

November 9, 2017  
Nemaha Natural Resources District  
Regular Meeting  
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Dan Hodges called the five hundred ninth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, November 9, 2017, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Jenny Kearney	Mike Speece
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Michael McDonald	Dan Stukenholtz

<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>	

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 Jenny Kearney, Mike McDonald, and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

**Siske moved, seconded by Gigstad, 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 gave a brief, oral report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Reichmuth reviewed his written report adding that they have been busy with field work including a lot of conservation work layout.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden reported that the Doc Gigstad bench dedication was held last month. Gigstad thanked the RC&D and NRD on behalf of his family for the bench dedicated in his father's memory. Nelson reported on the last meeting adding that they talked mostly about a grassland seminar held earlier. They had 35 adults and 20 students attend.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported on their recent board meeting where they talked a lot about the health insurance. They also approved funds from the NARD Foundation for various educational programs.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

No report. The next full Commission meeting is November 28.

9. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

***1. Extending Minimum Point Requirement for Well Permits in Portions of Richardson County:***

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to extend the 300-point requirement for approval of well permits in that area of Richardson County which is located east of Highway 75 and north of 705 Road retroactive to September 30, 2017, through September 30, 2018. Motion carried.**

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

***2. Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:*** One permit was received from the Village of Adams for a public water supply well.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the well permit No. N695 for the Village of Adams for a municipal well. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Kearney, McDonald, Speece, Stukenholtz

3. ***Update on Plan for Groundwater Rule Revisions:*** Wingert explained that now that we have the report from LBG, we are coming up with some ideas. One thing is to identify potential development areas and then define rules for each area. Hilske talked about the parameters to be used for boundaries such as county lines, highways, section lines, or natural boundaries. No action.
4. ***Discussion on Revising SWCP Policy to Incorporate Penalties:*** Nelson explained that this item stems from last month's actions on two applications that were not completed by their construction deadlines. Gerweck said the committee discussed possibly adding wording about a potential penalty without anything specific included. There was some concern about allowing for extensions at all, with or without penalties. No action.
5. ***Discussion on Providing Cost-Share Assistance for Utility Location:*** Kuhl reviewed the situation that came up with an SWCP project in Richardson County. Because the state's one-call location does not provide depth of the utility, the landowner would be forced to hire a private locating firm to locate a major communications line through his property. Board consensus was that this was not something they wanted to start cost-sharing on and that perhaps it should be worded in the policy that utility location would not be covered. No action.

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

1. ***Park Entry & Camping Fee Changes:*** Loseke explained the current permit system and fees and proposed changes. Changes proposed were as follows:

Annual Park Permits

1. Increase from \$12 to \$15
2. Eliminate discount period of \$2 for early purchase (Jan-Mar)
3. Second permit price: increase from \$6 to \$8

Temporary Park Permits

1. Increase from \$5 per 2-day permit to \$5 per day
2. Change description to "Daily Park Permits"

**Loseke moved, seconded by Lassen, to forward to public hearing the park entry permit changes as proposed.** Loseke added that no changes were proposed for camping fees. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

- 2. *Proposed Revisions to District Recreation Rules:*** Hilske explained the proposed changes to the rules which included adding Duck Creek to the various areas of the rules affecting that park when it opens next year. In addition, the wording regarding park permit fees would have to be changed to either reflect the new fees or to remove the specific fee amounts so that future changes would not require a rules revision and public hearing. The last change was to limit the camping at Prairie Owl to seven days.

**Loseke moved, seconded by Lassen, to forward to public hearing the rules changes as outlined with the option to remove wording regarding specific park permit and camping fee amounts, adding Duck Creek, and limiting camping at Prairie Owl to seven days. Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne  
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Hilske reviewed the current rules that restrict the use of UTVs in our parks as well as State laws for UTVs. Loseke added that the committee felt since these are not allowed on county roads, are not typically licensed vehicles, and the potential for driving off-road within the parks, the rules should not be changed to allow them. No action required.

- 3. *Set a Public Hearing Date/Time for Proposed Fee & Rule Revisions:***  
**Loseke moved, seconded by Gerweck, to set a public hearing for Thursday, December 14, at a time to be determined by staff to receive comments and answer questions about the proposed changes to NRD recreation area rules and regulations and fees. Motion carried.**

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

## **C. Executive Committee**

- 1. *Update on Buck Creek Road Box Culvert Elevation Change:*** Niedfeldt reviewed the information from Mainelli Wagner that indicated no adverse effects to the upstream landowners are anticipated. It is our understanding that the County will be responsible for any future maintenance. Hilske further explained the potential impacts. No action.

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

Hilske announced that NioCorp officials may be at the next meeting to review their project. The next meeting will be December 14 at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings and the recreation rules/fees public hearing prior to the meeting.

**11. CONSENT AGENDA**

**Sugden 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, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Kearney, McDonald, Speece, Stukenholtz

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Kearney, McDonald, Speece, Stukenholtz

The meeting adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

*Approved December 13, 2017*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District