

September 13, 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 nineteenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, September 13, 2018, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Lisa Beethe	Jon Keithley	Don Siske
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Rob Bohling	Robert Lassen	Eldon Snoke
	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Mike Speece
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Dan Stukenholtz
	Dan Hodges	William Niedfeldt	Duane Sugden
	Jenny Kearney	Alan Romine	Kevin Thorne

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Dave Guhde	Michael McDonald
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Doug Iske	

<b>STAFF</b>	Bob Hilske, Manager
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
	Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
	Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
	Kerri Miller, Administrative Assistant

<b>GUESTS</b>	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	David & Deb Lewis, Cook

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 Dave Guhde, Doug Iske, and Mike McDonald. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

**A. Revise July 12, 2018, Minutes**

Hilske explained that last month we obtained confirmation from the State Auditor's office that they concurred with the Attorney General's opinion regarding the 75% vote required to

adopt the additional 1% increase to the restricted fund in the budget. The opinion states that a 75% affirmative vote of the members present is required and not 75% of the total membership of the board. Therefore, the vote to increase the restricted fund allowance that was taken in July carried. A motion by the board would be necessary to amend the minutes to reflect that action.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Beethe, to amend the motion in item 10.B. of the July 12, 2018, minutes to reflect that the motion to increase the restricted fund allowance by 1% carried. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the August, 2018, 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 reviewed his written report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth provided a written report and reported on the end of some programs for the year. They will start fall layout as soon as the crops are out.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden attended the weed conference in August in Syracuse. A summary of the household hazardous waste collections was not available yet.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported on the Husker Harvest Days events and public relations activities. He added that no resolutions were submitted for the annual conference this year. He also commented on an NACD webinar.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Steve Sugden's written report was distributed to all members.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

1. **Update on Status of David Lewis/Arlen Grotrian Well Interference Issue:** David Lewis addressed the board about the effect that the Grotrian well is having on their domestic well. Lewis had contacted Don Blankenau, a water law attorney, who suggested that the NRD board could reopen well permits for further consideration. Hilske agreed to investigate this possibility and report back to the board and to Lewis. There was discussion about when one of the wells was registered and the responsibility for registering a new well.
2. **Well Permit Applications:** Permits received were as follows:

Permit#	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N706	OPPD	SW¼ NE¼ Section 31-8-15E, Otoe Co.	350	Industrial	263
N707	Douglas Grotrian	NE¼ NE¼ Section 34-6-12E, Nemaha Co.	450**	Irrigation	259
N708	Douglas Grotrian	NE¼ NE¼ Section 34-6-12, Nemaha Co.	450**	Irrigation	325

\*\* Total combined flowrate

After Wingert reviewed the permit for OPPD, **Gerweck moved, seconded by Keithley, to approve well permit N706. Motion carried.**

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

Upon review of the Grotrian wells by Wingert, **Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve well permits N707 and N708. Motion carried.**

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

3. **Discussion on Groundwater Rules Changes:** Gerweck reported that the committee is pushing to take the easy items and work through them so they can then concentrate on the major items. Wingert reviewed some ideas for well permit application requirements. No action.

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. **Bids for Invasive Tree Removal at Iron Horse Trail Lake:** Bids received for clearing trees on a total of 170 acres were as follows:

<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Total Bid (Lump Sum)</b>
Dresen Contracting, Tecumseh	\$48,900.00
Midwest Tree Cutters, Milford	\$66,300.00
Goracke Contracting, Sterling	\$76,500.00
Land Advancement, Oregon, MO	\$84,429.00
Burda Construction, Wilber	\$191,500.00

Loseke explained the project, which includes two areas. Part of the project will be funded by a 75% grant from Game & Parks. The smaller area (21 acres) is not eligible for cost-share and will, therefore, be paid entirely by the District.

**Loseke moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the bid of \$48,900 from Dresen Contracting for tree clearing at Iron Horse Trail Lake. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

**2. *Options for RV Dump Station at Iron Horse & Access to Village of DuBois Station:***

Loseke reviewed requirements and restrictions for installing a dump station at Iron Horse Trail Lake. He explained the option of working with the Village of DuBois to access their dump station. He reported that the committee felt it would be more beneficial to have the dump station within our park. Loseke questioned whether the size of the campsite warrants the cost for a dump station. Considerable discussion was held on options for a dump station both at Iron Horse and the other parks. Staff will continue to investigate alternatives for a dump station within the park. No action.

**3. *Update on UNL Cedar/Manure Mulch Research Project:*** Hilske explained the project and grant that was obtained by the University of Nebraska. He added that the Extension was leading the project in our NRD and that the next step was to identify a producer who would allow the project on their ground and an FFA chapter to assist with soil sampling.

**C. Executive Committee**

**1. *Selecting Consultant to Assist with Hazard Mitigation Plans:*** Hilske explained that he had contacted four consulting firms, but only JEO submitted a proposal. Their proposal includes developing and submitting a grant application that will help pay for the updates to the plan as well as updating the plan itself. Their estimated fee would total \$108,000.

**Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Siske, to approve JEO Engineering's proposal for updating the hazard mitigation plan and submitting the grant application.** After further discussion **motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

2. ***Quote from J.H. Sporhase LLC to Replace Heat Pump:*** Hilske explained that Sporhase replaced the heat pump for the south side of the office last year and that this unit for the north side would be the same system. It would also allow the current unit to be moved, which might also relieve pressure on the retaining wall in that area.

**Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Siske, to accept the bid of \$6,223 from J.H. Sporhase LLC to replace the heat pump for the north side of the office building with a Lennox system. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

## 10. FY2019 BUDGET

- A. ***Budget Adjustments Since 8/9/18 Meeting:*** Miller explained the changes that were made since the last meeting. Hilske added that the property tax was set at the rate discussed last month, and the budget includes the \$500,000 cash reserve. These changes were incorporated prior to advertising the budget hearing.

**Beethe moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve the adjustments made to the budget since the August 9, 2018, meeting. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

- B. ***Final FY2019 Budget & Setting Tax Levy:***

**Sugden moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the 2019 budget and the resolution setting the property tax request at \$ 1,964,975.20 resulting in a levy of 0.026759. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

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

The next meeting will be October 11 at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting.

12. **CONSENT AGENDA**

**Siske 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, Kearney, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke,  
Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Guhde, Iske, McDonald

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

*Approved 10/11/18*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District