

September 14, 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 seventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, September 14, 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	Mike Speece
	Dan Hodges	Russel Moss	Dan Stukenholtz
	Doug Iske	William Niedfeldt	Duane Sugden

DIRECTORS	Dave Guhde	Kevin Thorne
ABSENT:	Jenny Kearney	

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

GUESTS	Steve Sugden, Adams
PRESENT:	Renee Critser, Auburn
	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
	Aaron Hird, NRCS, Lincoln

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 absences requested by Dave Guhde, Jenny Kearney, and Kevin Thorne. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, 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 provided a written report but then introduced Aaron Hird, Soil Health Specialist for NRCS. Hird gave a presentation demonstrating soil health issues and highlighting different methods of improving soil health.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported on their last meeting as well as the recent invasive species conference in Syracuse.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on Husker Harvest Days and on the NARD’s new lobbyist. He also mentioned an issue with the Accountability & Disclosure Commission regarding school board members voting to approve their own expenses. NARD is looking into this further to determine what NRD boards might do to address any potential issues. Gigstad reported that NACD has signed a \$10 million cooperative agreement with NRCS.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Steve Sugden reported on their August 30 meeting. They decided that they are going to get a committee together to meet with legislators to explain what they are doing since there are so many new senators. Their next full Commission meeting is November 28.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N694	Randy Miller Rev. Trust	NE¼NE¼ 35-5-8, Gage Co.	800	Irrigation	291

Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve Permit #N694 for Randy Miller Rev. Trust. Wingert briefly reviewed the details of the well. **Motion carried.**

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

NAY: Siske

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

B. Operations & Education Committee

4. ***Grant Application for Siren at Duck Creek Rec Area:*** Loseke explained the grant that might help with a warning siren at Duck Creek. There would be no cost to the NRD if the grant is approved, according to Renee Critser from the Nemaha County Emergency Management Office. She indicated that Nemaha County would pick up the 25% match required for the grant. They simply need permission to locate it there.

Loseke moved, seconded by Speece, to allow a warning siren to be located at the Duck Creek Recreation Area. Critser added that they would consult with both the installer and NRD to determine the best location for the siren. Nemaha County Emergency Management would be responsible for maintaining it. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

2. ***Grant Application for Siren/Safe Room(s) at Kirkman's Cove:*** Loseke explained that this was a similar grant; however, the NRD might be responsible for the 25% match required. The Richardson County Emergency Management was recommending two sirens and two storm shelters. It is possible that the safe rooms could also be restroom buildings. Providing approval for this preliminary grant application would not obligate the District to providing funding at this time.

Loseke moved, seconded by Gerweck, to allow the Richardson County Emergency Management to submit the letter of intent for two sirens and two storm shelters at Kirkman's Cove. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

1. ***Bids for Concrete Work at Duck Creek Rec Area:*** Bids received were as follows for work that includes sidewalks, parking pads, and steps:

Bidder	Total Bid
Mahoney Concrete, Tecumseh	\$63,891.10
B&J Hill Construction, Filley	\$81,645.01*
<i>Budget</i>	<i>\$60,000.00</i>

* No bid security included.

Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the bid of \$63,891.10 submitted by Mahoney Concrete for the concrete work at Duck Creek Rec. Area. Loseke added that some adjustments could be made in other budget items since this bid is just above its budgeted amount. Hilske explained that some items would also be reimbursed by Game & Parks. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

- Quotes for Picnic Shelters at Duck Creek Rec Area:*** Loseke reviewed the quotes obtained from four different vendors for two shelters.

Vendor	Size	Unit Cost	Total Cost
RCP Shelters, Stuart, FL	20'x30'	\$14,710	\$29,420
Crouch Recreation, Omaha	16'x34'	\$17,760	\$35,520
Gazebo Creations, Gibsonia, PA	20'x30'	\$25,558	\$51,116
Md Materials, Gaithersburg, MD	24'x44'	\$31,458	\$62,916
<i>Quotes do not include concrete pad or installation.</i>			

Loseke added that sizes are based on stock sizes so they are not all exactly the same. Hilske explained that the shelter from Crouch would be the same as the one at the Peru Trailhead but that he had not seen the others. Some discussion centered around whether the NRD staff could build the shelters and whether this would be an efficient use of their time. McDonald asked if we could come up with a comparison of our staff time versus hiring them built. Loseke said the committee felt staff should explore more options including possibly looking for a local contractor to build them. No action.

C. Executive Committee

- NARD Annual Conference Resolutions:*** Niedfeldt presented the two resolutions for consideration at the conference. Hilske offered additional explanation on each.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Gigstad, to authorize the delegates to make the decision how to vote on each resolution based upon discussion at the conference.
Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

2. ***Buck Creek Road Box Culvert Elevation Change:*** Hilske explained the issues that led to the change in elevation of the culvert. He stated we are looking at how to resolve this issue and talking with the County's engineer. Options for addressing the issue were discussed, but no action was taken. Staff will continue to work with the County's engineer.

10. **DISCUSSION/ACTION ON FY2017 BUDGET**

Hilske explained the things that had changed in the budget since the last board meeting noting that the total budget figure had not changed. Hilske explained that the additional bills for the Buck Creek road were from previous years and were amounts we owed to the County. The amount added for the water system at Duck Creek was overlooked when the budget was prepared. In order to balance the budget, the budget for the UBN 25C project was lowered accordingly. Mahoney then went step by step through the original amounts budgeted for payables and large project expenses and the changes that were needed.

Sugden moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve moving funds from the UBN 25C budget (\$62,313.88) to the Miscellaneous Payables (\$24,293.02) and the Large Project Expense (\$38,020.86). Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

Beethe moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the 2018 budget and the resolution setting the property tax request at \$2,166,976.21 resulting in a levy of 0.029432. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NAY: McDonald

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Thorne

11. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, OCTOBER MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next meeting will be October 12 at 8:00 with committee meetings prior to the meeting.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Approved 10/12/17

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District