

March 8, 2018
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Vice-Chair Bill Niedfeldt called the five hundred thirteenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:15 p.m. Thursday, March 8, 2018, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Robert Lassen	Don Siske
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Tim Loseke	Eldon Snoke
	Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Mike Speece
	Dave Guhde	Russel Moss	Dan Stukenholtz
	Doug Iske	William Niedfeldt	Duane Sugden
	Jon Keithley	Alan Romine	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS	Orval Gigstad	Dan Hodges
ABSENT:	Jenny Kearney	

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

GUESTS	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	John & Jill Lokke, Brownville

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. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the excused absences requested by Orval Gigstad, Jenny Kearney, and Dan Hodges. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Siske moved, seconded by Lassen, 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. Nelson provided a short, oral report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Reichmuth reviewed his written report.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported they did not have a meeting last month.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

No report.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Steve Sugden had emailed a written report to all directors which Hilske briefly reviewed.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. *Well Permit Applications:* None.

2. *Process for Groundwater Rules Changes:* Wingert reviewed some of the development goals that have been discussed within the management areas. They discussed whether to have an acre target within a risk area to manage well density in a designated area. He commented on the additional data we will have within the next few months to use in delineating these areas.

3. *Contract with WSP for Groundwater Consulting Services:* Wingert explained the purpose of this contract, which will extend through June, 2019. It will include assistance with a monitoring well installation project as well as the AEM flight project and associated data collection. Their fee estimate was \$60,000.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve a contract with WSP Consulting for groundwater consulting services through June, 2019. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Kearney

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. **Sign Quotes for Duck Creek & Other Recreation Areas:** Loseke reviewed the three quotes received:

Bidder	Amount
Cornhusker State Industries, Lincoln	\$6,814.79
Merz Ink, Auburn	\$10,548.00
Signs Now, Lincoln	\$37,400.00

Quotes include approximately 115 signs and 85 posts with the majority of the order for Duck Creek but also some signs for the NRD's other recreation areas. Grant funds are available to pay about \$3,750 of the cost of the signs at Duck Creek.

Loseke moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the quote of \$6,184.79 from Cornhusker State Industries for recreation area signs. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Kearney

2. **Potential Conservation Award Nominations for 2018:** Loseke encouraged directors to submit their nominations for the various awards that are available. A list of all potential awards was emailed to directors following the meeting with nominations due by the April board meeting. No action.
3. **FEMA Saferoom Grant Application Discussion:** Loseke explained the process for obtaining grant funds for installation of a safe room at the NRD's parks. Staff had met with another NRD that went through the process. The committee felt that because of the amount of detail involved and constraints of the grant that we should not proceed with the application at this time. There was discussion about whether to proceed with replacement of two restrooms at Kirkman's Cove as budgeted even if they would not qualify as saferooms. Discussion also centered around installing sirens at the parks instead of safe rooms this year. Speece reported on a meeting he had with the Nemaha County Emergency Manager about her efforts to get funds in her budget for sirens. Board consensus was to continue researching cost and opportunities for installing sirens at the parks. No action.
4. **Duck Creek Recreation Area Grand Opening/Dedication Activities:** Hilske explained some of the plans for a dedication ceremony and grand opening which is scheduled for Saturday, June 2. Directors were asked to contact staff if they had any suggestions for the day's activities. No action.

C. Executive Committee

1. *Copy Machine Quotes:* Quotes received for a new copy machine were as follows:

Bidder	Model	Price
Eakes Office Solutions, Beatrice	Sharp MX-4070	\$6,649.00
SolutionOne, Lincoln	Konica Minolta Bizhub C458	\$6,773.00
SolutionOne, Lincoln	Kyocera TASKalfa 5052ci	\$7,090.00
Bishop Business Equipment, Lincoln	Xerox AltaLink C8045	\$7,400.00
Progressive Business Technologies, Omaha	Kyocera TASKalfa 4052ci	\$7,437.00
Capital Business Systems, Lincoln	Ricoh MP C4504-EX	\$8,855.00

Staff looked at machines from the two lowest bidders. Based on the different specifications and options provided by each machine and the needs of the office, staff recommended the Konica Minolta Bizhub C458. The amount budgeted was \$8,000.

Sugden moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the purchase of the Konica Minolta Bizhub C458 from SolutionOne at a cost of \$6,773.00. Motion carried.

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

2. *Quotes for a New Utility Task Vehicle (UTV):* Quotes for a new, 4x4 UTV were as follows:

Bidder	Year/Model	Price
Johnny's Cycle, Nebraska City	2018 Kawasaki Mule Pro FX ESP	\$12,784.00
Johnny's Cycle, Nebraska City	2018 Honda Pioneer 700	\$12,900.00
Schuster's Outdoor, Beatrice	2017 Arctic Cat HDX 700	\$12,968.42
Gage Co. Implement, Beatrice	2018 Bobcat 3400	\$13,868.00
Roehr's Machinery, Beatrice	2018 Kuboat RTV-X900	\$14,226.00
Johnny's Cycle, Nebraska City	2018 Honda Pioneer 1000	\$15,938.00
Stutheit Implement, Syracuse	2018 John Deere Gator	\$16,000.00

The committee discussed additional options to include on the vehicle; quotes received included windshield and top. Budget for the purchase was \$15,000.

Thorne moved, seconded by Speece, to approve the bid of \$12,784 from Johnny's Cycle for a 2018 Kawasaki Mule with staff authorized to include additional options up to the \$15,000 budgeted amount. There was some discussion on safety options that the board felt would be needed. Hilske thanked Dan Stukenholtz for his help in researching the different models. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Kearney

3. ***Future Project Planning Meeting for the Board:*** The committee discussed potential dates for a meeting, which might take a couple of hours. Hilske explained the purpose of the meeting and some scheduling conflicts. Beethe added that this idea came up in the last budget discussion since some of our larger projects are coming to an end; and it would be a good time to discuss the next vision of the NRD. Hilske also reminded them that any date selected would require time to publish a public meeting notice. A consensus was to schedule in late June and provide some dates to pick from next month. No action.

4. ***Selecting a Consultant to Provide Environmental Services for Duck Creek Sediment Basin Project:*** Hilske reviewed the process for obtaining proposals and the time frame involved. He also briefly reviewed each firm's proposal and background. Firms that submitted proposals included FYRA Engineering, Omaha; E&A Engineering, Omaha; JEO Consulting, Lincoln; EA Engineering, Lincoln; The Flatwater Group, Lincoln; HDR Engineering, Omaha.

McDonald moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the selection of FYRA Engineering for the environmental services required for the Duck Creek sediment basin project. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Kearney

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

The next meeting will be April 12 at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. John Lakke addressed the board thanking them for the Steamboat Trace trail and offered to show some of the paintings he has done of scenery on the trail.

11. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Hodges, Kearney

12. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Approved April 12, 2018

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District