

April 13, 2017
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Dan Hodges called the five hundred third meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, April 13, 2017, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Jon Keithley	Alan Romine
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Robert Lassen	Don Siske
	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Eldon Snoke
	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz
	Dave Guhde	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS	Doug Iske	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Jenny Kearney	

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

GUESTS	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Hodges 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 Gigstad, to approve the excused absences requested by Doug Iske, Jenny Kearney, and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER’S REPORT**

Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, 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 reviewed their statewide annual report. He added that they are pushing CRP as hard as they can. They are also gearing up for compliance.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden deferred to Nelson since he was unable to attend their last meeting. Nelson reported on the grant success with the weed management and their next idea to submit grants for the control of eastern red cedar.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the 2020 National Envirothon scheduled in Nebraska and the need for help when that time comes. Gigstad thanked the board for sending him on the annual NARD Washington, DC, trip in March.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Hilske reported on the draft minutes from the last meeting which Steve Sugden had forwarded.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Review/Action on Well Permit Applications: None received.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. Bids to Construct Water Distribution System at Duck Creek: Loseke reviewed the bids received:

Bidder	Total Bid
Rieschick Drilling, Falls City	\$37,842.08
Thomas Construction, Falls City	\$49,468.64
Tim Sisco Construction, Firth	\$53,034.50
Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Tecumseh	\$78,843.55
General Excavating, Lincoln	\$97,876.60
<i>Engineers Estimate</i>	<i>\$51,553.00</i>

Hilske explained that this is considered a transient public water supply, so it must meet certain standards.

Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the low bid of \$37,842.08 submitted by Rieschick Drilling for construction of the water distribution system at the Duck Creek Recreation Area. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske, Kearney, Speece

- 2. *Revised OPPD Proposal to Provide Power for Duck Creek Rec Area:*** Loseke explained that OPPD had revised their proposal to bring power into the park after it was approved last month. Hilske explained that the new proposal would add another transformer and, ultimately, reduce the cost for the interior electrical system. It also included another pole to provide power for an overhead light at the boat ramp, which is required by the Game & Parks grant. There was some discussion on whether there were other options available. Stukenholtz suggested that if there was error, we should negotiate the revision with OPPD.

Loseke moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the revised proposal from OPPD to provide power for the Duck Creek Recreation Area at the new rate of \$54,715. After further discussion, motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: Guhde, McDonald, Niedfeldt, Stukenholtz

NOT PRESENT: Iske, Kearney, Speece

- 3. *Potential Award Nominations for 2017:*** Loseke reviewed the nomination suggested by the committee for the NARD Soil Stewardship Conservation Award.

Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to nominate Ben and Paula Sue Steffen from Humboldt for the 2017 NARD Soil Stewardship Conservation Award. Gigstad explained this award, which is new this year. Kuhl provided some background on the nominees, who were submitted by Mike McDonald. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske, Kearney, Speece

- 4. *Funding to Norris High School for Registration Fee for 2017 State Envirothon:*** Loseke explained that Norris once again qualified a team for the State Envirothon and was requesting help with paying the \$100 registration fee.

Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve payment of the \$100 registration fee for the Norris High School Envirothon team at the State Envirothon. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske, Kearney, Speece

C. Executive Committee

1. *Discussion on FY2018 Budget & Salary Process:* Hilske explained that the committee was asked to begin considering what they might like to see in next year's budget. He added that Beethe suggested reviewing the staff leave policy as part of the salary process. No action.

2. *Supporting NARD Plan to Fund the 2020 North American Envirothon in Lincoln:* Hilske explained the anticipated funds required to put on this event and the breakdown of funds requested from each NRD over a three-year period. It is hoped that enough donations and grants might be obtained to alleviate the requirement for a payment in the third year. Our District's contribution is set at \$4,245 per year for three years. Some discussion centered on where additional funds might come from.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Keithley, to approve a three-year commitment to the 2020 North American Envirothon in Nebraska with a maximum of \$4,245 per year. After further discussion, motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne

NAY: Stukenholtz

NOT PRESENT: Iske, Kearney, Speece

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

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 11, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske, Kearney, Speece

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke,
McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Iske, Kearney, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Approved 5/11/17

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District