

December 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-ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:02 p.m. Thursday, December 8, 2016, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Alan Romine
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Jenny Kearney	Don Siske
	Charles Duryea	Jon Keithley	Duane Sugden
	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Steve Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Kevin Thorne
	Dave Guhde	Russel Moss	
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Mike Speece
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Dan Stukenholtz

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Patsy Wing, Shubert
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Mike Pietzyk, Burr
	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
	Ben Beckman, Lincoln

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 Mike Speece and Dan Stukenholtz. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**D. 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 reported they are working on wetland determinations, CSP, and EQIP rankings. He also reported on the CRP approvals in our District.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

D. Sugden reported that they got their pollinator grant submitted and reviewed final budget figures. Their audit has also been completed.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported on the state land judging results, tree and recreation information on the website, and a bid to host the 2020 National Envirothon. They hired a soil health specialist and will be giving out a soil steward award at the annual meeting.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

S. Sugden reported the scoring committee met and came up with what they will present to the full Commission next month for recommendations.

**E. Nebraska Water Center**

Ben Beckman introduced himself and explained that his responsibilities include outreach to help the University listen to what is relevant for the rest of the state. The goal is to help increase the communication between those doing water resources and the University.

Hilske added that we would like to do more information and education work on irrigation management.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. ***Report on Meeting with Richardson Rural Water District #2/Status of Shubert Well Report:*** Wingert reported on his meeting with Richardson RWD #2. They seemed to be open to the idea of including Shubert in their expansion. He also talked with Rural Development, and it appears there is not an option for loan forgiveness. He will continue to work on funding sources or other ideas, however. Discussion centered

around possibly drilling a new well and the increased costs for the larger pipe for the rural water line.

**2. *Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:***

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N682	Mike Pietzyk	NW¼ SE¼ Section 15-6-10, Johnson Co.	700	Irrigation	238
N683	John Goracke	NW¼ SW¼ Section 27-6-10, Johnson Co.	700	Irrigation	232

**Gerweck moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve well permits N682 and N683.** With no comments or questions, **motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** Siske

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Stukenholtz

**3. *Agreement with Kent Krause to Irrigate from Upper Big Nemaha 18-B:*** Nelson reviewed the terms of the agreement, which is a 10-year renewal of an agreement held with Mr. Krause since 1996.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Keithley, to approve the agreement with Kent Krause to irrigate from Upper Big Nemaha 18-B. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** Siske

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Stukenholtz

**B. Operations & Education Committee-No meeting**

**C. Executive Committee**

**1. *Nominating Committee for 2017 Board Officers:*** Chair Sugden appointed Rob Bohling, Russel Moss, and Jenny Kearney to serve on the committee.

**2. *Nemaha Basin’s Natural Resources Commission Representative:*** Steve Sugden confirmed that he would be willing to continue to serve as the Nemaha Basin representative.

**3. *Delegate/Alternate to NARD Legislative Conference:*** Orval Gigstad agreed to serve as delegate and Dan Hodges as alternate.

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

Hilske presented engraved plaques to retiring directors, Charles Duryea and Steve Sugden, in recognition of their eight years that each one had served on the board. Directors were reminded to let staff know ASAP if they would be attending the Legislative Conference next month in Lincoln. The next board meeting will be on Thursday, January 12, beginning at 7:00 p.m.

**11. 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:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Stukenholtz

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

**D. Sugden moved, seconded by Gigstad, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Duryea, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Kearney, Keithley, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Speece, Stukenholtz

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

*Approved January 12, 2017*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District