Hodges cannot attend the conference after all, Duane Sugden agreed to serve as voting alternate.

3. ***Discussion on NARD Annual Conference Resolutions:*** Hilske reviewed and explained the two resolutions offered.

10. FY 2017 BUDGET DISCUSSION

Hilske explained that the valuation increase was more than estimated, so the levy ended up lower than expected.

Hodges moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve the FY2017 budget and the resolution setting the property tax request at \$2,211,416.21 resulting in a levy of 0.030631. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Romine

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

The next board meeting will be on October 13. Hilske mentioned that this is typically when the board discusses setting board meeting times for the winter meetings.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Romine

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Romine

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Approved October 13, 2016

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District