

February 14, 2019
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Bill Niedfeldt called the five hundred twenty-fourth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, February 14, 2019, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Robert Lassen	Eldon Snoke
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Jim Gerweck	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne
	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine	
	Doug Iske	Don Siske	

DIRECTORS	Dave Guhde	Michael McDonald
ABSENT:	Jon Keithley	Mike Speece

STAFF	Bob Hilske, Manager
PRESENT:	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Charlie Pierce, Water Resources Technician

GUESTS	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Keith Grimm, Midwest Irrigation

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Niedfeldt 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. **CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL DIRECTOR VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 4**

Niedfeldt announced that a letter had been received from one interested individual, but she was unable to attend this meeting. She indicated she would be able to attend the March meeting.

Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to delay action on appointing someone to fill the Subdistrict 4 vacancy and continue to accept applications until the March 14 board meeting. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley, McDonald, Speece

4. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Beethe moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the excused absences requested by Dave Guhde, Jon Keithley, Mike McDonald, and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

5. **OPEN FORUMS**

NRD directors and staff introduced themselves. Niedfeldt announced that guests have the option to introduce themselves at this time, and by doing so their name would be included as part of the meeting minutes. However, those wishing to speak on an agenda item would be required to provide their name. Hilske further explained that this would better align our meeting procedures with the Open Meetings Law, which does not require guests to identify themselves unless they wish to speak.

6. **MINUTES**

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

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

8. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his written report. Nelson reviewed his written report.

9. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Reichmuth reported they are trying to get EQIP applications ready and are getting caught up on wetland determinations.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported there was no meeting last month due to lack of attendance.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported that there was a good-sized crowd at the Legislative Conference. He talked about the bills that were reviewed. He also talked about the NACD annual conference adding that he had the opportunity to meet the new NRCS Chief.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report.

10. STANDING COMMITTEES

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Well Permit Applications:* None received.
2. *Potential Options for Using Telemetry on Monitoring Wells & Flowmeters:* Hilske explained that he attended a session during the Legislative Conference about some new technology that would make it more cost effective. Gerweck commented that the board needs to keep moving forward on this. No action.
3. *Presentation on Irrigation Efficiency Technology:* Keith Grimm had addressed the committee and went over some options and technology with them. He expressed his appreciation for what the board is doing. No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. *Urban Special Project Intent to Apply Submissions:* Hodges reviewed the submissions from both Nebraska City and from Falls City. He explained that the committee reviewed them, and they met the general guidelines for the program. Staff will now work with each to develop a final, detailed application package for the board to review in May. No action.
2. *Lease Renewal with Lakeshore Farms on Steamboat Trace:* Hodges reviewed the lease which was \$600 last year noting that Lakeshore Farms had addressed some of the concerns about their adjacent property.

Hodges moved, seconded by Siske, to renew the annual lease with Lakeshore Farms at a rate of \$600. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley, McDonald, Speece

3. *Palmyra High School FFA Request for Assistance:* Hodges explained that the Palmyra FFA team had qualified to compete in the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City in May. They had submitted a request for financial assistance to pay for travel expenses.

Hodges moved, seconded by Gerweck, to contribute \$500 to the Palmyra High School FFA for their expenses to compete in the National Land Judging Contest in Oklahoma City in May, 2019. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley

C. Executive Committee

1. **Pickup Bids:** Bids received for a new, ½ ton, 4x4, extended cab pickup for the field crew were as follows:

Bidder	Description	Bid
Brinkman Bros., Tecumseh	2019 Chevy Silverado WT	\$30,795.00
Field Ford, Tecumseh	2018 Ford F150 XLT (5.0L V8)	\$31,574.41
Field Ford, Tecumseh	2018 Ford F150 XLT (2.7 L V6 Ecoboost)	\$33,200.00
Brinkman Bros., Tecumseh	2019 Chevy Silverado LT	\$35,200.00

Iske moved, seconded by Gigstad, to accept the bid of \$30,795.00 from Brinkman Bros. for a 2019 Chevy Silverado WT pickup. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley, McDonald, Speece

2. **Discussion on Potential Changes to Meeting Procedures:** This item was discussed during the Open Forums agenda item.
3. **Quotes for Construction of Maintenance Building at Duck Creek Recreation Area:** Quotes received were as follows for a 30x60x12 ft post frame building with metal exterior, two overhead doors, and one additional overhead or slider door:

Contractor	Total Bid
Pickrell Post Frame Buildings, Pickrell	\$22,605.00
Mezger Construction, Inc., Table Rock	\$29,464.80
Wick Buildings, Lincoln	\$34,626.50
Weiss Construction, Johnson	\$36,364.00
Bohling Builders, Johnson	\$37,500.00

Iske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the bid of \$22,605.00 from Pickrell Post Frame Buildings for a 30x60x12 maintenance building at Duck Creek along with remaining dirt work estimated at no more than \$2,000 and the cost of running electricity to the building. Hilske added that quotes were being obtained for the electricity with one received so far for around \$4,000. Stukenholtz expressed concern that putting the building at Duck Creek would subject it to vandalism and that the board should have been consulted on the location. Niedfeldt felt that the location had been discussed though not the specific site at the park. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley, McDonald, Speece

4. ***Duck Creek Sediment Basin Land Rights Acquisition Update:*** Hilske had given the committee an idea about what is needed for both permanent and temporary construction easements. He added that he has not approached the landowner yet.
5. ***Update on NRD Related Legislation:*** Hilske reviewed several bills of interest to the NRDs, their status, and the NARD's position on these bills. He added that he had testified on LB150 which would change provisions relating to public records requests and allow a charge to non-residents for time and expenses required to assemble the records.

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

The next meeting will be March 14, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

12. **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, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley, McDonald, Speece

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Keithley, McDonald, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Approved 3/14/19

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District