

December 11, 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-sixth meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 6:04 p.m. Thursday, December 11, 2025.

**DIRECTORS**

**PRESENT:**

Todd Boellstorff	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss
Rob Bohling	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine
Patty Coates	Doug Iske	Eldon Snoke
Kraig Coonce	Dick James	Dan Stukenholtz
Ed Ehmen	Bob Lassen	Duane Sugden
Tracy Ensor	Tim Loseke	Kevin Thorne

**DIRECTORS**

**ABSENT:**

Tim Schaardt
Mike Speece

**STAFF**

**PRESENT:**

Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
Jane Kuhl, Assistant Manager
Chuck Wingert, Water Resources Manager

**VISITORS**

**PRESENT:**

Mike Burgert, NRCS, Syracuse
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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. CONSIDERATION OF APPLICATIONS TO FILL VACANCY IN SUBDISTRICT 5**

No applications were received.

**4. CONSENT AGENDA**

- a. Excused Absences: Tim Schaardt & Mike Speece (December)  
Todd Boellstorff (November)
- b. Minutes: No changes.
- c. Treasurer's Report: No changes.

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

**AYE:** Boellstorff, Bohling, Coates, Coonce, Ehmen, Ensor, Gigstad, Hodges, Iske, James, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Romine, Snoke, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

**NOT PRESENT:** Schaardt, Speece

**5. OPEN FORUMS**

NRD directors and staff introduced themselves.

**6. STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild reviewed his written report. Following his report, Hauschild presented a clock to Cyndi Fox and Brad Dunbar as recognition of Randy Fox's tenure on the NRD board.

**7. AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

**A. Natural Resources Conservation Service**

Mike Burgert reviewed his written report and updated the board on the status of construction work.

**B. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts**

Gigstad encouraged directors to sign up for the upcoming legislative conference in Lincoln at the end of January. He also reported on the status of the Producer Connect app.

**C. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission**

Iske stated they would not meet until February.

**8. STANDING COMMITTEES**

**A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE**

**1. *Update on Groundwater Quantity Management Rules & Regulations Revisions:***

Wingert reported that he had provided the first draft of the rules. He reviewed the proposed timeline for adoption and asked for board input in the next few weeks.

**B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

**1. *Request from Conservation Nebraska for Test Your Well Partnership:*** Ensor explained the program which provides free water test kits to private well owners. There would be no cost to the District, but they would ask for assistance in contacting those owners within the District.

**Ensor moved, seconded by Gigstad, to authorize staff to enter into a partnership with Conservation Nebraska for the Test Your Well program.** After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

**2. *“Set Your Sites” Proposal for Campsite/Park Permit Payments and/or Reservations:***

Ensor briefly reviewed the proposal to begin accepting mobile payments for campsites and park permits.

**Ensor moved, seconded by Lassen, to authorize staff to enter into an agreement with Set Your Sites to install a mobile/online system for both campsite payments and park permit sales.** After further discussion, **motion carried.**

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

3. ***Revisions to Recreation Area Rules & Regulations:*** Ensor explained that we will need to make some changes to the rules to reflect the mobile payment system. These changes will be proposed next month with a public hearing to adopt them most likely in February or March. No action.

#### **C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE**

1. ***Selection of Voting Delegate, Alternate for NARD Legislative Conference:***  
**Romine moved, seconded by Ensor, to appoint Duane Sugden as voting delegate and Doug Iske as alternate for the NARD Legislative Conference. Motion carried.**

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

#### **9. ANNOUNCEMENTS, JANUARY AGENDA ITEM REQUESTS**

The next regular meeting of the board of directors will be Thursday, January 8, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. with committee meetings beginning at 6:00 p.m. Coates announced a year end finale at all three of the Steamboat Trace trailheads on December 31 at 11:00 a.m. Iske asked to include an action plan for Wirth Brothers Lake on the January agenda; Hauschild suggested discussing a district-wide recreation plan that would include Wirth Brothers.

#### **10. ADJOURNMENT**

**Sugden moved, seconded by Thorne, to adjourn. Motion carried.**

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.