

December 14, 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 tenth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:05 p.m. Thursday, December 14, 2017, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska.

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

<b>DIRECTORS</b>	Doug Iske	Dan Stukenholtz
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Tim Loseke	

<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>	Christy Haddan, Schulz & Associates, Beatrice
<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 Lassen, to approve the excused absences requested by Doug Iske, Tim Loseke, and Dan Stukenholtz. Motion carried on consent agenda.**

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

All NRD directors, staff, and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

**Siske moved, seconded by Sugden, 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 reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

A printed report was distributed to all directors.

**B. Five Rivers RC&D**

Sugden reported that RC&D is looking for someone to do their payroll for them. Their next meeting is at Adams on December 21.

**C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad reported that there was an NACD conference call and that a committee would meet soon to approve grants for technical assistance funds to NRCS. They hope to distribute all the funds by March 1. There is still no answer for the hiring freeze at NRCS.

**D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Steve Sugden submitted a written report, which was distributed to all board members.

9. **FY17 AUDIT**

Christy Haddan from Schulz and Associates distributed copies of the FY17 audit report. She reviewed and highlighted areas of the report stating that no issues or concerns were discovered.

**Beethe moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the FY17 Audit Report as presented. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

10. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. Programs & Projects Committee**

**1. *Agreement with NRCS for Sediment Basin above Duck Creek:*** Nelson explained the details to be included in the agreement, which covers 100 percent of the cost of a sediment basin above the Duck Creek reservoir, including \$300,000 for construction and \$50,000 to hire a consultant. NRD costs include any land rights and mitigation. Hilske added that though we don't have the final agreement yet, NRCS would like to have the NRD sign and return it as soon as possible once it is provided.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Bohling, to approve the agreement with NRCS for funding and technical assistance for construction of a sediment basin above the Duck Creek reservoir and authorize the Manager to sign the agreement. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

**2. *Review/Action on Well Permit Applications:*** Permits received were as follows:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N696	Edward Foral	NW¼SE¼ Section 33-1-18, Richardson Co.	1000	Irrigation	257
N697	Annette Ottemann	NE¼SE¼ Section 9-4-12, Johnson Co.	400	Irrigation	234

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve well permit No. N696 for Edward Foral.** Wingert reviewed the details of this permit. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Kearney, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** Siske

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Lassen, to approve well permit No. N697 for Annette Ottemann.** Wingert reviewed the details of this permit. **Motion carried.**

**AYE:** Beethe, Bohling, Gerweck, Gigstad, Guhde, Hodges, Kearney, Keithley, Lassen, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Speece, Sugden, Thorne

**NAY:** Siske, Snoke

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

**3. *Discussion on Groundwater Management Region Boundaries:*** Wingert reviewed a map that was included in the report received last month from LBG. They are looking at using it to start delineating boundaries. No action.

**B. Operations & Education Committee**

**1. *Revisions to District Recreation Area Rules & Regulations:*** No one from the public attended the public hearing on the changes, with was held prior to the board meeting. The major revisions included adding Duck Creek Recreation Area to the rules, limiting camping at Prairie Owl to seven days, and removing references to specific fee amounts from the rules. Therefore, any future changes to fees would be handled by board action and would not require a revision to the rules and regulations. (A full scope of the changes is attached to the file copy of these minutes.)

**Romine moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve the revisions to the Nemaha NRD Recreation Area Rules & Regulations as presented with an effective date of January 1, 2018. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

**2. *New District-wide Park Entry & Use Fees:*** Romine reviewed the proposed changes:

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”

**Romine moved, seconded by Siske, to approve the fee schedule changes for NNRD park entry permits as presented effective January 1, 2018. After some discussion on the increased fees and increased revenue, motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

