

October 12, 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 eighth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:00 p.m. Thursday, October 12, 2017, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Lisa Beethe	Robert Lassen	Mike Speece
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne
	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine	
	Jon Keithley	Eldon Snoke	

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Dave Guhde	Jenny Kearney	Don Siske
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Doug Iske	Russel Moss	

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	

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**

**Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the excused absences requested by Dave Guhde, Doug Iske, Jenny Kearney, Russel Moss, and Don Siske. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

**6. TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

**7. STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his report. He reported that Karen Mahoney had resigned as Administrative Assistant and her last day would be October 18. He added that the groundwater report had just been received from LBG. Nelson reviewed his report. (Both are filed with the minutes.)

**8. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS****A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth briefly reviewed his written report adding that Anna Ferguson would be transferring to the Rushville field office at the end of October.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden reported that there would be a grassland workshop in Cook on November 2. The recent household hazardous waste collections were smaller than normal.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported on attendance as well as proceeds from the auction, trap shoot, golf tournament, and raffle at the Annual Conference in Kearney. They raised over \$21,000 for the NARD Foundation which funds several educational activities. They approved a new lobbying firm. They are also looking for volunteers for the 2020 National Envirothon to be held in Nebraska.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

No report. The next full Commission meeting is November 28.

**9. STANDING COMMITTEES****A. Programs & Projects Committee**

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

**2. Bids for Repair of Brownell 4-1:** Bids received for riser and spillway replacement were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
B.A.B., Inc.	\$44,168.00
Gyhra Construction	\$56,320.00
Tim Sisco Construction	\$64,930.00
Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Inc.	\$67,782.16
Husker Engineering	\$101,228.00
Brandt Excavating	\$142,834.08
Engineer's Estimate	\$45,000.00

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the bid of \$44,168.00 from B.A.B., Inc., for the repair work at Brownell 4-1. Motion carried.**

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

3. ***Bids for Repair of Upper Big Nemaha G-15:*** Bids received for riser and spillway replacement were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid</b>
B.A.B., Inc.	\$38,263.00
Prange Construction	\$48,144.50
Gyhra Construction	\$54,619.00
LH Construction	\$63,050.00
Tim Sisco Construction	\$63,380.00
Kuhl Trenching & Exc., Inc.	\$63,829.98
Husker Engineering	\$88,568.00
Brandt Excavating	\$134,917.68
Engineer's Estimate	\$45,000.00

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the bid of \$38,263.00 from B.A.B., Inc. for the repair work at Upper Big Nemaha G-15. Motion carried.**

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

4. ***SWCP Applications Not Completed by Deadline:*** Nelson reviewed the circumstances that led up to these applications not meeting their deadline. The two applicants, Mitch Bauman and Derek Harms, were both in Otoe County and approved for the maximum cost-share of \$8,000 for storage terraces and tile. Deadline for all applicants approved for summer work was October 10, and tile had been installed but terrace construction had not begun on these two. Hilske added that our program is historically successful at getting all our funds spent because we are strict with deadlines.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to extend the deadlines for the Mitch Bauman and the Derek Harms SWCP applications to November 8 but to assess a ten percent penalty on their final cost-share payment. More discussion centered on why these were being extended. After further discussion, motion carried.**

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

**NAY:** Romine

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, Kearney, Moss, Siske

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

- 1. Quotes for Installation of Picnic Shelters at Duck Creek Rec Area:** Loseke reviewed the new information obtained including a local quote that staff obtained. Quotes were as follows:

<b>Vendor</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Materials Cost</b>	<b>Installation</b>	<b>Total (per unit)</b>
Crouch Recreation, Omaha	16'x34'	\$17,885	\$12,500	\$30,385
Sterling West, Gothenburg	20'x30'	\$17,961	\$13,000	\$30,961
RCP Shelters, Stuart, FL	20'x30'	\$11,870	N/A	N/A
Elk Creek Welding	20'x30'	\$5,000	\$6,500	\$11,500

Hilske explained that the quote from Elk Creek Welding would require the concrete work to be done separately; however, that cost was included in the estimated installation cost shown above.

**Loseke moved, seconded by Speece, to approve the quote from Elk Creek Welding for picnic shelters and installation at Duck Creek Rec Area.** Hilske clarified that the quote from Sterling West was the same as last month but that we had found a local distributor. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

- 2. Changes to District's Park Fees Schedule:** Loseke explained the discussions about possibly changing the park entry permit fees and/or RV camping fees. Beethe asked if the staff could estimate how much is spent on maintenance at the parks versus the fees we collect. Several ideas were discussed for increasing the park entry fees, and Loseke asked directors to forward their thoughts and ideas to the staff so they could form a recommendation for the board to consider next month. It was recommended that any changes be in place before January 1 when the new year's permits are sold. No action.
- 3. Revisions to District's Recreation Area Rules:** Loseke reviewed some of the things that need to be added or changed as Duck Creek Rec Area is opened. Hilske explained that any changes would have to be presented at a public hearing prior to adoption. Hilske added that there are not a lot of things to change; however, if fees are updated, the wording in the rules could be changed so that future revisions would not necessarily require a public hearing. Stukenholtz asked the board to consider possibly allowing UTV's to use the interior roads and parking areas at the parks. There was some discussion on the pros and cons of this but no action taken.

**C. Executive Committee**

1. **Update on Buck Creek Road Box Culvert Elevation Change:** Hilske reported that the County Engineer is trying to come up with some ideas to address this issue. We have notified them that we will not pay our share of the balance due until this issue is resolved.

2. **Board Meeting Times for Winter Months:**  
Gerweck moved, seconded by Gigstad, to set the board meeting schedule for November-March meetings at 7:00 p.m. with committees generally starting at 6:00 p.m. Motion carried.

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

3. **Quotes for a Jet Pump to Assist with Cleaning Plugged Dams:** Quotes received were as follows:

	Spartan Tool, Kansas City, MO	Northwest Jetters, Seattle, WA	HotJet USA, Riverton UT
Model	2017 Soldier	2017 Eagle 200	2017 Side-Kick
Total Quote	\$18,393.25	\$18,922.50	\$19,422.50

Niedfeldt explained that this would make it faster and safer to unplug dams. Details on each machine were reviewed. The model from Spartan Tool would be immediately available, and shipping is included in all prices. After some discussion, **Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the quote of \$18,393.25 from Spartan Tool for the purchase of a 2017 Soldier jet pump. Motion carried.**

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

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

The next meeting will be November 9 at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the meeting.

**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, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald,  
Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne  
**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, Kearney, Moss, Siske

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

**Beethe moved, seconded by Gerweck, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

*Approved November 9, 2017*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District