

December 10, 2020
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Chair Bill Niedfeldt called the five hundred forty-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 7:00 p.m. Thursday, December 10, 2020, at the NRD Headquarters in Tecumseh, Nebraska, via Zoom videoconferencing. Niedfeldt briefly reviewed the meeting procedures prior to the initial roll call. He instructed everyone to state their name before speaking, including during roll call votes, and to mute themselves when not speaking.

DIRECTORS PRESENT:	Lisa Beethe	Jon Keithley	*Don Siske
	Rob Bohling	Robert Lassen	Eldon Snoke
	*Randy Fox	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	*Jim Gerweck	Michael McDonald	Duane Sugden
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	*Kevin Thorne
	*Dan Hodges	*William Niedfeldt	
	Doug Iske	*Alan Romine	

DIRECTORS ABSENT: Jessica Donnelly
Mike Speece

STAFF PRESENT: *Bob Hilske, Manager
Scott Nelson, Assistant Manager
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager
*Jane Kuhl, Administrative Assistant
*Charlie Pierce, Resources Specialist

GUESTS PARTICIPATING: Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh
Kyle Hauschild, Omaha
Dan Gittinger, Nebraska City
Christy Haddan, Schulz & Associates

*Present at the meeting location; all other attendees were in attendance via Zoom.

Chair Niedfeldt read the following public meeting announcement: This meeting of the Nemaha NRD Board is being held in accordance with Executive Order 20-36 issued on December 1, 2020 by the Governor of Nebraska which provides a limited waiver to State Statute 84-1409 allowing the use of video and teleconference to hold public meetings; all other requirements in the Open Meetings Act still apply to this meeting. The public is being allowed to access this meeting via Zoom; however, they will be limited to listening to the meeting. The Open Meetings Act allows political sub-divisions to hold occasional meetings without allowing public comment; therefore, for the ease of holding this meeting, no public comment will be accepted.

Chair Niedfeldt then reviewed the meeting procedures.

2. **PROOF OF PUBLICATION**

Proof of Publication was presented and is on file.

3. **EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Siske moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve the excused absences requested by Jessica Donnelly and Mike Speece. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

NRD staff and guests introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

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

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

Hodges moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the Treasurer's Report as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hilske reviewed his report. Kyle Hauschild briefly introduced himself and expressed appreciation for the opportunity to serve as the next General Manager. Nelson reviewed his report.

8. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Jeremiah Schutz introduced himself and briefly reviewed activities in their offices. He also provided a written report.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden did not have anything to report this month.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the new NARD office building and how it was financed. He added that our District would be required to approve resolutions regarding the financing.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

McDonald reported on the funding approved last month.

9. **FY2020 AUDIT**

Christy Haddan with Schulz and Associates reviewed the audit report by section pointing out changes during the year. Hilske explained some differences in our beginning balances and revenues for this year.

**Romine moved, seconded by Gerweck, to approve the 2020 audit report as presented.
Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Stukenholtz, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Snoke, Sugden

ABSENT: Donnelly, Speece

10. PRESENTATION ON 2020 STATEWIDE WATER QUALITY MONITORING PROJECT – CHARLES WORTMAN, UNL

Charles Wortman reviewed the different results of this water quality sampling project.

11. BOUNDARY AMENDMENT TO REMOVE AN AREA FROM THE 300-POINT MINIMUM SCORE REQUIREMENT FOR WELL PERMITS

Wingert reviewed the data used to determine that the area west of Muddy Creek in Richardson County should be removed from the 300-point minimum score requirement.

Hilske further explained the reasoning for removing this area.

**Gerweck moved, seconded by Fox, to remove the area west of Muddy Creek in Richardson County from the 300-point minimum score requirement for well permits.
Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

ABSENT: Donnelly, Speece

12. AGREEMENT WITH JASON OTHMER TO IRRIGATE FROM MIDDLE BIG NEMAHA 88

Hilske reviewed the history of this agreement and changes made to it for Mr. Othmer.

Gerweck moved, seconded by Thorne, to approve the agreement with Jason Othmer to irrigate from Middle Big Nemaha 88 near Crab Orchard. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

ABSENT: Donnelly, Speece

13. QUOTES FOR NEW CONCRETE RESTROOMS AT IRON HORSE TRAIL LAKE AND KIRKMAN'S COVE

Hilske reviewed the specifications and quotes for one new restroom at each of these two parks. He added that we have purchased restrooms from both of these companies in the past. Quotes received were:

CXT	\$35,850
Boom Concrete	\$36,665

After some discussion on the budget for these restrooms and the specifications, **Fox moved, seconded by Romine, to approve the quote of \$35,850 from CXT for two concrete restrooms. Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

ABSENT: Donnelly, Speece

14. UPDATE ON MASTER PLAN

Hilske reviewed a draft of all information provided by each committee. He added that his plans are to incorporate all of this information into the actual plan for further review and discussion.

15. ANNOUNCEMENTS, MEETING DATE/TIME & AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS

The next meeting will be January 14, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. with meeting format and committee meeting schedules to be announced. Hilske explained that if the meeting could not be held in person, we would have to determine how to administer the oath of office to newly elected directors. There would also be a question of how to elect new officers since our bylaws require a paper ballot. He added that Niedfeldt was still looking for two more members for the nominating committee. Bob Lassen, Dan Stukenholtz, and Jim Gerweck volunteered.

16. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

ABSENT: Donnelly, Speece

17. ADJOURNMENT

Romine moved, seconded by Gerweck, to adjourn. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, Keithley, Lassen, Loseke, McDonald, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Siske, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

ABSENT: Donnelly, Speece

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

Approved 1/14/21

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District