

Nemaha NRD Board Approves Budget

(KTNC) - The Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors approved a budget totaling approximately \$4.93 million during their September meeting.

The total tax request from the District's eight-county area is just over \$2.2 million, with a tax levy of 4.49-cents per \$100 of assessed valuation. To meet budgetary demands, the NRD board increased its tax request, but limited the increase to under \$350,000.

The big-ticket items in this year's NRD Budget include expenditures associated with the Duck Creek Watershed structure. That includes a public recreation component, which means that land rights purchases are part of the expenditures. NRD officials hope that state Resource Development Funds will be available in the future to subsidize the project.

Funds will also have to be spent on road improvements associated with the Buck Creek flood control structure that was completed recently near Peru. And the District will incur expenses for the rehabilitation of a structure on Wilson Creek near Dunbar. That structure, located near Highway 2, has to be brought up to high-hazard specifications.

The Board's Executive Committee held preliminary discussions this month about land rights needed for the Wilson Creek 8-H rehabilitation project.

In other business, the NRD Board approved well permit applications for Michael Bean southeast of Nebraska City and Gordon Doeschot southeast of Firth. Both wells are for irrigation purposes.

And the Board approved the annual one-thousand dollar payment of dues to the Five Rivers Resource Conservation and Development for fiscal year 2013.