

April 12, 2018  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

1. **CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL/MOMENT OF SILENCE**

Chair Dan Hodges called the five hundred fourteenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:10 p.m. Thursday, April 12, 2018, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling Jim Gerweck Orval Gigstad Dan Hodges Jon Keithley Robert Lassen	Tim Loseke Michael McDonald Russel Moss William Niedfeldt Alan Romine Don Siske	Eldon Snoke Mike Speece Dan Stukenholtz Duane Sugden Kevin Thorne
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<b>DIRECTORS ABSENT:</b>	Lisa Beethe Dave Guhde	Doug Iske Jenny Kearney
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<b>STAFF PRESENT:</b>	Bob Hilske, Manager Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
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<b>GUESTS PRESENT:</b>	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh Jim Grundman, Talmage Marvin D. Bohling, Johnson J. Renee Critser, Auburn
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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 Lisa Beethe, Dave Guhde, Doug Iske, and Jenny Kearney. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

**Siske moved, seconded by Gigstad, 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 written report along with recent legislation. Nelson reviewed his written report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth provided a written report and reported that they are working on contracts and trying to survey jobs. Compliance will be coming next on their schedules.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden reported at their last meeting they reviewed upcoming commitments. They are trying to get an electronics collection organized and funded. All current officers were re-elected, and they hired a new person to do their payroll. They are also looking to dispose of some excess furniture if anyone is interested.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported on the last meeting and the failure to get the three cent levy approved by the Legislature. They discussed issues that came up between some small school boards and the Accountability & Disclosure Commission regarding voting on expenditures such as director expenses.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

No report.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. *Well Permit Applications:* Permits received were as follows:

Permit #	Landowner	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N704	James C. Grundman	SE¼ NE¼ Section 14-6-12, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	239
N705	Ronald L. Meyer	SE¼ NE¼ Section 10-6-12, Nemaha Co.	800	Irrigation	207

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve well permit No. N704 for James Grundman. Motion carried.**

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

Gerweck reported the committee was not in unanimous agreement on approval of the N705 permit for Ron Meyer. Sugden expressed concern that there were already a lot of wells in that area.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permit No. N705 for Ronald Meyer.** There was discussion about the number of wells in the area, the number of test holes for this project, and the number of nearby domestic wells. Niedfeldt and Bohling agreed that if the well fits the criteria and point system requirements that it would be difficult to deny it. After additional discussion, **motion carried.**

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

2. ***Discussion on Groundwater Rules Changes:*** Wingert reviewed the changes based on the recent well measurements. He worked on trying to decipher the data on well density. Hilske provided an example of how to address well density in various regions and benchmarks for new well development. They also reviewed the recent well measurements. No action.

## **B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. ***Financial Support to Norris High School Envirothon Team:*** Loseke explained that the Norris High School Envirothon team qualified during their regional contest to compete at the State Envirothon Competition on April 25 at Niobrara State Park. Registration for the event is \$100.

**Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve payment of \$100 for the Norris High School Envirothon team to attend the Nebraska Envirothon competition. Motion carried.**

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

2. ***Financial Support to Johnson County Central High School Land Judging Team:*** Loseke explained that the Land Judging Team from Johnson County Central High

School qualified at the state contest last fall to attend the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City in May. Their expenses were estimated at \$2,100 for the four-member team and sponsors, and they had commitments of \$1,450 to date.

**Loseke moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve payment of \$500 for the Johnson County Central High School Land Judging team's expenses to compete at the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City. Motion carried.**

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

- 3. *Plans & Cost to Install Warning Siren at Duck Creek Recreation Area:*** Loseke explained Nemaha County Emergency Management's plans to install a siren at Duck Creek. Total cost is about \$25,000.

**Loseke moved, seconded by Speece, to approve payment of 50 percent of the cost for the installation of an emergency siren at Duck Creek Recreation Area.** There was some discussion about who would be responsible for maintenance and insurance. Marvin Bohling and Renee Critser from Nemaha County indicated the County would be responsible for this and that it would be spelled out in an interlocal agreement. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

- 4. *Potential Conservation Award Nominations for 2018:*** Loseke reviewed a couple of options that were suggested during the committee meeting for nominations. No action.
- 5. *Plans for June 2, 2018, Duck Creek Grand Opening:*** Hilske reviewed the plans for the grand opening event. He added that a formal dedication ceremony would be included with recognition of dignitaries and contributors to the project. Other activities and a complimentary lunch would also be provided. Final details will be available at the next meeting. No action.

## **C. Executive Committee**

- 1. *Land Mower Quotes:*** Quotes received for a new lawn mower were as follows:

<b>Bidder</b>	<b>Model</b>	<b>Price</b>
Johnny's Cycle, Nebraska City	2018 Bad Boy Maverick	\$6,050.00
Roehr's Machinery, Beatrice	2018 Kubota Z421	\$6,750.00
Schuster's Outdoor & RV, Beatrice	2018 Exmark Radius X	\$6,998.00
Topp's Small Engine, Tecumseh	2016 Country Clipper Charger (New)	\$7,300.00
Topp's Small Engine, Tecumseh	2016 Country Clipper Boss (Demo)	\$7,600.00
Stutheit Implement, Auburn	2018 John Deere Z950M	\$9,530.00
Landis Engine, Nebraska City	2018 Grasshopper 725KT	\$11,356.00

The old mower was sold at a consignment auction earlier this year for \$3,100, and the amount budgeted for this purchase was \$8,000.

**Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Speece, to approve the purchase of the 2018 Bad Boy Maverick from Johnny's Cycle at a cost of \$6,050.00. Motion carried.**

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

2. ***Review of Current Legislation:*** Hilske had reviewed this during his staff report.
3. ***Agreement with Auburn Board of Public Works for Aquifer Assessment Project:*** Hilske reviewed some of the components of the grant for this project and the Little Nemaha River Recharge component. He explained that the agreement is for us to administer the grant for Auburn's part of it. The maintenance responsibilities will be addressed in a separate agreement.

**Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Siske, to enter into an agreement with the Auburn Board of Public Works for the NRD to administer the Little Nemaha River Aquifer Recharge Component of the Nemaha Basin Critical Aquifer Assessment Project. Motion carried.**

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

4. ***Discussion on Staffing, Salaries, and Budget for FY19:*** Niedfeldt reported that the committee began discussions and had asked for some specific information on salaries and staffing over the past three years. No action.

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

The next meeting will be May 10 at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

**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:** Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Beethe, Guhde, Iske, Kearney

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Beethe, Guhde, Iske, Kearney

The meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

*Approved May 10, 2018*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District