**3. *Playground Equipment Proposals for Duck Creek Recreation Area:*** Hilske reviewed the three proposals received and the minimum specifications required. Proposals were to include equipment for both the day-use and the RV area. Proposals were as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>*Creative Solutions, Omaha</b>	<b>Crouch Recreation, Omaha</b>
Base Unit, Day-Use	\$17,161	\$12,929
Add'l. Items, Day-Use	\$ 4,040	\$ 6,282
Base Unit, RV Loop	\$29,241	\$21,999
Add'l. Items, RV Loop	\$ 5,715	\$ 6,282
Freight	\$ 2,850	\$ 0
Installation	\$13,750	\$ 9,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$72,757</b>	<b>\$56,892</b>

*\*Creative Solutions also provided an option for a zipline at a total additional cost of \$13,900.*

Sterling West, Gothenburg, provided three different options, which are broken down as follows:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Option 1</b>	<b>Option 2</b>	<b>Option 3</b>
Base Unit, Day-Use	\$15,935	\$21,443	\$15,935
Add'l. Items, Day-Use	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,148	\$ 2,148
Base Unit, RV Loop	\$29,553	\$22,913	\$22,913
Add'l. Items, RV Loop	\$ 3,955	\$ 3,024	\$ 3,024
Freight	\$ 1,880	\$ 1,880	\$ 1,880
Installation	\$10,834	\$ 9,532	\$ 9,742
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$64,305</b>	<b>\$60,940</b>	<b>\$55,642</b>
**Adjustments	- \$4,460	- \$8,060	- \$1,640
<b>Total after adjustments</b>	<b>\$59,845</b>	<b>\$52,880</b>	<b>\$54,002</b>

*\*\*Adjustments include changing 96" slides to 84" slides; Option 1 and 3 do not include a 96" slide for the Day-Use area.*

Romine explained that the committee reviewed all the proposals and recommended a couple of changes to the options included in the proposal from Crouch, if they could be incorporated without a significant change in their quote.

**Romine moved, seconded by Gerweck, to accept the proposal from Crouch Recreation for playground equipment at Duck Creek Recreation Area with the staff authorized to negotiate changes as recommended by the committee as long as the quote remains within the amount budgeted.** After some discussion about liability and life expectancy of the equipment, **motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

**4. *Quote to Replace Boat Dock at Iron Horse Trail Lake:***

**Romine moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the quote of \$14,057.10 from On the Water for a new boat dock for Iron Horse Trail Lake.** The quote includes freight and installation and is within the budget allowance of \$15,000. There was some discussion about whether the old dock could be salvaged, which will be investigated. **Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

**C. Executive Committee**

1. **Bids for New ¾ Ton Diesel Pickup:** Bids received to replace a 2003 Ford pickup with a 2018, ¾-ton, 4x4, super-cab, diesel pickup were as follows:

	Beatrice Ford	Field Ford, Tecumseh	Brinkman Bros., Tecumseh
Model	Ford F-250 XL	Ford F-250 XL	Chevy Silverado 2500 HD
Additional Options Included	Power windows, locks, mirrors		Power windows, locks
Sale Price	\$38,399.00	\$50,885.00	\$39,987.00
Less Trade/Other Credits	\$11,000.00	\$20,388.00	\$ 9,000.00
Net/Final Bid	\$27,399.00	\$30,497.00	\$30,987.00

All three bids include speed control, tilt steering, 6.5-foot box, trailer tow package, air conditioning, and April 1 availability.

**Niedfeldt moved, seconded by Beethe, to accept the bid of \$27,399.00 from Beatrice Ford for purchase of a 2018 Ford F250 with trade of a 2003 Ford pickup. Motion carried.**

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

2. **Nominating Committee for 2018 Board Officers:** Hodges asked for volunteers to serve on this committee. Rob Bohling, Lisa Beethe, and Kevin Thorne volunteered.
3. **Voting Delegate/Alternate for NARD Legislative Conference:** The committee recommended that Dan Hodges serve as delegate with Orval Gigstad as alternate.

**11. ANNOUNCEMENTS, JANUARY MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next meeting will be January 11 at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the meeting.

**12. CONSENT AGENDA**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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

**NOT PRESENT:** Iske, Loseke, Stukenholtz

The meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

*Approved 1/25/18*

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Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District