

June 11, 2026
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Russel Moss called the six hundred twelfth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:23 p.m. Thursday, June 11, 2026, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Todd Boellstorff	Doug Iske	Tim Schardt
	Rob Bohling	Dick James	Eldon Snoko
	Ed Ehmen	Klark Knipe	Duane Sugden
	Tracy Ensor	Tim Loseke	Kevin Thorne
	Dan Hodges	Russel Moss	
	Adam Howard	Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS ABSENT:	Patty Coates	Orval Gigstad	Dan Stukenholtz
	Kraig Coonce	Robert Lassen	

STAFF PRESENT: Kyle Hauschild, Manager
Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
Charlie Pierce, Water Resources Technician
Correy McClintock, Water Resources Assistant
Maddie Million, Administrative Secretary
Brooke Gerdes, Administrative Bookkeeper

GUESTS PRESENT: Mayrene Thummel, Nebraska City

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Moss announced that the Open Meetings Act is posted on the wall at the back of the room.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of publication was presented and is on file.

3. **CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Kraig Coonce, Orval Gigstad, Bob Lassen, Dan Stukenholtz
- b. Minutes: No questions.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No questions.

James moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the consent agenda. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, Howard, Iske, James, Knipe, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schardt, Snoko, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Gigstad, Lassen, Stukenholtz

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his written report.

6. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

No report.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Iske had attended the last meeting on Gigstad's behalf. He reported on the conservation tree program, funding for One Red, NRD Recreation Exploration, groundwater technician training, award programs, water program and Washington, DC, conferences, future meetings and events.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Iske reported that the Commission had approved our district's request to expand the area included in the nozzle cost-share program that is partially funded by Water Sustainability Funds.

7. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. ***Discussion on Groundwater Rules and Regulations:*** Schardt reported that the committee is ready to present what they have been working on to the rest of the board at the next meeting. Loseke suggested providing something that shows what is being changed compared to the previous rules. Mayrene Thummel from Nebraska City addressed the board regarding concerns about a potential data center within the district.

2. ***Presentation from Spheros on Guidelines for Large Water Users:*** Wingert reported that the representatives from Spheros were unable to attend this month, so he briefly reviewed the guidelines. Spheros will be at the July meeting to review the guidelines and answer any questions. No action.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – No meeting

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. ***Action on Quote for District Property, Liability, and Workers Compensation Insurance:*** Kuhl reviewed the policy renewal and rates for FY27 from FNIC Insurance, which included a four percent overall increase.

Romine moved, seconded by Iske, to approval the renewal of property, liability, and workers compensation insurance with FNIC for the period 7/1/26-7/1/27.
Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, Howard, Iske, James, Knipe, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Gigstad, Lassen, Stukenholtz

2. ***FY27 Budget Planning:*** Hauschild referred to the current year budget-to-actual report and answered questions about various accounts. Kuhl reviewed the amount of SWCP funding needed to approve summer work on July 1.

Romine moved, seconded by Iske, to allocate \$89,000 for summer SWCP work.
After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, Howard, Iske, James, Knipe, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Gigstad, Lassen, Stukenholtz

3. ***FY27 Salary Adjustments:***

Romine moved, seconded by Iske, to provide a four percent across the board increase in salaries plus a \$4,000 salary adjustment for the I&E position. Romine added that this would result in a \$41,000 total increase in salaries. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, Howard, Iske, James, Knipe, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Gigstad, Lassen, Stukenholtz

8. **ANNOUNCEMENTS, JULY AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

Hauschild reminded everyone of the Watershed of Wonders day camp scheduled June 18, and he read a list of donors for the event. He also provided a brief summary of the goals worksheets that the board members filled out last month. Snoke asked for the Operations & Education Committee to meet next month to come up with guidelines for maintaining our recreation areas. The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, July 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting.

9. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Ehmen, Ensor, Hodges, Howard, Iske, James, Knipe, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Sugden, Thorne
NOT PRESENT: Coates, Coonce, Gigstad, Lassen, Stukenholtz

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.