

May 11, 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 fourth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, May 11, 2017, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS
ABSENT: Doug Iske

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

GUESTS
PRESENT: Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh

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 Sugden, to approve the excused absence requested by Doug Iske. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by Keithley, 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 reported that they have been busy with CRP and other field work. They are trying to work on CSP, and compliance reviews will be next. They are looking more closely at ephemeral erosion.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported that they discussed their bylaws at the last meeting and heard a presentation on industrial hemp. They also discussed a red cedar control grant.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that NARD’s staff has been working with the Legislature. Their next meeting will be in June in conjunction with the basin tour, which he encouraged directors to attend. At that meeting they will judge the entries for the various awards which are presented at the annual conference.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	**Score
N690	Randy Gyhra	SW¼SE¼ 23-6-10, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	347
N691	E & M Farms, Inc.	NW¼NE¼ 35-4-13, Nemaha Co.	275	Irrigation	206
N692	Ryan Gobber	NE¼SE¼ 28-4-12, Johnson Co.	800	Irrigation	268

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the following well permits: N690, N691, and N692. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Iske

2. **Discussion to Seek Grant Funding & Coordinating with other NRDs on AEM Flights in 2018:** Wingert explained that we are looking at applying for sustainability funds, but the funds wouldn't be available until 2018 (the grant application is due in July). The discussion was to put some money in next year's budget and follow up with more budgeted the next year, which is when the flights would most likely take place. The grant is a 40/60 match, so if we would not be approved, the funds budgeted could be used to do a smaller scope of the project. Board consensus was in favor of this plan.

3. **Bids to Construct Davison Small Dam:** Bids received were as follows:

Bidder	Total Bid
D.L. Lottman Excavating	\$23,649.96
B.A.B., Inc.	\$28,087.72
Tim Sisco Construction	\$28,853.00
Prange Construction	\$29,966.50
Gana Trucking	\$39,634.03
High Plains Enterprises	\$73,066.00
<i>Engineer's Estimate</i>	<i>\$33,456.00</i>

Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the low bid of \$23,649.96 submitted by D.L. Lottman Excavating for construction of the Davison small dam. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Iske

4. **Selecting a Design Option for the Kirkman's Cove Sediment Basin:** Nelson explained that we had not received all the information on the options available and that we need to talk with the Golf Course folks about the options too. No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. **Bids to Install Electrical Distribution System at Duck Creek:** Loseke reviewed the bids received:

Bidder	Total Bid
Kreifels Electric, Nebraska City	\$38,715.00
Al Wusk Electric, Sterling	\$49,715.00
Wilson Electric, Auburn	\$54,418.74
<i>NRD Cost Estimate</i>	<i>\$42,000.00</i>

Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the proposal from Kreifels Electric at a price of \$38,715.00 for installation of the electrical distribution system at Duck Creek. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Iske

2. ***Restroom Quotes for Duck Creek Recreation Area:*** Loseke explained that two quotes were obtained as follows:

Product	CXT, Inc.		Boom Concrete, Inc.	
	Unit Cost	Total Cost	Unit Cost	Total Cost
4 Single Restrooms	\$18,000	\$72,000	\$18,130	\$72,520
1 Double Restroom	\$31,000	\$31,000	\$27,465	\$27,465
Grand Total		\$103,000		\$99,985

Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the quote of \$99,985 from Boom Concrete for four single restrooms and one double restroom. Hilske explained that these would be ordered now for installation around August 1. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Iske

3. ***Urban Special Project Applications for FY18:*** Loseke reviewed the applications:

HTRS Public School – Greenhouse/Outdoor Classroom – Total Project Cost: \$40,000 – NRD Funds Requested: \$20,000

Talmage Youth Club – Pond Renovation – Total Project Cost: \$20,000 – NRD Funds Requested - \$10,000

Nebraska City Parks Department – Pond Renovation (seawall/aeration) – Total Project Cost: 87,132.94 – NRD Funds Requested: \$25,000

Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the Urban Special Project applications for HTRS Public School-\$20,000; Talmage Youth Club-\$10,000; and Nebraska City Parks Department-\$25,000. Discussion centered around how much to allocate to this program since we used to only budget \$25,000. Staff pointed out that just over \$50,000 was budgeted last year as well as one other previous year. Niedfeldt expressed concern over keeping the budget lower for the taxpayer. It was suggested that the budget be limited to a maximum of \$50,000.

Loseke moved, seconded by Gigstad, to amend the motion to reduce Nebraska City's allocation to \$20,000. Motion carried.

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

NAY: Guhde, Kearney, Romine, Siske, Speece, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Iske

Upon roll call vote on the main motion, as amended, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Iske

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Easements for Upper Big Nemaha 25-C Rehab Project:*** Niedfeldt reported there would be no action on this item because the signed easements have not been received yet.
2. ***Discussion on FY2018 Budget & Salary Process:*** Niedfeldt stated the committee looked at some projections for the 2018 budget. They also reviewed the NRD salary survey and costs based on different options. They will make recommendations for the salaries next month. No action.
3. ***Establish FY2018 Budget Committee:*** Niedfeldt asked for volunteers to serve on the budget committee. The following directors volunteered: Dan Stukenholtz, Lisa Beethe, Kevin Thorne, and Dan Hodges. Any other interested directors were asked to contact the staff.
4. ***Amendment Extending the ENWRA Agreement to FY2022:*** Hilske explained that the current agreement expires this year and that our District's annual contribution remains the same as in past agreements. Loseke asked how the contributions were determined, and Wingert thought it was based on budgets and valuations.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve Amendment No. 5 to the ENWRA agreement. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Iske

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

Five Rivers RC&D requested to be on the agenda to provide their annual report next month.
The next meeting will be Thursday, June 8, beginning at 8:00 p.m.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Iske

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Iske

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Approved 6/8/17

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District