

January 25, 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 eleventh meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, January 25, 2018, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska. *(The meeting was rescheduled from its original date of January 11 due to weather.)*

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

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Orval Gigstad	Jon Keithley
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Jenny Kearney	

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

<b>GUESTS</b>	Roger Reichmuth, NRCS, Tecumseh
<b>PRESENT:</b>	Dale Damme, Talmage
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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 Gerweck, to approve the excused absences requested by Orval Gigstad, Jenny Kearney, and Jon Keithley. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

**Siske moved, seconded by Beethe, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his written report. Nelson reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth provided a written report and commented that they are mainly working on EQIP reviews and rankings.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden reported on the grants they are planning to pursue this year. Nelson added that they set a goal to include three high school students on the council.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Hilske reported on various legislative bills addressed at the recent Legislative Conference in Lincoln.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

No report.

9. **WELL PERMIT APPLICATIONS**

Only one permit was received, as follows:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N698	D&D Damme Acres, LLC	SE¼NE¼ Section 9-6-12, Johnson Co.	8000	Irrigation	209

**Beethe moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to approve well permit No. N698 for D&D Damme Acres, LLC. Wingert reviewed the details of this permit. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad, Kearney, Keithley

10. **AUBURN INDUCED RECHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION COMMENT NOTICE**

Hilske reviewed how this process would work in the event Auburn calls for water during low flow periods in the Little Nemaha River. DNR could require some or all junior surface water users to shut down, and it may also impact 145 storage permits on NRD operated structures that would become junior to Auburn's permit. It is unknown if the NRD would be required to release stored water from these structures, but he explained how difficult it would be to open the valves on most of these old watershed structures, if not impossible. Therefore, Hilske drafted a letter to the Director of DNR indicating the District's opposition to mandatory release of stored waters from our reservoirs to increase flows in the river. Discussion

centered on the inability to release the water, the efficiency of releasing water to satisfy Auburn's need for recharging their wellfield, and the fact that the stored water in these reservoirs would have been already released downstream into the Missouri River had the structures not been in place. After further discussion, **Sugden moved, seconded by Gerweck, to direct the Manager to send the letter to the Department of Natural Resources to record the District's opposition to mandatory release of water from District reservoirs as a result of the City of Auburn's surface water permit.** After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad, Kearney, Keithley

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

The next meeting will be February 8 at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the meeting. Hilske added that the remainder of the original agenda items for January, including election of officers and the NioCorp presentation, would be included on the February agenda.

#### 12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad, Kearney, Keithley

#### 13. ADJOURNMENT

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Gigstad, Kearney, Keithley

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Approved 2/8/18

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District