

May 10, 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 fifteenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:02 p.m. Thursday, May 10, 2018, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	Doug Iske	Alan Romine
	Rob Bohling	Jon Keithley	Don Siske
	Jim Gerweck	Robert Lassen	Mike Speece
	Orval Gigstad	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Dave Guhde	Tim Loseke	Eldon Snoke
	Jenny Kearney	Russel Moss	Dan Stukenholtz

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

GUESTS PRESENT:	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
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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 Gigstad, to approve the excused absences requested by Dave Guhde, Jenny Kearney, Tim Loseke, Russel Moss, Eldon Snoke, and Dan Stukenholtz. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

7. STAFF REPORTS

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

8. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth provided a written report and reported on the programs keeping them busy. He announced that Bob Sullivan would be leaving NRCS on June 8.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden stated they are looking for ways to get FFA students from Johnson-Brock involved with RC&D. They have not heard if their DEQ grant for an electronics collection has been approved. However, their household hazardous waste grant was approved.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad mentioned that their next meeting would be June 11 in conjunction with the basin tour, which would be in the Lower Platte South and Nemaha NRDs. Hilske explained the plans for the tour.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

No report, but Steve Sugden indicated he would try to attend the June meeting.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. Well Permit Applications: None.

2. Discussion on Groundwater Rules Changes/Report on April 26th Committee Meeting: Gerweck explained that they are digging deeper into the rules and looking at how to address public well supplies. He encouraged everyone to look at the rules before they come to a vote in the next few months. They talked about adding a buffer zone where more points might be required for approval of a well. No action.

B. Operations & Education Committee

1. FY 2019 Urban Special Project Applications: Romine reviewed the final applications received for funding as listed below:

Village of Firth – Tree Replacement in Park – Total Cost: \$3,600 – NRD Funds Requested: \$1,800

Humboldt Garden Club – Cancer Garden Improvements – Total Cost: \$26,300 –
NRD Funds Requested: \$13,150

Village of Bennet – Trail & Plantings in Park – Total Cost: \$349,167.50 – NRD
Funds Requested: \$25,000

Romine moved, seconded by Speece, to approve the Urban Special Project applications from Village of Firth, Humboldt Garden Club, and Village of Bennet. There was some discussion about applicants who submitted a preliminary application in February but did not submit a final application. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Loseke, Moss, Snoke, Stukenholtz

2. ***Plans for Duck Creek Grand Opening:*** Hilske reviewed the plans which included a formal dedication ceremony, lunch, and games and activities in the afternoon.

C. Executive Committee

1. ***Grant Funding Agreement with NACD:*** Hilske explained the funding that is being distributed to help NRCS hire technical assistance. We were approved for \$50,000, and we will work with NRCS in June on hiring someone. An agreement was provided outlining the requirements of the grant.

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the Memorandum of Agreement with NACD for EQIP technical assistance funding. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Guhde, Kearney, Loseke, Moss, Snoke, Stukenholtz

2. ***Bids for Janitorial Services:*** Bids received for a three-year, annually renewable, contract for janitorial services at the NRD's office were as follows:

Bidder	Bid (per month)		
	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3
Kristine Gerking, Cook	\$500	\$500	\$500
Lisa & Michael Dougherty Cleaning, Falls City	\$525	\$550	\$575
Scott Nelson, Filley	\$650	\$675	\$700

Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the low bid of \$500/month from Kristine Gerking for janitorial services for a three-year contract. Motion carried.

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

3. **Discussion on Salaries & Budget for FY19:** Niedfeldt reported that the committee discussed both salaries and budget. Hilske reviewed some larger items that might be in the budget next year. Thorne made a motion to award \$500 to each employee with more than 25 years of service. However, the motion died for lack of a second; but the Executive Committee indicated they would take the suggestion into consideration during their discussions next month.
4. **Establish FY2019 Budget Committee:** Hodges asked for volunteers for the committee. Kevin Thorne, Jim Gerweck, Lisa Beethe, Bill Niedfeldt, and Dan Hodges volunteered.

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

The next meeting will be June 14 at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. Directors were reminded that the Watershed of Wonders day camp would be June 20 at Iron Horse Trail Lake.

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

12. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

The meeting adjourned at 9:26 p.m.

Approved June 14, 2018

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District