

April 14, 2022
Nemaha Natural Resources District
Regular Meeting
Tecumseh, Nebraska

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

Doug Iske called the five hundred sixty-second meeting of the Nemaha Natural Resources District Board of Directors to order at 8:05 p.m. Thursday, April 14, 2022, at the NRD headquarters at Tecumseh, Nebraska.

DIRECTORS	Lisa Beethe	Dan Hodges	Alan Romine
PRESENT:	Rob Bohling	Doug Iske	Eldon Snoke
	Randy Fox	Robert Lassen	Mike Speece
	Jim Gerweck	Tim Loseke	Dan Stukenholtz
	Orval Gigstad	Russel Moss	Duane Sugden
	Dan Giittinger	Bill Niedfeldt	Kevin Thorne

DIRECTORS	Jon Keithley	Don Siske
ABSENT:	Michael McDonald	

STAFF	Kyle Hauschild, General Manager
PRESENT:	Jill Rogman, Administrative Assistant
	Charlie Pierce, Resources Specialist

GUESTS	Jeremiah Schutz, NRCS, Tecumseh
PRESENT:	Mike Pietzyk, Burr
	Jerry Pietzyk, Lincoln
	Ellen Kreifels, Lincoln

Following the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence, Iske 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**

Sugden moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve the requests for excused absences received from Jon Keithley, Mike McDonald, and Don Siske. Motion carried on consent agenda.

4. **OPEN FORUMS**

Directors and staff introduced themselves.

5. **MINUTES**

Sugden moved, seconded by Romine, to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried on consent agenda.

6. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

7. **STAFF REPORTS**

Hauschild briefly reviewed his report.

8. **PRESENTATION BY ELLEN KREIFELS**

Ellen Kreifels gave a presentation on Director Responsibilities: NRD Governance, which was also given during the January NARD Legislative Conference in Lincoln.

9. **AGENCY/ASSOCIATION REPORTS**

A. Natural Resources Conservation Service

Schutz briefly reviewed his written report and talked about ranking SWCP applications and new staff.

B. Five Rivers RC&D

Sugden reported results from the recent household hazardous waste collections.

C. Nebraska Association of Resources Districts

Gigstad reported on the NARD's contribution to the FFA convention in Lincoln.

D. Nebraska Natural Resources Commission

In McDonald's absence, Hauschild reported that the NNRC met at Grand Island and completed a tour of the detention cell area to protect from flooding and the proposed new education center. NNRC funds have helped with both initiatives. The formal update will be provided at the May Board meeting.

E. Steamboat Trace Volunteer Group

Gittinger provided an update on activities of the group which include developing a six-year plan for their group.

10. **STANDING COMMITTEES**

A. PROGRAMS & PROJECTS COMMITTEE

1. ***Permit to Conduct Water – Craig Behrends:*** Pierce reviewed the details of this permit application to the Nebraska Department of Natural Resources. An objection to the permit was sent to DNR prior to the board meeting in order to meet their deadline. Stukenholtz added that the committee agreed with the opposition to the permit.

Sugden moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to oppose the permit to conduct water submitted to DNR by Craig Behrends. There was additional discussion about the effectiveness of moving water so far and the impact on other landowners along the way. After further discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

2. ***Transfer Permit #006 – Bauman Family Limited Partnership:*** **Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve Transfer Permit #006 for the Bauman Family Limited Partnership.** It was noted that this permit met all the requirements for approval. After some discussion, **motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

3. ***Transfer Permit #007 – Jerry Pietzyk Acre Transfer Request:*** Stukenholtz explained that this request met four out of the five requirements outlined in our rules; it did not meet the scoring requirement. Beethe felt it should not be approved since it did not meet all the requirements. She added that the rules could be amended to address this type of situation, and the applicant could re-apply then.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Sugden, to approve Transfer Permit #007 for Jerry Pietzyk. Pierce reviewed the details for the scoring of this permit. Beethe explained the reason the scoring criteria was included in the requirements.

