

March 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-fifth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:08 p.m. Thursday, March 14, 2019, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

DIRECTORS	Orval Gigstad	Robert Lassen
ABSENT:	Dave Guhde	Don Siske

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

GUESTS	Ryan Rieschick, Rieschick Drilling Co.
PRESENT:	Neil Johnson, Small Data Tech, Waverly

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 introduced Jessica Donnelly who had sent a letter of interest for the Subdistrict 4 vacancy. She provided some background information about herself and her interest in the position.

Sugden moved, seconded by Gerweck, to appoint Jessica Donnelly to fill the vacancy in Subdistrict 4. Motion carried.

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Guhde, Lassen, Siske

Scott Nelson, a notary public, then administered the oath of office to Jessica Donnelly, and she took her seat on the board of directors.

4. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Sugden moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the excused absences requested by Orval Gigstad, Dave Guhde, Bob Lassen, and Don Siske. 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.

6. **MINUTES**

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

7. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

8. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his written report and provided information on current legislation of interest. Nelson provided an oral report including an update on the plans for the UBN 25-C project.

9. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

No report.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported once again their meeting this past month had been cancelled.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad had provided a written report on the recent meeting of the NARD board.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald provided some handouts about some of the different funds as well as a summary of their recent meeting.

10. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. Programs & Projects Committee

1. Well Permit Applications: None received.

2. **Update on Groundwater Rules, Projects, & Other Programs:** Wingert reviewed some items that were discussed by the committee. He had compiled a list of possible rule changes or additions from ideas gathered over the past couple of years. It included things like flow meter requirements, transfer permits, well permit application information requirements, pivot vs. subsurface irrigation, minimum aquifer formation, and pump test requirements. Wingert also discussed some different technology being considered and tested that would make some of the monitoring more efficient. Gerweck suggested everyone review this information that Wingert provided and get comments back to the staff. No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. **Quotes for Replacement Picnic Tables:** Hodges reviewed the quotes received for 12 expanded, coated metal picnic tables for Duck Creek as follows:

Outdoor School	\$ 7,672.00
U-Line	\$ 7,817.00
Park Warehouse	\$ 7,924.00
Pilot Rock	\$ 8,080.00
Crouch Recreation	\$12,492.00

Hodges moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the quote of \$7,672.00 from Outdoor School for 12 expanded, coated metal, 6-foot picnic tables. Hodges added that the cost could change if a handicapped accessible table is substituted for one of the regular tables. After some discussion, **motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Guhde, Lassen, Siske

2. **Quotes for Replacement Park Signage:** Hodges explained that quotes were requested from four vendors, but only two were received. These include new entrance signs at Wirth Brothers Lake and Kirkman's Cove as well as other traffic and informational signs. The two quotes were:

Cornhusker State Industries	\$ 3,129.10
Fast Signs, Omaha	\$10,074.40

Hodges moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the quote of \$3,129.10 from Cornhusker State Industries for signage for the NRD parks. Hilske stated that we had ordered signs from Cornhusker State Industries before and have been satisfied with their work. **Motion carried.**

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Guhde, Lassen, Siske

3. Update on Options for Evaluating RV Dump Station Sites at Kirkman's Cove:

Hodges explained that this project was not selected for the intern program from JEO Consulting. However, JEO may still look at the site to see what options are available. No action.

4. Potential Conservation Award Nominees for 2019: Hodges encouraged everyone to review the list of awards and provide any ideas for nominees to staff before the next meeting. No action.

C. Executive Committee-No meeting

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

Hilske reminded directors that the next meeting on April 11, 2019, will return to an 8:00 p.m. start time with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Guhde, Lassen, Siske

13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

NOT PRESENT: Gigstad, Guhde, Lassen, Siske

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Approved 4/11/19

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District