

August 14, 2025
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Russel Moss called the six hundred-second meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:04 p.m. Thursday, August 14, 2025.

DIRECTORS	Todd Boellstorff	Orval Gigstad	Alan Romine
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Doug Iske	Tim Schaardt
	Patty Coates	Dick James	Eldon Snoke
	Ed Ehmen	Robert Lassen	Dan Stukenholtz
	Tracy Ensor	Tim Loseke	Duane Sugden
	Randy Fox	Russel Moss	

DIRECTORS	Kraig Coonce	Mike Speece
ABSENT:	Dan Hodges	Kevin Thorne

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

GUESTS	Mike Burgert, NRCS, Syracuse
PRESENT:	Jon Mohr, LRE Water
	Ryan Rieschick, Rieschick Well Drilling
	Lynn Meyer, Johnson

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**

- Excused Absences: Kraig Coonce, Dan Hodges, Mike Speece, Kevin Thorne
- Minutes: No changes.
- Treasurer's Report: No changes.

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Iske, James, Lassen,
Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Hodges, Speece, Thorne

4. OPEN FORUMS

NRD directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. STAFF REPORTS

Hauschild reviewed his written report.

6. LRE PRESENTATION ON E ENERGY WELL PLAN

Jon Mohr with LRE gave a presentation on their peer review of the hydrogeologic evaluation of the well plan for E Energy-Adams. LRE's review did not support the results of E Energy's consultant. Staff will provide this information to E Energy's consultant.

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

Burgert reviewed his written report and the USDA's reorganization plan.

B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the NARD budget, upcoming annual conference in Kearney, and fundraising at the conference. He reported on a national meeting in Milwaukee that was attended by the NRCS Chief.

C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

Fox reported that they approved two large and two small projects and approved finishing one other project.

8. STANDING COMMITTEES**A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

- 1. Discussion/Action on Continuing Temporary, 180-day Stay on Well Permits:** Schaardt moved, seconded by Sugden, to extend the temporary stay for a period of up to 180 days on the issuance of any new well permits. Schaardt added that more time is needed to complete the update of the rules. Ryan Rieschick addressed the board with his concern about the continued stay and hope that this is resolved as soon as possible. Lynn Meyer thanked the board for putting the stay in place and asked for an explanation of the process for a domestic well if it fails. Wingert addressed their concerns. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

- 2. Update on Groundwater Quantity Management Rules & Regulations Revisions:** No additional information was provided. Wingert added that it may not take the entire 180 days to complete the updates.

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE – NO MEETING

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

1. Delegate/Alternate for NARD Annual Conference:

Romine moved, seconded by Lassen, to designate Dan Hodges as delegate and Orval Gigstad as alternate for the NARD annual conference. Motion carried.

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Hodges, Speece, Thorne

2. Amendment No. 1 to Professional Services Agreement with Houston Engineering:

Romine moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve Amendment No. 1 to the agreement with Houston Engineering. Hauschild explained that this was the amendment to finish up the engineering on the Upper Big Nemaha 7-A project. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Hodges, Speece, Thorne

9. REVIEW & DIRECTION ON PROPOSED FY26 BUDGET

Hauschild briefly reviewed the proposed budget explaining that the budget committee had recommended keeping the levy at the same rate as last year. When valuations are received later in the month, adjustments would be made to the budget accordingly.

10. ANNOUNCEMENTS, SEPTEMBER AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, September 11, 2025, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the board meeting. The budget hearings will be held starting at 5:30 p.m.

11. ADJOURNMENT

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

AYE: Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Ehmen, Ensor, Fox, Gigstad, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Schaardt, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NOT PRESENT: Coonce, Hodges, Speece, Thorne

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.