Sugden moved, seconded by Romine, to call the previous question. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Gerweck

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

Upon roll call vote on the previous question, **motion carried.**

AYE: Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Iske, Lassen, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden

NAY: Beethe, Giittinger, Hodges, Loseke, Snoke, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Gerweck

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

4. ***Well Permit Applications:*** Stukenholtz reviewed the permits received as follows:

Permit #	Landowner Name	Well Location	GPM	Purpose	Score
N761	LeeRoy Thingan Trust	NW ¼ NE ¼ Section 4-5-11, Johnson Co.	600	Irrigation	249
N762	Leta Harshmann Trust	NE ¼ SE ¼ Section 15-5-11, Johnson Co.	500	Irrigation	242
N764	Village of Firth	SE ¼ NW ¼ Section 35-7-7, Lancaster Co.	400	PWS	N/A

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Lassen to approve well permits N761, N762, and N764. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT VOTING: Gerweck

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

5. ***Action on Quotes for Tree Clearing on Steamboat Trace:*** Three contractors were contacted, but only one quote was received for this project which also included excavation to repair a blowout area and hauling/placement of approximately 100 ton of rip rap. The quote received was from Borrenpohl Excavating, Tecumseh, in a total amount of \$19,500, which was less than estimated by staff.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Hodges, to approve the quote of \$19,500 submitted by Borrenpohl Excavating for tree clearing, excavation, and rip rap placement on the Steamboat Trace. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

6. ***VIMP Approval:*** A public hearing on the Voluntary Integrated Management Plan was held earlier in the day with no comments submitted.

Stukenholtz moved, seconded by Gigstad, to approve the Nemaha NRD Voluntary Integrated Management Plan and authorize Kyle Hauschild to proceed with the order. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

B. OPERATIONS & EDUCATION COMMITTEE

1. ***Request for Financial Assistance from Norris Envirothon Team:*** Fox announced that the Envirothon team from Norris High School qualified to compete at the state contest later this month. Typically, we have offered to pay their registration fee.

Fox moved, seconded by Stukenholtz, to pay the \$100 registration fee to the State Envirothon for the Norris Envirothon team. Motion carried.

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

2. *Policy for Operation of Motorized Devices by Disabled Persons at NNRD*

Recreation Areas: Fox explained the changes that had been discussed at the last meeting.

Fox moved, seconded by Snoke, to accept the changes to the NNRD Recreation Area Rules and Regulations for operation of motorized devices at NNRD recreation areas.

There was some discussion about the definition of the different vehicles. It was also pointed out that a public hearing would be required prior to final approval of the changes, and that hearing will be scheduled just prior to the next board meeting. **Motion carried.**

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

C. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

- 1. *Potential Changes to NRD Bylaws:*** Moss explained the proposed changes which included dividing the secretary/treasurer position into two positions. He added that the executive committee would have seven members including the four officers, NARD representative, past chair, and a member with interest in becoming an officer. He pointed out that the survey distributed regarding meeting times would help determine the time of meetings in the future. Final changes will be voted on next month. No action.
- 2. *Committee Review of Job Descriptions:*** Moss reported the committee reviewed job descriptions which will be made available to directors who wish to see them. No action.
- 3. *Committee Update on Staff Evaluations:*** Moss reported that the staff evaluations were all done in January and are on file. No action.

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

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 12, at 8:00 p.m. with committee meetings prior to the regular meeting. A public hearing on the recreation rules changes will also be held prior to the meeting.

12. CONSENT AGENDA

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

13. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

AYE: Beethe, Bohling, Fox, Gerweck, Gigstad, Giittinger, Hodges, Iske, Lassen, Loseke, Moss, Niedfeldt, Romine, Snoke, Speece, Stukenholtz, Sugden, Thorne

NOT PRESENT: Keithley, McDonald, Siske

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Approved May 12, 2022

Secretary, Nemaha Natural Resources District