

May 12, 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-second meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, May 12, 2016, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS

ABSENT: Tim Loseke

STAFF

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

GUESTS

PRESENT: Richard Wing, Shubert
Patsy Wing, Shubert
Dave Hume, Leggette, Brashears, & Graham, Inc., St. Paul, MN

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 absence requested by Tim Loseke. 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**

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.)

Update on Shubert/Elk Creek Aquifer Study: Dave Hume with LBG, Inc., reviewed the work that has been accomplished to date on this study.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

A written report was distributed.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

D. Sugden reported that their next meeting would be May 19 at Plattsmouth.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported at their meeting in June they will be selecting award recipients; and immediately following their meeting, the basin tour will be held in the Blue basins.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

S. Sugden reported that they will also meet in June. The senators approved of their latest rounds of approvals.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Potential Revisions to Groundwater Rules Updates: Gerweck reported that the committee wanted board input on whether to look into designating some different groundwater regions within the District which could then have different rules applied to them. Hilske explained that this will drive what direction the committee goes with the rules. McDonald asked how many regions were being considered, and Wingert replied there might be four or five; however, some of the areas that are not contiguous might have the same rules. Gerweck also reported the committee may meet two times a month until their work is done. Some area well drillers have expressed to committee members that data collection is the most important aspect of managing the wells. Gerweck asked everyone to share their ideas with staff or the committee so that everyone's opinion can be considered. No action.

2. Review/Action on Well Permit Applications: Applications received were as follows:

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N673	Shawn Kreienhop	NW¼ NW¼ 36-4-13, Nemaha Co.	600	Irrigation	293

Wingert explained that a previous application was being cancelled and replaced with this one.

Gerweck moved, seconded by D. Sugden, to approve well permit #N673 for Shawn Kreienhop. Upon roll call vote, **motion carried.**

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

ABSTAINING: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

3. Update on Eagle Lake Sedimentation Concern: Nelson explained how he provided an opportunity for one landowner per year to apply for cost-share to address some sediment concerns downstream. A formal erosion complaint could not be filed since it was difficult to pinpoint one source of sedimentation among the four landowners upstream.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. 2016 Urban Special Project Applications: Duryea reviewed the five applications received:

Auburn Public Schools – Greenhouse for agriculture/biology programs – Total project cost: \$268,002.80; NRD funds requested: \$25,000.00

Johnson-Brock Public Schools – Outdoor classroom – Total project cost: \$48,800.00; NRD funds requested: \$24,400.00

Shubert for Kids, Inc./Village of Shubert – Native prairie garden at village park – Total project cost: \$929.55; NRD funds requested: \$464.77

Lewiston Public Schools –Butterfly garden/arboretum – Total project cost: \$2,500.00; NRD funds requested: \$1,250.00

City of Syracuse – Trail at sports complex – Total project cost: \$375,843.00; NRD funds requested: \$25,000.00

Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the Urban Special Projects fund applications for Auburn Public Schools-\$25,000; Johnson-Brock Public Schools-\$24,400; Village of Shubert-\$464.77; and Lewiston Public Schools-\$1,250.00.

Duryea explained that the City of Syracuse project would not be considered for approval this year because they did not yet have other funding or design work done in order to complete it within the required time frame. D. Sugden expressed concern about the amount of money required to fund all of these in one year. There was discussion about approving only a portion of each request or limiting approval to one or two applications as well as the ranking for each application. Duryea indicated that if the board did not approve all four, the committee would recommend only two of the four applications be approved. After more discussion about the impact to the budget and benefit to urban areas, upon roll call vote, **motion carried**.

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

NAY: Beethe, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

2. Bids for Steamboat Trace Upgrade Project: Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Total Bid
Kreifels Conservation & Excavating, Nebraska City	\$346,311.85
Husker Engineering, Inc., Burwell	\$369,845.00
Prange Construction, Inc., Adams	\$388,403.60
Kuhl Trenching & Excavating, Inc., Tecumseh	\$391,762.69
Road Builders, Inc., Lincoln	\$426,178.90
Pat Thomas Construction, Inc., Lincoln	\$482,199.85
Strobel Energy Group, Clarks	\$516,802.53
<i>Engineer's Estimate: \$382,000.00</i>	

Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the low bid of \$346,311.85 submitted by Kreifels Conservation & Excavating for the Steamboat Trace upgrade project. Stukenholtz expressed concern about the amount of money involved in repairing a trail he didn't feel was used by many. S. Sugden asked what the maintenance costs had been for this area of the trail. Nelson answered that we set aside \$10,000 per year for maintenance. Nelson stated the NRD's share of the cost for this project will be 20%. D. Sugden questioned if we would be able to keep the new concrete from washing out, and Iske asked who would be liable if it did wash out. Hilske replied that it would be the engineer's or the contractor's liability if it were because of a design or a construction flaw, but he didn't feel this would be a problem once the project is completed. After further discussion, **motion carried**.

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

NAY: Stukenholtz

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

3. ***Quotes for a Boat Dock at Duck Creek Recreation Area:*** Duryea explained that the same quote as that approved last month for a boat dock at Kirkman's Cove would be honored for a dock at Duck Creek by the firm, On the Water, from Fremont. Their quote was for the same dock at the same rate of \$13,958. The Game & Parks will reimburse 75 percent of the cost of this dock through their grant for this new lake.

Duryea moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the quote of \$13,958 from On the Water for a boat dock for the Duck Creek Recreation Area. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Discussion on FY2017 Plan for Property & Liability Insurance:*** Hodges explained that our current agent sold his business to The Harry A. Koch Company but will be staying on with them for another couple of years before retiring. Because of the difficulty in finding adequate insurance coverage for the dams in the District and the amount of time involved in securing new quotes, the committee recommended obtaining a quote for renewal from this company for the upcoming year. The quote will be available for action at the June meeting.
2. ***FY2017 Staff Salary Adjustments:*** Hodges reported that the committee spent a lot of time discussing this and will make some recommendations at the June meeting. No action.
3. ***Request to Co-Sponsor a Source Water Protection Grant with Auburn:*** Hilske explained the grant that Auburn is requesting would help fund some best management practices that would benefit their wellfield area. There would be no funds required of the NRD only our support in the form of our co-sponsorship.

Hodges moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve co-sponsoring a source water protection grant with the Auburn Board of Public Works. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

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

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, June 9, at 8:00 p.m.

11. **CONSENT AGENDA**

Siske moved, seconded by Gerweck, 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, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Stukenholtz, D. Sugden, S. Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

Gigstad moved, seconded by Bohling, to adjourn. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Loseke

The meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Approved June 9, 2016

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District